

**"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 suffer-  
ings, 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).

**Deacon Ordination  
and  
Installation Service**

Sunday, January 4, 2026  
6:00 PM

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Join us on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the ROC  
for a reception in honor of  
Dr. Jeff Reynolds on his 10th Anniversary  
as Pastor of First Baptist Church!

Let's honor his decade of dedicated ministry and the  
incredible impact made on our church.

**Starting  
JANUARY 21**

**SERMON  
ON THE MOUNT**  
Jen Wilkin

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 5:45 PM**  
**COST: \$25**

**FAMILY  
MISSION  
TRIP**

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**JUNE 22-24, 2026**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
BOWLING GREEN

*True Power*



**JANUARY 4, 2026**



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  
(jreynolds@firstbaptistbg.org)

Connect With Us!

Ministerial Staff



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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



**David Tooley**  
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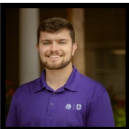
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Praying for the Unreached

**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

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 4</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY CONTINUED</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym	5:30 PM	Personnel Team Mtg
9:45 AM	Sunday School	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting, Social Center
11:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary	6:00 PM	Deaf Ministry Bible Study, Deaf Suite
11:00 AM	Preschool Worship	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
5:00 PM	Deacons Meeting		
6:00 PM	Deacon Ordination & Installation Service		
6:00 PM	NO Vespers, Narthex	<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 8</b>	
		9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC
		6:30 PM	AA, ROC
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 5</b>		<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 9</b>	
6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study, Social Center	6:00 PM	We Do It Sober, Church on Main
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry	6:00 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main
5:30 PM	We Do It Sober Group, Church on Main		
5:30 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main	<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 10</b>	
		5:30 AM	Meals on Wheels
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 6</b>		<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 11</b>	
9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC	9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym
5:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Meal, Social Center	9:45 AM	Sunday School
6:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Mtg, Social Center	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
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7</b>		6:00 PM	NO Vespers, Narthex
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry		
5:00 PM	Wednesday Meal		

Giving Update December 28, 2025

Budget Goal	\$1,679,500	<u>Time Is Now Campaign</u> Needed to Retire Debt \$193,881.60
Unbudgeted Insurance Increase	\$160,000	
Total Budget + Ins.	\$1,839,500	
YTD Budget Goal + Ins.	\$1,839,500	Received this Week: \$12,119.70
YTD Receipts	\$1,823,536	
Budget + Ins. Weekly Needs	\$35,375	Received YTD: \$201,675.31
Budget Receipts	\$129,559	
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 “True Power: Comfort that Strengthens” 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 964) Dr. Jeff Reynolds
“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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