

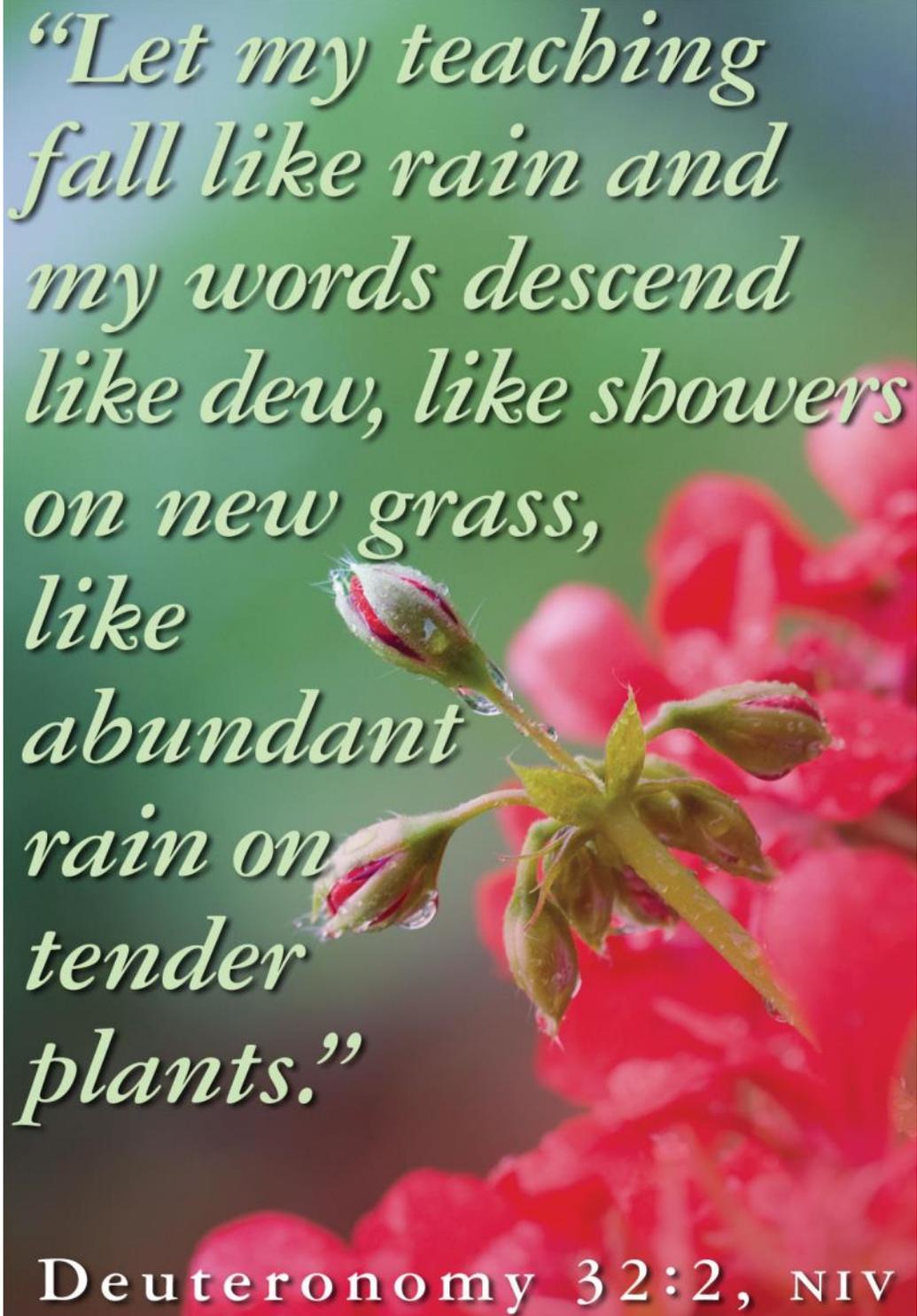
The Lighthouse

First Baptist Church, Giddings
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus

