



# First Family News

FBC GRANDVIEW: [A community connecting to Jesus.](#)

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*"And he called his disciples to him and said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.'"*

- Mark 12:43, ESV

Hello Church Family,

Let's look at Jesus' observations of the widow giving her last two coins to the temple treasury, and you'll have the chance to ask the question: how could the woman have done this? The answer is two-fold: she trusted God to care for her, and more importantly for our purposes, she saw her money as God's and not hers. This teaches us a great lesson about how we should view our stuff. We should see all our stuff as God's to do with as He sees fit. When we adopt this attitude, we can be sure that our stuff will never be a hindrance to our faith.

Sacrifice is a practice that is foreign to many of us these days. The idea that we would do without is such a stark contrast to the values of the world around us. But Jesus, time and time again, makes this virtue central to our faith. Nowhere is this more evident than in His teaching in the temple after observing the widow give all she had to the temple offering. Jesus points out what great faith and sacrifice this must take. It is precisely the attitude we should take with our possessions: seeing them as belonging to God in the first place and trusting Him to take care of us instead of trusting in our stuff. It's a tough lesson for us to learn, but a vital one if we're to experience the brand of faith that Jesus calls us to in Scripture.

One of the most important truths we can learn about our stuff is one the widow already knew: our stuff is God's, not ours. Everything we have, we have because of God's grace. If we treat our stuff like it's God's that He is allowing

us to benefit from, we will have a much more biblical attitude toward our possessions. We won't find ourselves looking for meaning in our stuff or being greedy about wanting more, and we'll be much more inclined to give of our stuff to others.

This Christmas, don't make everything about getting the next and best gift. Instead make it about the true reason for the season, GOD! Model yourselves after the woman who gave everything she had to God. Remember when you're about what God's about, God will be about what you're about.

Blessings,

**Eric**



Sunday  
December  
24th

## WORSHIP with us

**COMBINED SERVICE @ 11:00AM**  
**\*NO SS, CHILDREN'S CHURCH OR NURSERY\***

**CANDLELIGHT  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
@ 6:00PM**

**FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME**

**"Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace, good will toward men."**

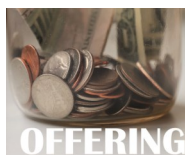
-Luke 2:14, KJV



- 01 Christopher Gabel, Jacob Stroder
- 02 Shasta Smith
- 03 Jordan Willis, Alexander Jenkins
- 05 Christi Bennett, Sarah Anderson
- 06 Barbara Peppers, Paola Chernosky
- 07 Cal Emery
- 10 Courtney Firebaugh, Ashlynn Schlegel
- 12 Jay Smith, Deborah Lubke, LeAnne Self
- 14 Malinda Scharnhorst, Thomas Willis, Beverly Papan
- 15 Diana Richardson
- 16 Sandy Horton
- 17 Pat Elliott, Cindy Farmer, Sean Gray
- 18 Jeff Hudson
- 19 Janet Fulford, Mark Stodghill
- 20 Dovie George, Melody Stroder, Rylee Waits
- 21 Joe White, Tanner Mitchell, Timothy Wallace
- 22 David Bridge, Laurie Caro, Zachary Stewart, Tyler Poynter
- 23 Holt Higgins, Ross Gaston
- 24 J. Michael Chernosky
- 26 Marie Moore, Harlan Hanson, Ethan Yates
- 27 Alesha Davis
- 28 Nicole Ishmael, Josiah Ishmael
- 29 Logan Strona, Kaitlyn Kharrazi, Codi Collins
- 30 Robert Clark, Brandon Cummings
- 31 Tessa Martinez, Jackie Akers, Noah Pippin

#### DECEMBER DEACONS ON CALL

- 03 Jeff Moore ..... 817-933-2190
- 10 Rustin Mayse ..... 903-229-0591
- 17 Jeff Hudson ..... 214-663-5976
- 24 Andrew Rogers ..... 972-268-4668
- 31 Wally Pippin ..... 817-648-8342



According to IRS regulations, the 2023 contributions must be postmarked, received, or posted online by December 31, 2023. Keep in mind the church office will only be open on December 27th and 28th that week.

**Ladies Christmas Tea**

*"Christmas through the Decades"*

*Saturday, December 2nd @ 10am*

*Tickets are \$15*

*Speaker: Meagan White*

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**GRANDVIEW  
COMMUNITY TABLE**

COME PULL UP A SEAT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
@ NOON**

Invite someone needing to experience the love of Christ through good (free) food and fellowship!

