



# January

Looking back, I rejoice over the hand of God upon FBC Franklinton. We continue to see people coming to know Christ, believers following the Lord in believers' baptism, higher attendance and participation across various ministries, strong financial giving, etc. Jesus is on the move in our church!

Looking forward, I am excited about several major projects that are at various levels of completion. The new outside sign should be completed soon to allow us to spread the news about our church to our community more effectively. The remodeling of our bathrooms, children's building, office/educational space, and awning cover for the worship center will position us to better reach our community. The comprehensive update of our existing constitution and by-laws will ensure smooth operations of the church for the next decade.

In addition, in the month of January and February we will be intentionally seeking resumes of candidates to be the next senior pastor of FBC. We have posted our next pastor profile to our website. Look over it, and if, after prayerful consideration, you want to recommend a potential candidate, please ask for his resume and then email it to our office manager at [officemanager@fbcfranklinton.org](mailto:officemanager@fbcfranklinton.org).

IN HIM,

*Dr. Jake*



REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



*Take God at His Word*

You may have heard of the wife who walked into her bathroom and observed her husband weighing himself on the bathroom scales. As he weighed, she noticed that he was sucking in his stomach. The woman thought to herself, "He thinks that he will weigh less by sucking in his stomach?" So, the woman rather sarcastically said to her husband, "That's not going to help" to which her husband replied, "Sure it will. It's the only way I can see the numbers."

With a new year upon us, some of us are making resolutions about what we're going to change or thinking about what we can do better. We all know by now that the most popular resolution is to lose weight. But no matter what our aspirations may be when crossing over into a new year, we must realize that we will have plenty of "giants" to overcome. We're also aware of the many opportunities that a new year will bring.

God spoke to Joshua when the children of Israel were getting ready to cross over into the promised land. He didn't talk about losing weight or starting a new hobby. Something more lasting and fruitful was on His mind. He told them to focus on the Word and God and to meditate on it day and night. He exhorted them to be careful to do according to all that was written in it. With that counsel and command came God's promise – that doing the above with diligence would make their way prosperous and cause them to have success.

Whatever your goals may be in the new year, resolve to spend time with God in His Word and in prayer. Read through the Bible during the year, begin a new Bible Study or commit to be faithful worship and Bible Study groups. Take God at His Word and believe His promise that He will make you an overcomer and bless your new year to be prosperous and successful in whatever He leads you to do. May your new year be one of hearing a fresh Word from God each and every day.

**GRIEFSHARE STARTS JANUARY**

- A new session of GriefShare will begin on Sunday, January 5th at 4:30 p.m. under the leadership of Kim Kirby. GriefShare is a wonderful ministry for those who are hurting due to the loss of a loved one. Grief has no timeline and no schedule. But help, hope and encouragement are available through the GriefShare experience. GriefShare is a 13-week class that focuses on tools and testimony that help us in our journey through grief. First Baptist Church will host the January 5th GriefShare class in the Senior Adult Center. Everyone is welcome to come and bring a friend. Please share this info with others who may be interested. Call the office to register or to ask questions about GriefShare.

*- Joey Miller*

**NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES**

HELP US BRING THE LOVE AND JOY OF JESUS TO THE RESIDENTS OF GOOD SAMARITAN AND FAIR CITY REHAB THIS MONTH. IT'S A SIMPLE ACT OF MINISTRY THAT BLESSES THEM AND LETS THEM KNOW WE CARE. JOIN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW.

**GOOD SAMARITAN - MONDAY,  
JANUARY 6TH @ 3:00 P.M.  
FAIR CITY REHAB - MONDAY,  
JANUARY 20TH @ 3:00 P.M.**

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

*- Joshua 1:8*

**LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE & SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Our January SAM Luncheon will be in Covington at the LBC Evangelism Conference. We are blessed to have the conference close enough this year for us to easily attend – at FBC Covington January 27-28. The Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, the 28th, in the FBC Covington dining hall, and will be followed by some interesting breakout sessions for those interested. Dr. Jake will be speaking at the Luncheon. There is no cost for the conference.

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR



## DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

What's up, FBC Family! I am thankful to see what God has done throughout our church over the past several months! Eva and I have enjoyed the relationships we have formed and the conversations we have had as we have really begun setting roots at FBC Franklinton!

Throughout the month of December, our students enjoyed various events and meetings with their desire to seek and serve Jesus! Several of our female leaders hosted a "Christmas Girl's Night" as they studied the Word, decorated the student center, and decorated Christmas Ornaments. The following weekend, our leaders hosted the annual student ministry Christmas party. The students studied the word, ate Elf Spaghetti (You'll have to Google it or watch the "Elf" movie), and played intense Christmas games. Finally, we celebrated the baptisms of several students and parents!

