

December 24 and January 1, 2025  
Two Week Edition

## PASTOR'S *Pen*

*By Brother Dean Anderson*

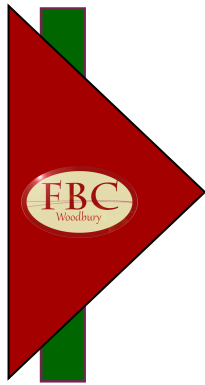
James Montgomery was 6 years old when his parents put him in boarding school and sailed to the West Indies as missionaries. They both died soon after. By age 10 James was writing poems, at 12 he flunked out of school, at 14 he was working in a bakery, and at 16 he roamed the streets trying to sell his poems. A short time later he landed a job at a newspaper, just in time for the publisher to get into trouble with the government and flee the country. Montgomery began publishing the paper himself, and he became a champion for the poor and down-trodden, and for foreign missions, to which his parents had given their lives. Twice he was thrown into prison over controversial editorials. There was no controversy on Christmas Eve 1816, when he published one of his own poems as his editorial. Thirteen years after Montgomery's death, that poem landed in front of Henry Smart, a well-known composer and musician who had lost his eyesight through overwork. Smart composed a tune in his head and had his daughter put it on paper; the church has been singing the hymn that resulted ever since—Angels from the Realms of Glory. It is fitting that two men who knew hardship and suffering would give us a cherished hymn about the message from heaven that first Christmas night, for the shepherds, the wise men, and Christians today. This Christmas, take to heart what James Montgomery and Henry Smart tell us—come and worship!

This coming Sunday morning we'll turn to Luke 2: 21 – 40 and look at two incidents that occurred when Jesus was 8 days old and 40 days old—they both have the same grand message. On Sunday night we'll look at Matthew 20: 1 – 16 and consider Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard; it shows us just what Jesus is looking for in His relationship with us. It's the final Lord's Day of the year—be here and finish well!

*Bro. Dean*

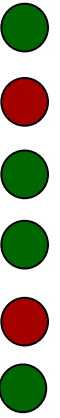


Merry  
Christmas



## REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 28th

- Deacon of the Week — Danny Jones
- Offering: M. Odom Ushers: T. Sledge, J. Nichols
- 3T Nursery — P. Northcutt, E. Crabtree, A. Rowland
- Children's Message — Jamie Anderson
- Security — B. Sharp, B. Davenport, L. Womack
- Awana — Christmas Break / No Club



## CHURCH SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

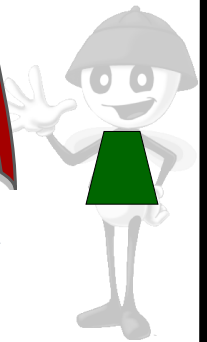
9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
5:30 Awana  
5:30 Adult Discipleship  
6:30 Worship

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions  
6:00 Youth Group  
6:00 Prayer Meeting  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

# AWANA

Christmas Break  
No Club



# LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

**This Sunday is Last Sunday to Give**

## RECEIVED TO DATE

## \$28,453

## FBC GOAL

## \$40,000

**What would God have you give this year?**



**NO**

# **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Enjoy Your Family**

**If you have read through the entire Bible in 2025,  
please call the office and let us know.**

## **PLANTING GOD'S WORD**

**Psalm 31:24** : Be strong and take heart, all you who  
hope in the Lord."

**Hebrews 6:19** "We have this hope as an anchor for the  
soul, firm and secure."

## **IN OUR HEARTS**

**2026 Tithing Envelopes Are In the Back Lobby  
Please Call the Office If You Would Like Envelopes**

**January 7th 5:00 pm**

**Come Join Us For Our**

**Wednesday**  
Night Dinner

**Soup and Sandwiches**

**All Are Welcome**

**MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR 2026**

**GOOD  
PEOPLE.  
GREAT  
THINGS.**

**july 5-10**

**LET  
BRO. DEAN  
KNOW IF  
YOU ARE ON  
BOARD!**

**mission lab**



# *CHILLI COOK OFF*

*and TRIVIA*

**Saturday, January 31**  
**More Details to Come**

# FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**Canned green peas, Canned Spaghetti and  
Meatballs, Small Bags of Sugar,  
Toilet Paper**

**Your blessings help many.**

**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least  
of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40**

Lord, help me be a  
reflection of all You are.