**Children's  
DAY  
OUT**  
FBC GRANDVIEW

**Thursday, December 7**  
**Disney Day**

**Sunday, December 10—11:00am**  
**Christmas Program at FBC**

**Tuesday, December 19**  
**Christmas Parties & Early Release**

**December 21—January 4**  
**Christmas Break**

WALT DISNEY

Children's Day Out Christmas Program

Christmas PARTY

Christmas BREAK



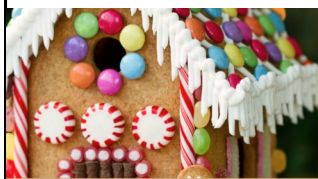
## Holiday Basket Goodies Needed!



Help us to bring good cheer and love to those in our congregation in need of some TLC. Folks are asked to bring goodies for our holiday baskets that will be assembled and delivered by our youth. Some suggestions are: fresh fruit, baked goods (cookies, muffins, breads, brownies, jellies), nuts candies, crackers, hot chocolate, coffee, etc.

Please deliver your goodies to the church office or Youth Room no later than 9:15am on Sunday, December 3rd.

Have questions? See Eric Waits.



## Gingerbread Bash

Wednesday, 12/13

6 - 8pm



*Worship, Food, Fun, and Fellowship*

*\*all building materials will be provided\**



*Meet in the Sanctuary at 6pm for a time of worship, followed by dinner and gingerbread building in the Fellowship Hall.*



Join us as we share the joy of Christmas through song as we go caroling throughout the Grandview community on Sunday, December 17th. We will first meet at 5:00pm in the choir room to rehearse a few Christmas carols. Then we will load up on trailers and share our Christmas message and cheer with others. For more details, contact Ethan Yates.



### Saturday, December 2

10:00am Ladies Christmas Tea  
5:00pm Parents Night Out

### Sunday, December 3

6:00pm Youth Holiday Baskets  
Deacons Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 3—Sunday, December 10

Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

### Thursday, December 7

CDO Disney Day

### Sunday, December 10

11:00am CDO Christmas Program  
2:00pm Nursing Home Service

### Wednesday, December 13

6:00pm Gingerbread Bash

### Saturday, December 16

10:30am Cooks for Community Table  
12:00pm Community Table

### Sunday, December 17

5:00pm Christmas Caroling

### Monday, December 18

6:00pm Staff Christmas Party

### Tuesday, December 19

CDO Christmas Parties & Early Dismissal

### Wednesday, December 20

No Wed PM Activities

### Wednesday, December 21—January 4

CDO Christmas Break

### Sunday, December 24

11:00 COMBINED Worship  
(No SS, CC\*, or Nursery)  
6:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
Lord's Supper

### Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

### Monday, December 25—Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27

No Wed PM Activities

\*CC—Children's Church

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**Sundays -**  
Traditional Worship\* 8:30am  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Contemporary Worship\* 11:00am  
*\*In house and on Facebook*

**Wednesdays -**  
Student Ministry 6:00pm  
FBC Kids 6:30pm  
Ladies **GROW** Grp 6:30pm  
Men's **GROW** Grp 6:30pm  
Prayer and Psalms Grp 6:30pm

Address Service Requested



Saturday, December 2nd, 5pm—9pm  
Ages 6 months—5th grade, \$10 per child  
Please bring dinner for your child(ren).  
RSVP to the church office by Wednesday,  
November 29th.

**New Years Eve Party**  
**Sunday,**  
**December 31st**

**Youth: Grades 6–12**  
**Youth Room**  
**7pm–Midnight**

**Families**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**7pm–Midnight**



**December**  
**3–10**



**Church Goal:**  
**\$4000**

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



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF:	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12
Income Rec'd:	6987.76	11048.13	15289.75	9003.34	10957.37
<b>BUDGET:</b>					
YTD Required:	582308.58	596173.07	610037.56	623902.05	637766.54
YTD Receipts:	431117.27	434588.50	446703.86	454522.95	463180.62
Wkly Required:	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49
Wkly Receipts:	5449.19	3471.23	12115.36	7819.09	8657.67

FBC Caroling.....Sunday, December 17th, 5pm  
No Wed PM Activities.....December 20th, 27th  
No Children's Day Out..... December 21st, 26th, 28th  
Christmas Eve AM Service..... COMBINED @ 11am  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service..... December 24th, 6pm  
Church Office Closed..... December 25th, 26th