



# *FBC eBlast*

*December 1, 2022*

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*Have you ever run a race of any length? A lot of runners, so I'm told, start well and end OK, but they lag in the middle. The beginning when the gun sounds is exciting and people are cheering; the end is thrilling when you cross the line and again people are cheering. But there's this long stretch in the middle when the initial excitement has worn off, the finish line seems like a long way off, and if you're not careful you can lose focus and start to lag. The result is that overall you don't finish the way*

*you might have. Too many Christians are excited at the beginning and at the end, but they lag and lose focus in the middle. At the beginning, you're excited about being saved and starting the Christian life; at the end you're thrilled about going to Heaven and seeing Jesus face to face, but there's this long stretch in the middle where you lose focus and drift off course. Your Christian life ends up being like your old mattress: it's firm on both ends but sags in the middle. How do you prevent that, run strong in Christ and stay on course in Him all the way through? Renew your commitment every day. Keep your focus on Jesus, turn your attention to Him every morning, keeping feeding your mind His Word so He can keep renewing it, and He'll enable you to run strong across the whole course .*

*This Sunday morning we will look to Luke 19: 41 – 44 and consider what Jesus sees when He looks at our world today. We will begin the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and as we do ask Jesus to help us see the world as He sees it, and respond the way He would have us to. On Sunday evening we'll turn to Luke 2: 19 and, following the example of Mary, ponder some aspects of the Christmas story. Join us this Sunday--there is no substitute for being physically present with the church for worship!*

*Bro. Dean*



## *2022 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

*Church Goal*

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*Received to Date*

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*Find out Sunday!*

*4.6 billion people are unreached. Over 90% of IMB teams engage at least one unreached people group or place.*

# CHURCH NEWS

Julie Powers is stepping down as Church Custodian, effective at the end of December. We are grateful to her for such faithful service over the last couple of years! The Personnel Committee is working to fill that position, and will be sharing information. We're also very grateful to Bro. Tony Burnett for his faithful service as Youth Minister since April 2018. Bro. Tony is also stepping down at the end of December; he and Melissa will remain part of our church. The Youth and Personnel Committees are working together to seek our next Youth Minister. Please pray for God's direction and provision in both places, and see those committees if you have questions or would like information on the positions.

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## FBC Acts Of Kindness:

During December, we are asking for non-perishable items for the food pantry, including canned meats, spaghetti and sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, dried beans, small bags of flour and cornmeal, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, etc.

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## For the Calendar:

Thu., December 8: Caroling to Home-bound Church Family , 5:30  
Wed., December 14: Christmas Tree Service, Madden Hall 6:00  
Fri., December 23: Candlelight/Lord's Supper Service, 6:00  
Sun., December 25: Worship, 10:30 AM, no SS or PM activities

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Business Meeting is this coming Wednesday night, December 7, at 6:00. The Finance Committee will present the proposed budget for the coming year.

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Making a list and checking it twice? This year, consider the gift that gives all year long – a First Baptist Woodbury Cookbook. They're available in the Church Office for \$7 each.

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December 4:  
Decorate Your Leader Night

Madden Hall, Sundays, 5:30 – 7:00, Ages 3 – Grade 6

## Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2022

*At the end of December, we'll recognize those who have read through the Bible this year!*

Dec. 1: OT—Eze. 40, 41; NT—II Peter 3  
Dec. 2: OT—Eze. 42, 43, 44; NT— I John 1  
Dec. 3: OT—Eze. 45, 46; NT—I John 2  
Dec. 4: OT—Eze. 47, 48; NT—I John 3  
Dec. 5: OT—Dan. 1, 2; NT—I John 4  
Dec. 6: OT—Dan. 3, 4; NT—I John 5  
Dec. 7: OT—Dan. 5, 6, 7; NT—II John  
Dec. 8: OT: Dan. 8, 9, 10; NT—III John

### *Memory Verses*

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

II Peter 3: 9

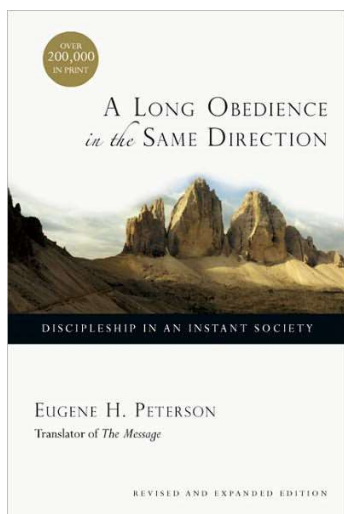


### **Sunday, December 4:**

**3T Nursery: Carolyn Schwartz, Beth Todd**

**Children's Message: Jeff Stevenson**

**Deacon of the Week: Douglas Jennings**



### Church Library Resource of the Week

Since Eugene Peterson wrote this spiritual formation classic more than forty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been inspired by its call to deeper discipleship. (Over 200,000 copies sold!) Our society is still obsessed with quick fixes. But Peterson's time-tested prescription for discipleship remains the same—a long obedience in the same direction. Following Jesus requires a deepening life of prayer, and throughout history Christians have learned to pray from the Psalms. Peterson finds particular encouragement for today's pilgrims in the Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120–134). With prophetic and pastoral wisdom, he shows how the psalms teach us to grow in worship, service, joy, work, humility, community, and blessing. Find it in your Church Library!



