

**"True Power: Comfort that Strengthens"**  
**2 Corinthians 1:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 964)**  
**Dr. Jeff Reynolds**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

True power \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others.

**1. God comforts \_\_\_\_ (1:1-4a).**

**2. We comfort \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4b).**

**3. God wastes \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5-11).**

**"For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" (2 Corinthians 1:5).**

#### **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)

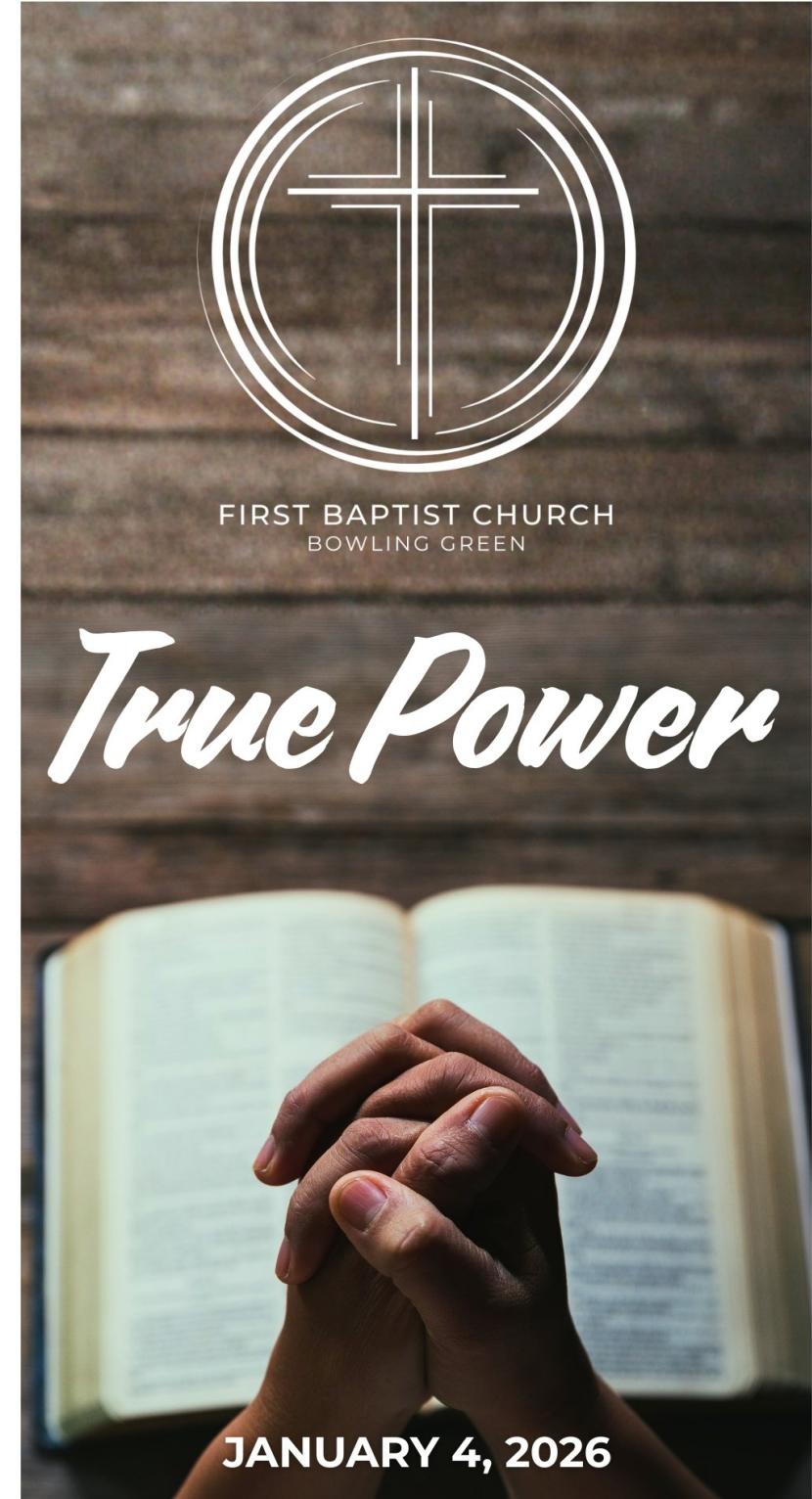
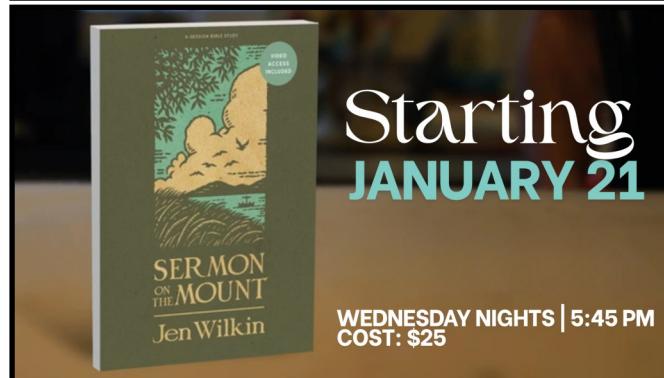
Jesus rose again from the dead and lives today.  
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

