

**"The Best Gifts: Joy"**  
**Galatians 4:5a (Pew Bible p. 974)**  
**Dr. Jeff Reynolds**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

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for his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to  
\_\_\_\_\_ those who were under the  
\_\_\_\_\_..." (Galatians 4:4-5a).*

1. Joy \_\_\_\_\_ with God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ by God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent  
forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to  
redeem those who were under the law, so that we  
might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).*

**God's Good News for You**

God made you and loves you.  
(Genesis 1-2; Psalm 139:13-16)

You sinned and separated yourself from God.  
(Romans 3:23, 6:23)

But God loves you and sent His Son to rescue you.  
(John 3:16)

Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin.  
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus rose again from the dead and lives today.  
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**You must respond. Here's how...**

Repent. Turn away from your life of sin.  
Believe the Good News about Jesus.  
Receive Jesus Christ as your Savior & Lord.

**Share your decision by being baptized!**

Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to  
symbolize our faith and express our devotion to Jesus.  
To learn more about baptism, connect with one of our  
ministers or e-mail [connect@firstbaptistbg.org](mailto:connect@firstbaptistbg.org).



First Baptist Church Bowling Green  
December 14, 2025





Good morning and welcome to First Baptist Church! We're glad you're here. Our goal is to trust and follow Jesus in every moment that we live, so whether you are new to church or have been following Jesus for a long time, we hope you get closer to Him today!

Dr. Jeff Reynolds, Senior Pastor  
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Connect With Us!

Ministerial Staff



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Wednesday Evening Meals

Cost: \$5 meal  
\$20 maximum cost  
per family

**December 17**  
Mediterranean  
Chicken,  
Green Beans,  
Roasted Potatoes,  
Rolls, Dessert



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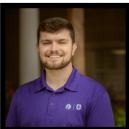
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Praying for the Unreached

**Pray for the Bukharan Jewish in Uzbekistan**  
Pray that Messianic Jewish would reach out to them with the gospel. Pray these Jewish would become interested in both the Old and New Testaments. Pray that the Gentile church would adopt the Bukharic-speaking Jewish for prayer and outreach. Pray that God would establish Bukharic congregations. Music is the language of the heart. Pray for Christ's ambassadors to learn the culture and musical style and write beautiful worship music. Pray for a soon-coming fellowship among them that will multiply throughout Uzbekistan.

This Week at First Baptist Church

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY CONTINUED</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym	10:00 AM	BG Friendship AFG, B-134
9:45 AM	Sunday School	5:00 PM	Wednesday Meal
11:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting, Social Center
11:00 AM	Preschool Worship	6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study: Crazy Love, B-138
11:00 AM	Kids Worship	6:00 PM	Deaf Ministry Bible Study, Deaf Suite
6:00 PM	Christmas Through the Ages (Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program)	6:08 PM	Student Ministry
6:00 PM	NO Vespers, Narthex	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>		<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>	
6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study, Social Center	9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Baptist Women on Mission, Library
5:30 PM	We Do It Sober Group, Church on Main	6:00 PM	Alanon, B-134
5:30 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main	6:30 PM	AA, ROC
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16</b>		<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19</b>	
9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC	6:00 PM	We Do It Sober, Church on Main
5:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Meal, Social Center	6:00 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main
6:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Mtg, Social Center	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20</b>	
6:00 PM	BG Friendship AFG, B-134	5:30 AM	Meals on Wheels
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>		<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21</b>	
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry	9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Preschool Worship
		6:00 PM	NO Vespers, Narthex

Giving Update December 7, 2025

Budget Goal	\$1,679,500	<u>Time Is Now Campaign</u> Needed to Retire Debt \$218,676
Unbudgeted Insurance Increase	\$160,000	
Total Budget + Ins.	\$1,839,500	Received this Week: \$6,429
YTD Budget Goal + Ins.	\$1,733,375	Received YTD: \$176,881
YTD Receipts	\$1,613,205	
Budget + Ins. Weekly Needs	\$35,375	
Budget Receipts	\$58,463	
Lottie Moon:	\$11,703 / FBC Goal: \$37,000	

Order of Worship

PRELUDE  
"See Amid the Winder's Snow"  
arr. McDonald  
Bryson Richey, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP  
"A Carol for Today"  
Sanctuary Choir

"How Great Our Joy!"  
CONGREGATIONAL SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY  
Chris and Carrie Burgett and Family

"One Small Child"  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 146

"The First Noel"  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 124

OFFERTORY PRAYER  
Dr. Alex Watkins

MUSIC MESSAGE  
"Joy to the World"  
Sanctuary Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD  
"The Best Gifts: Joy"  
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"Jesus Is Lord of All"  
HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 431

RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS & BENEDICTION  
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POSTLUDE  
Jig on "Antioch"  
arr. Lehenbauer  
Bryson Richey, Organ

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