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**JANUARY**

- 6 – Kash Rector  
Alyssa Stoddart  
Julius Brown
- 7 – Gaye Loris
- 11 – James Ward
- 12 – Kiersten Nolen
- 14 – Billy Taylor  
Khrystian Hofflpaur  
Travis Hillman
- 15 – Kay Brown  
Verna Jones
- 17 – Mac Waldrop  
William Cain
- 18 – Glenda Beebe
- 20 – Tim Tuck  
Steve Woods
- 23 – Angelo Fazio
- 25 – Walter Corn
- 26 – Shirley Ward
- 27 – Billy Johnson  
Brittany Grammar
- 28 – Christopher  
Robertson
- 29 – Daniel Arnold
- 30 – Charlene Conacher
- 31 – Brandi Manasco

**Deacon on Call**

**Jan. 5-11, 2020**  
**Randall Smith**  
337 238 1558 (h)  
337 375 7607(c)

**Jan. 12-18, 2020**  
**Roger Rolon**  
337 239 6272(h)  
337 208 7124 (c)

**Jan. 19-25 2020**  
**James Ward**  
337 239 6964(h)

**Jan. 26 – Feb 1, 2020**  
**Asa Skinner**

337 238 1951(h)  
337 208 8161(c)

**February 2-8, 2020**  
**Dustin Smith**  
337 424 9975(c)

**Sunday**

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.

**Sunday Evening**

Children's Choir 5-6 PM  
RA's & GA's 6-7 PM

**Sunday Evening 6 PM in the Sanctuary**

**Wednesday**

**Awana 6-7:00 PM**

Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.-CLC  
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.

**FBC State of Affairs**

2019 Monthly Budget Required \$40,289.00	
Received Dec 1, 2019	\$11,590.33
Received Dec 8, 2019	7,257.81
Received Dec 15, 2019	16,219.80
Received Dec 22, 2019	11,002.20
Received Dec. 29, 2019	4,079.93
Total Received December 2019	50,150.07

**Sunday School Report**

	12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29
Members Present	129	142	135	134	99
Visitors	4	6	2	19	11
Worship Attendance	128	240	171	172	134

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*Serving God*

*Loving People*



*Congratulations Children and Leaders  
For a good job telling the Gospel*



*FBC Kids listening to the Christmas Story!!!*

**Gifts to the Cooperative Program as of December 23, 2019**

Cooperative Program	\$34,912.00
Lottie Moon Offering (Foreign Missions) 2018	7,560.00
Annie Armstrong Offering (Home Missions)	5,552.40
Georgia Barnette Offering (State Missions)	4,115.29
Dry Creek	885.00
Total	<b>\$53,024.69</b>

\*Lottie Moon 2019 as of 12/23/19 \$5,397.95

## Bro Craig's Notes

What a wonderful Christmas season we had here at First Baptist Church. Thank you so much to all who helped out with the various things that were going on. Once again, the Adult Choir outdid themselves singing two separate Christmas Programs with the first "Is He Worthy?" being on December 8 featuring Aurora Williams as "Holly" and the last, "An Evening of Christmas Songs and Inspiration" being on December 22, with narration by Betty Westerchil. The Children's Choir, led by Karan Brumley and Elizabeth Cyr, did an amazing job on December 15 with "Christmas in Black and White", and they left us all wanting to visit Paco's Portuguese Penguin Farm. Also, I want to thank those who read or sang for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Of course, we would have been able to accomplish none of this without the work of our television, sound, and projection crews, Curtis Brumley, John Brumley, Tim Cyr, Kent Hoffpauir, Kyle Smith, Joshua Forque, Karen Robertson, Debbie Smith, David Summers, and Marley Lowe (if I left anyone out, please forgive). As always, special thanks go to Elizabeth Cyr, Sean Slate, and Daniel Arnold for ministering on instruments and leading.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Sean for filling the pulpit on December 29, Perry Gremillion for filling in leading music, and Leigh Ann Prewitt for filling in on piano. You all are such a blessing.

In addition, let me thank the church for their generosity to all of the staff with a Christmas bonus. You all are very appreciated. In addition, thanks to all of you who were so generous to me and my family during this season, both in ministering to us at Christmas and in ministering specifically to me following my minor surgery. You all are loved and appreciated.

What better way can we begin 2020 but by being thankful. Given, there are a lot of things that we can ring our hands and shake our heads about as this year starts, but one thing we can surely do is remember that God is still God and thank Him for His good plan. May He give us a clear vision of His will for us, and may we trust Him as we faithfully obey. Let us approach 2020 seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

On Monday, December 16, the parishes of Vernon and Rapides were ravaged by a destructive tornado. At least 3 churches, Gravel Hill Baptist and Marlow Baptist in Vernon Parish, and Hope Baptist in Rapides Parish, were struck by the tornado. Please continue in prayer for these churches as well as the communities to which they minister..