# GOD

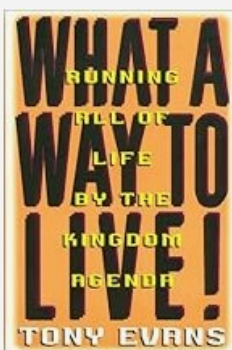
Because  
**Google**  
doesn't have all the answers!

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a respectful disposal, please place it in  
the box in the back lobby by the rear  
door & it will be taken care of for you by  
the Warrior 180 Foundation.*

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**For Information  
Contact  
Morgan Bostedt**



## Church Library Resource of the Week

### What a Way to Live by Tony Evans

Too many of us keep God on the fringes of our lives, accessible if we have a need, but far enough away that he doesn't interfere with our own private agendas. The result is segmented, compartmentalized lives with a narrow focus only on our own fulfillment. And the more we marginalize God, the worse things get. The net result, says author Tony Evans, is a tragic downward spiral that is pulling us--and our whole world--away from the God who has a plan to give us "hope and a future".

## Reading Through The Bible

### DECEMBER 2025

- 26. OT - Hag 1, 2; NT - Rev 17
- 27. OT - Zech 1,2,3,4; NT - Rev 18
- 28. OT - Zech 5,6,7,8; NT - Rev 19
- 29. OT - Zech 9,10,11,12; NT - Rev 20
- 30. OT - Zech 13, 14; NT - Rev 21
- 31. OT - Mal 1,2,3,4; NT - Rev 22

### JANUARY 2026

- 1. OT - Gen. 1 ,2, 3 ; NT - Matt. 1
- 2. OT - Gen. 4, 5, 6 ; NT - Matt. 2
- 3. OT - Gen. 7, 8, 9; NT - Matt 3
- 4. OT - Gen. 10, 11, 12; NT - Matt 4
- 5. OT - Gen. 13, 14, 15; NT - Matt. 5:1-26
- 6. OT - Gen. 16, 17; NT - Matt. 5:27-48
- 7. OT - Gen. 18, 19; NT - Matt. 6:1-18
- 8. OT - Gen. 20, 21, 22; NT—Matt. 6:19-34

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

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**SUNDAY EVENINGS**

**at 5:30 pm**



"Go away. We're still Jewish!"

## 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

**Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & 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](http://fbcwoodbury.org)).**

# **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**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Melissa Burnett      | Ashlyn Hare     |
| Patrick, Karie Cecil | Randall Holt    |
| Bobby Davenport      | Richie Hunter   |
| Family of Mark Davis | Andy McCrary    |
| Dot Elrod            | David Odom      |
| Darrell & Lou Goins  | Benton Parker   |
| Cecil Gregory        | MaryWells Smith |
|                      | Bobby Zumbro    |

## **Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed**

|                                          |                                    |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)                | Bob Jones (Douglas Jennings)       |
| Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)         | Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)     |
| Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)   | Tammy Jordan (Lydia Womack)        |
| Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)              | Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)           |
| Family of Les Bush (Tony Burnett)        | Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)        |
| Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)             | Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)         |
| Family of Bill Choate (Douglas Jennings) | Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)       |
| Family of Carl Christensen (R. Byers)    | Susie Morris (Lydia Womack)        |
| Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)               | Mike Nichols (Douglas Jennings)    |
| Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)           | Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)   |
| Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)               | Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)      |
| Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)              | Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)      |
| Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)                  | Brad Schwartz (Carolyn Schwartz)   |
| Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)              | Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)        |
| Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)                | Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)      |
| Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)           | Bro. W.D. Thomason (Dean Anderson) |
| Leon Foster (Michael Odom)               | Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)     |
| Jim Gage (Jeff Woodin)                   | Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)      |
| Randy Galloway (Brandie Maynard)         | Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)   |
| Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)         | Steven Yates (Michael Parks)       |
| Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)       |                                    |
| Anna Haley (MaryWells Smith)             |                                    |
| Ryan, Jessica Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)   |                                    |
| Edward Holcomb (Lela Woodin)             |                                    |

### **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:**

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

### **Homebound:**

Martha Burke, Eleanor Bell, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

### **Missionaries:**

Buck/Annie Barton, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

### **Church Staff:**

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

### **Military:**

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

### **College Students:**

Cathan Cecil, Addison Todd, Jacob Sledge, Emma Crabtree, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

### **Active Deacons:**

Matt Cowan, Jeff Todd (Beth), Danny Jones, Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies

### **Church Matters:**

Lottie Moon Offering, Nunez Church in Buenos Aires; WMU; Student Ministry; the lost; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; Nation & Leaders; Israel; Gideons

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”**