Please continue to pray for our student ministry as they seek to grow spiritually and numerically in obedience to Jesus! From FBC Student Ministry and the Westmoreland's, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



TEXT "FBC" TO 985-315-4495  
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**FBC FRANKLINTON STUDENTS**



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MORE INFORMATION**



*Ethan Buffinet*  
on your  
*Baptism*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024



*Hunter Richard & Courney Haik*

were

*Baptized*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024  
First Baptist Church  
Franklinton, LA 70438

KELLY MCELVEEN, DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



## Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

I hope this new year finds you well and blessed! And I hope that you are reading this as a paper copy! I know that we are often overwhelmed with digital information so I am setting aside a portion of our Children's Ministry budget so that all families with children can also receive a paper copy. Have a child from birth to 6th grade and finding yourself with only a digital copy? Let me know and we'll make sure we have your address updated and get you a paper copy next month!

### A few things to note for Preschool and Children's Ministries:

**Month of January:** No Half Notes or Joyful Noise Choirs

**Wednesday, January 1st:** No Wednesday Evening Activities

**Sunday, January 12th at 5 p.m.:** PlaySchool Committee Meeting, Preschool Dept. Room B  
*Look for a postcard in the mail if you are on this committee.*

**Sunday, January 12th at 7 p.m.:** Preschool and Children's Committee Meeting, Preschool Dept. Room B. *Look for a postcard in the mail if you are on this committee.*

### New for 2025:

Beginning in 2025, we will have no Wee Worship on 5th Sundays. This only affects a few months (March, June, August, and November) but it allows us to spread the volunteers out a bit more so that we don't have whole months with no volunteers. Additionally, and as is our tradition, typically during the holidays on Sundays, we don't have evening services.

### Not too late...

**To sign up for CentriKid!** If your 3rd-6th grader would like to attend CentriKid at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS July 1st-3rd, let me know as soon as possible. The cutoff to register is February 1st. Once I drop the spots, it is unlikely that I will be able to add any later. A \$100 deposit is due by Sunday, February 9th.

**To volunteer for VBS!** So far, a few volunteer positions have been spoken for, but we have PLENTY more! VBS is scheduled for June 2nd-6th from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

*-Kelly McElveen*



## January

**Wee Worship  
Volunteers:**

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**5th:** Kelly McElveen  
**12th:** Haley Milton  
**19th:** Karen Spears  
**26th:** Tonya Keaton

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## hello WINTER





Raising a generation that knows Christ  
**AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.**



Welcome to the world, Monroe Joy!  
Meet our newest FBC Kid, Miss Monroe Joy Moore. She was born Wednesday, December 11th to Jordan and Callie Moore. She is the youngest sister to big brothers Madden and Maverick and big sister Malia.

**Every good and perfect gift is from above. -James 1:17**

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SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

			<p>NO WED. NIGHT ACT. 1</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 SUPPER GROUP 4 GRIEFSHARE BEGINS 4:30 P.M.</p>	<p>6 WORSHIP AT GOOD SAMARITAN 3 P.M.</p>	7	<p>8 BUSINESS MEETING 5 P.M.</p> <p>LASAGNA</p>	9	10	11
<p>GRIEFSHARE 12 4:30 P.M. PLAYSCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING 5 P.M. PRESCHOOL &amp; CHILDRENS COMMITTEE MEETING 7 P.M. SUPPER GROUP 5</p>	13	14	<p>15 JAMBALAYA</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 GRIEFSHARE 4:30 P.M. FINANCE MEETING 5 P.M. SUPPER GROUP 6</p>	<p>20 WORSHIP AT FAIR CITY REHAB 3 P.M. OFFICE CLOSED</p>	21	<p>22 HAMBURGERS</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 DEACONS MEETING 4 P.M. GRIEFSHARE 4:30 P.M. SUPPER GROUP 7</p>	27	<p>28 SENIOR LUNCHEON AT FBC COVINGTON DINING HALL</p> <p>LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE</p>	<p>29 FRIED CHICKEN</p>	30	31	

JANUARY  
2025

# FBC EVENTS



**Join us for an  
Unbe-leaf-able  
time!!**

**First Baptist Church  
Franklinton**

**VBS  
June 2nd-6th, 2025**

**VBS Overview**

**Save the Date  
for an  
Unbe-Leaf-able  
VBS!  
June 2- June 6**

**Theme Song**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Franklinton*  
(985) 839-3427 OFFICE

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sundays**  
**Worship Services**  
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. &  
6:00 p.m.

**Bible Study**  
9:30 a.m.

**Choir Practice**  
4:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
**Wednesday Night Supper**  
5:00 p.m.

**Preschool, Children,  
Youth Activities**  
6:00 p.m.

**Adult & Ladies Bible  
Studies**  
6:00 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting**  
6:00 p.m.

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