Let me take this opportunity to offer Christian Sympathy to Genell Leach in the homegoing of her brother. We have been praying for him for the last several weeks, and are thanking God for His faith in Jesus Christ. In addition to this, Christian Sympathy is offered to Karen Robertson and family in the homegoing of her father. We are so thankful for the leadership he provided to help produce such loving and faithful children and grandchildren and pray for the Lord's presence with His family during this time. Also, I want to take this opportunity to offer condolence to the family of Mary Thompson in her homegoing. Mary was a faithful member of FBC for over 50 years, a member of the choir for over 50 years as well as being active in WMU and the Sarah Sunday School class, and doing just about anything that could be done in our church and community. She made every place that she went a better place, and we are so blessed to have had her with us for the time that she was here.

Finally, let me say welcome to our newest members. Annie Moore joined by baptism. Ironically, our other new members are Moore's as well, but not related to Annie. We were pleased to welcome Brandon Moore by transfer of letter from a sister congregation and his middle son, Canaan Moore by profession of faith. May God allow us to be a good church family for all of these.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect, and give you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2020.

## Welcome New Members



Brandon & Canaan Shaw Moore



Sutton Elizabeth Self born November 17, 2019, weighing 5 pounds and 12 ounces. The proud Parents are Jason & Amanda Self and the proud grandparents are Michelle & Jackie Self.



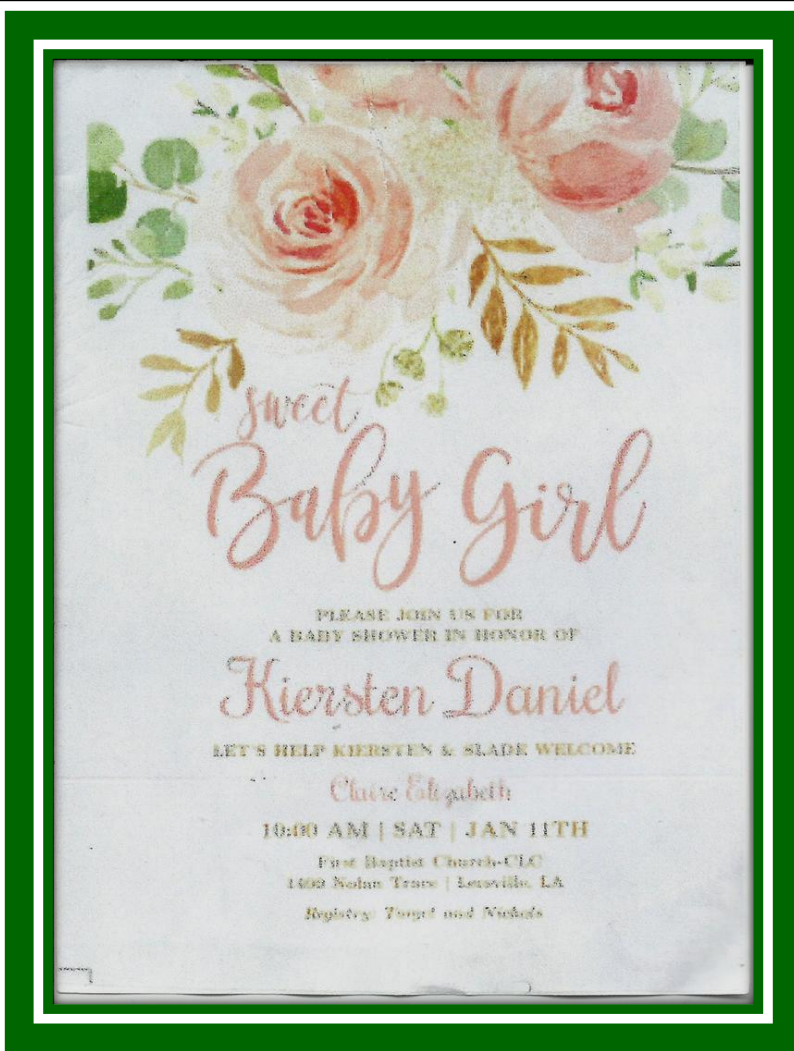
**Love and condolences to the family of Mary Thompson who passed away recently.**

**Love and condolences to the family of Mike Liles who passed away.**

**Love and condolence to Genell Leach and family in the death of her brother, Robert Edwin Brown.**

**Love and condolences to Karen Robertson and family in the death of her father.**





The adult choir and Ms. Betty Westerchil did a wonderful job during our Christmas Songs & Inspiration Service! Thank you for a most enjoyable evening.