#### **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).





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!



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#### Wednesday Evening Meals

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

**January 7**  
Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fries, Dessert

#### Ministerial Staff



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#### Praying for the Unreached

##### Pray for the Atta Berber in Morocco

Pray for those who are beginning to find Christ among the Atta Berber community, that the Lord would protect and nurture their faith and that they would find each other in order to fellowship and grow together. Pray they would be rooted and established in love. Pray the Berbers of Morocco would have access to the good news of Jesus in many forms, hearing clearly who he is in their mother tongue.

#### This Week at First Baptist Church

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM Worship, ROC gym  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Preschool Worship  
5:00 PM Deacons Meeting  
6:00 PM Deacon Ordination & Installation Service  
6:00 PM NO Vespers, Narthex

##### WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

5:30 PM Personnel Team Mtg  
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Social Center  
6:00 PM Deaf Ministry Bible Study, Deaf Suite  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

##### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Better Life Fitness Class, ROC  
6:30 PM AA, ROC

##### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study, Social Center  
10:00 AM Helping Hands Food Pantry  
5:30 PM We Do It Sober Group, Church on Main  
5:30 PM Step by Step AFG, Church on Main

##### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 PM We Do It Sober, Church on Main  
6:00 PM Step by Step AFG, Church on Main

##### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30 AM Meals on Wheels

##### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM Better Life Fitness Class, ROC  
5:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Meal, Social Center  
6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Mtg, Social Center

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Worship, ROC gym  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Preschool Worship  
11:00 AM Kids Worship  
2:00 PM 10 year reception for Jeff @ the ROC  
6:00 PM NO Vespers, Narthex

##### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 AM Helping Hands Food Pantry  
5:00 PM Wednesday Meal

#### Giving Update December 28, 2025

Budget Goal	\$1,679,500	Time Is Now Campaign
Unbudgeted Insurance Increase	\$160,000	Needed to Retire Debt
Total Budget + Ins.	\$1,839,500	\$193,881.60
YTD Budget Goal + Ins.	\$1,839,500	Received this Week:
YTD Receipts	\$1,823,536	\$12,119.70
Budget + Ins. Weekly Needs	\$35,375	Received YTD:
Budget Receipts	\$129,559	\$201,675.31
Lottie Moon: \$35,783 / FBC Goal: \$37,000		

#### Order of Worship

##### PRELUDE

Pastorale on "St. Anne"  
arr. Manz  
Bryson Richey, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP  
"Prayer of Blessing"

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 566

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 186

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 178

OFFERTORY PRAYER  
TJ Renfro

CHORAL PRAISE  
"King of Kings"  
Sanctuary Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD  
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"Take My Life, Lead Me Lord"  
HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 494

RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS & BENEDICTION  
Dr. Jeff Reynolds

##### POSTLUDE

"Fanfare for a New Day"  
Kerr  
Bryson Richey, Organ

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