## **NORMAL SERVICE TIMES**

<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
Sunday School – 9:30 AM Morning Worship – 10:30 AM Discipleship Training – 5:30 PM Evening Worship – 6:30 PM	GA's, RA's, Mission Friends – 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting – 6:00 PM High School Student Group—6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—7:00 PM
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nursery Provided During Each Service</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 &amp; FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).</i></p>	

**NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM,  
 Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



*The Community Thanksgiving Service, just after the “Amen” to the Benediction*



*The Christmas decorations go up in Madden Hall, 11/29/22.*

# Prayer Guide

*Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!*

## Church Family

Marilyn Ault  
Wallace & Martha Burke  
Patrick, Karie Cecil  
Mark, Lesa Davis  
Penny DiGiacomo  
Dot Duggin  
Lou Goins  
Cecil Gregory  
Drunell Higgins  
Bettye Jones  
Doris Markum  
Evan Matthews  
Benton Parker  
Shirley Parker  
Mike Parks  
Julie Powers  
Branden Schwartz  
Cheryl Sharp  
Windol Tate  
Addy Todd  
Betty Wilder

## Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Mike & Shirley Allen (Glenda Hunter)  
Becky Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)  
Brenda Anderson (Melissa Burnett)  
Brent Brock (Lydia Womack)  
Lisa Brown (Lydia Womack)  
Cal Christensen (Randel Byers)  
Zealya Coley (Regina Coley)  
Pat Curran (Jeff Stevenson)  
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)  
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)  
Garl Fugit (Tonya Davenport)  
Blake Goolsby (Matt Powers)  
Shelly, Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)  
Michael Grubbs (Lesla Davis)  
Norma Hancock (Martha Burke)  
Phyllis Judkins (Lesla Davis)  
Shane Lamb (Ann Haley)  
Pat Lipp (Tammy Wies)  
Doug Lowe (Matt Powers)  
Dana McKinney (Matt Powers)  
Whitney Mondrage (Tammy Wies)  
Pat Nichols (Douglas Jennings)  
Thelma Owen (Douglas Jennings)  
Tabby Ragland (Lou Goins)  
Bruce Rector (Dean Anderson)

Lois Rich (Wanda Walls)  
Caroline Rowden (Brad Garrett)  
Tamaria Russell (Phene McCurrey)  
Ruth Anne Semlinger (Sandy Bogle)  
Jack Smith (Lesla Davis)  
Don Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)  
Nancy Stroud (Shirley Reed)  
Brenda Tate (Tonya Davenport)  
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)

**Expectant Families:** Randal/Ellie Byers; Matt/Beth Cowan

**Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Loretta Wilkinson, Edith Northcutt, Barbara Melton, Mamie Powers, Jimmy Mingle

**Homebound:** Wallace & Martha Burke, Mamie Vance, Chic Smithson, Eleanor Bell, Doris Markum

**Missionaries:** Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford, Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Thomas McGee

**Church Staff:** Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Tony Burnett, Tammy Wies, Julie Powers

**Military:** Caleb Daniel, Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Parker Woodworth, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup

**College Students:** Brady Bryson, Drew Bucher, Lytton Haley, Addison Melton, Ashlyn Nokes, Etta Gaines, Cathan Cecil, Chandler Todd, Addison Todd

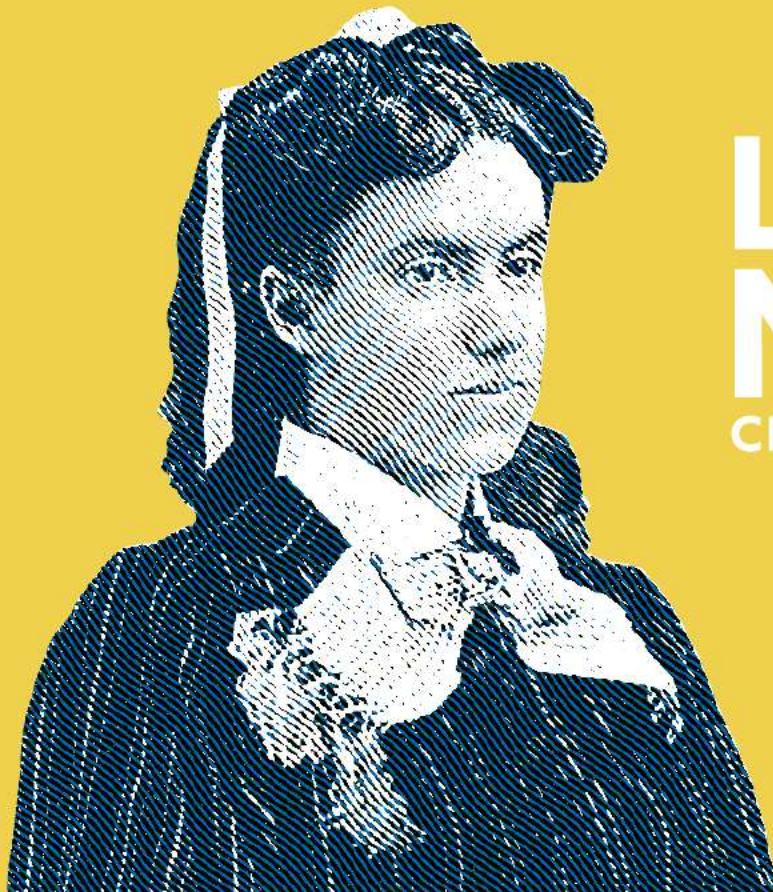
**Active Deacons:** Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, Bob Walls, Bill Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee, Matt Powers

**Church Matters:** Student Ministry & Search Committee; Personnel Committee, Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; persecuted Christians worldwide; nation & leaders; Gideons; Jail Ministry, the lost



"How many there are... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God."

**- September 15, 1887, Tungchow**



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