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Word From Pastor Darin

Happy New Year to all our friends connected to FBC Leesville. 2025 I believe is going to be an incredible year. As we look forward to what God has in store for us, here is the recap from Sunday's message. The word for the year for our church is closer. Closer to God, closer to our church, and closer to the person God intended you to be. This year everything we do here at FBC will be tied to closer. I pray you will have a great year.

One of those things is our church doing Experiencing God together. This will begin on Jan 12th in the CLC at 6:00. Please plan on purchasing your book and joining us. This Sunday you can tell your teacher that you plan on attending and pay your 20.00 there or bring to the church office. We need to receive the money before we order them.

Also, on February 2nd is our first discover FBC Luncheon. This is an opportunity for our new church members to get acclimated to what happens at FBC. Another event to put on your calendars is our Wild game Dinner March 20th at 6:00. Our speaker is Andy Peterson who survived a mountain lion attack and wrote a book called Twice Saved. The music for that night will be Carson Peters and Iron Mountain and they will once again join us for worship that Sunday. Serving Him, Pastor D

Music Note

Happy New Year! When I was much younger the year 2000 seemed much like science fiction to me, yet here we are, already a quarter of a century into this present century! That is hard to comprehend.

This new year affords us the opportunity to reflect on 2024 and make plans for an even better year ahead, which includes numerous ways to serve our church and community through FBC, Leesville.

We had a wonderful December, and I'd like to personally thank the many folks who made the season so very special. First of all, thanks to the crew of ladies who decorated our sanctuary and fellowship hall. It certainly made our season a festive one. Our children's and adult choirs worked diligently since school began in August, and truly blessed us with their respective presentations. I'm especially proud of our adult choir and their tireless work on the musical, "Sing the Glory." It was a challenging work, and they certainly rose to the occasion! I look forward to a wonderful 2025!

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fellowship a delicious wonderful event. The food was awesome and there was an abundance of it, too. This was a great inreach event for our church, and an even greater outreach for friends and family from our community! I look forward to it again next December! Lanny

First Youth News

Hello FBC Family, Happy New Year from the Blackwell family. You have been so supportive of the youth and I hope you know that it is making an eternal impact for the Kingdom. Summer is a good ways off, but we need to begin raising funds for camp. If you have yard work, need your car washed and such, please let me know or signup in the church office. "Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!" Lamentations In His service, Rodney

Children's Corner

We have had had a great 2024 in our Children's Ministry and a wonderful Christmas season. Our children enjoyed singing at The Woodlands nursing home and spreading some Christmas cheer. We were able to see several of our church members as well! Our kids took a Christmas Caroling trip. We were able to sing to several ladies who are not able to get out as much. The kids had a great time singing our Cajun Christmas song and at the Adult Choir Program. Thank you Mrs. Amy, Mrs. Karan, and Ms. Shirley for helping with our Children's Choir! We appreciate our church family for supporting our Cajun Christmas lunch! This will help our children with activities and camp in 2025. Celebrating advent as a church each week was very special. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and PJ's with the Pastor was also a great time together as always! This month we will resume our Children's Activities on January 8th. We will have Family Dedication Day in the morning service on January 5th, We are looking forward to growing "Closer" to the Lord in all aspects in 2025! "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you",-James 4-8a. With Love-Mrs. Kiersten



Misty McDonald



Aiden Champagne



Bella Tomarchio