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Issue 1



*“Let my teaching
fall like rain and
my words descend
like dew, like showers
on new grass,
like
abundant
rain on
tender
plants.”*

Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV

**From the Pastor...**

Happy New Year, FBC Family!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year filled with family, friends, laughter, and joy. One of this year's Christmas highlights for me was watching our children perform their Stellar Christmas Program. It doesn't get much better than watching our huge group of young leaders put on the service while we adults sit back with the rest of our families and enjoy the show. Speaking of enjoying the show, that conga line the children ended the Stellar Christmas Program with was terrific. I badly wanted to jump in and dance around the church with them. Maybe next year!

I am so excited for 2024. However, something I like to do at the start of the New Year is look back and celebrate some of the accomplishments that took place over this past year. One of the big ones that stands out to me is all of the baptisms we had at FBC this year. The baptistery seemed to be filled every month as more and more people were saved and ready to tell the world they aren't ashamed of the Gospel. There is just something special about Baptism Sunday, and in 2023, we were so blessed to have many of those special moments.

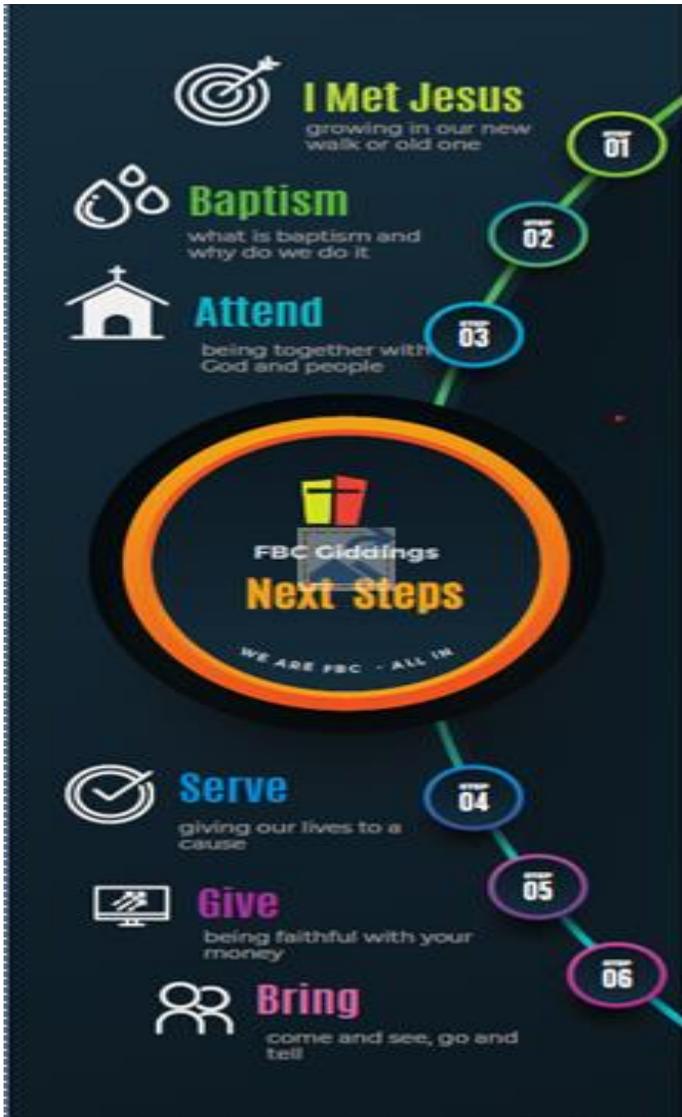
Another accomplishment I look back on and celebrate is the remodel that took place this past year. Now, I have to admit the sanctuary is beautiful. I love the carpet's look, and the chairs' function allows us so much freedom to do more with our space. But as I sit here and think back on the remodel, the actual call for celebration is all of you. The FBC family coming together and being just that, a family, in the midst of change. From the

moment the vote was taken and we unanimously decided to move forward with the project. To seeing all of your smiling faces come to Giddings High School and worship our Lord and Savior. That is truly a memory I hold dearly, and it gives me more encouragement than you could ever imagine. I love being a part of this Family of Christ Followers.

Now, I could go on for pages with 2023 accomplishments, and I do ask that you share your fondest memories of 2023 with me when you see me; however, now, I'm going to shift our focus to 2024. With all of the incredible work we saw Christ do in and through FBC this past year, it makes me that much more excited for what is to come. Now we can rest easy because I don't foresee anything like a huge remodel that will displace us to the high school in 2024. But what I do anticipate seeing in 2024 is our FBC family taking huge spiritual steps of growth. We will see even more people step into roles and use their gifts to serve and grow God's kingdom than we ever have before. And that type of growth is what will allow us even further to impact our community with the Gospel. I love that!

I cannot wait to see what 2024 has in store for all of us. God never ceases to amaze me, so I've learned never to underestimate Him. So, I fully expect this year at FBC to be even better than the last. I love you all, and I am excited to do ministry with all of you this year as we continue our mission of Building a Family of Christ Followers.

Pastor Colton



YouVersion - Study: January 1-13

My Home, My Church, My World



FREE FRESH FOOD FOR FAMILIES & HOPE

January 26th
9:00 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

Food Pantry

Next Food Pantry

Thursday, Jan 11th - 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan 12th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan 13th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!

	Jan 3	Linda Barnett	Jan 12	Betty Jo Hodge	Jan 23	Marty Lindner
	Jan 4	Mike Buck	Jan 13	Brittan Hernandez	Jan 26	Tyler Royal
	Jan 5	Eric Pettit		Brad Lind	Jan 29	Aubrey Maxwell
	Jan 6	Terry Davis		Leon Westfall		Laurie Talbert
	Jan 7	Jaxson Simon	Jan 14	Ray Hernandez		
		Augustine Caballero	Jan 16	Grayson Hance		
		Brandi Knippa	Jan 18	Michael Adams		
	Jan 9	Skylar Hance	Jan 19	Monica Lira		
	Jan 10	Ivy Birkelbach	Jan 22	Tracy Moore		
	Jan 11	Grace Fromme	Jan 23	Jarret Jaeger		

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill	Mission: Dignity
Tejas Ministries	FIRM
BGCT	FCA
Giddings Area Food Pantry	

Monthly Giving Needs: \$35,000.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$8,100.00

**Total December giving:
\$36,999.00**

First Baptist Church Deacons

John Booth	Mike Jatzlau
Vance Bradford	Warren Jatzlau
Tim Cruise	Marty Lindner
Billy Gillum	Michael Thamez
Billy Higgins	

Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp

Wednesday Night Kid's Menu

January 10 - Hot Dogs
January 17 - Pancakes/Sausage
January 24 - Soup/Sandwich
January 31 - Spaghetti

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Our church body is reading through the Bible together each day. Learn with us. Join the journey.

Week of January 1

Monday	2 Corinthians 7
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9
Thursday	2 Corinthians 10
Friday	2 Corinthians 11

Week of January 8

Monday	2 Corinthians 12
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13
Wednesday	Galatians 1
Thursday	Galatians 2
Friday	Galatians 3

Week of January 15

Monday	Galatians 4
Tuesday	Galatians 5
Wednesday	Galatians 6
Thursday	Ephesians 1
Friday	Ephesians 2

Week of January 22

Monday	Ephesians 3
Tuesday	Ephesians 4
Wednesday	Ephesians 5
Thursday	Ephesians 6
Friday	Philippians 1

Week of January 29

Monday	Ephesians 2
Tuesday	Ephesians 3
Wednesday	Ephesians 4
Thursday	Ephesians 5
Friday	Ephesians 6