

## Jerry's Sermon Text

### Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>2</sup> This is what Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

### John 1:4

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.



### ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!

There will be **NO Sunday School** on Christmas Eve Sunday Morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Worship Service ONLY at 10:30am. **IF YOUR**

**CLASS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE Sunday School on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Please contact the Church Office by December 10<sup>th</sup>.** We

will have our Worship Service at the regular 11am hour on that day. Sunday School will be offered **ONLY** for those classes choosing to meet.



Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Christmas Coming Home** Celebration will be Sunday night, December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30pm. There will be crafts for the kids, snow, luminaries, Christmas music, Hotdogs, Sausage Dogs,

drinks, chips, a live Nativity and so much more. **THE CHURCH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING CHRISTMAS GOODIES TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE!** Make your favorite Christmas snack and bring it with you!

In addition to our Live Nativity, we will have the opportunity to see the pictures of some very special Children. Many of you have turned in pictures of your children or grandchildren to be a part of the media presentation. A BIG THANKS to all of you who participated this year by sending us your pictures!

### THIS WEEK FOR FBC KIDS...

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:45am Sunday School / 11am Worship & Children's Church

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00-6:50pm- Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups Meet

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### FBC YOUTH TOP 5 THIS WEEK

- 1) FINAL PAYMENT for the Winter Retreat is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you are paid up!!
- 2) There will be Sunday School and Worship this Sunday morning!
- 3) **WNL TIME CHANGE! We will begin meeting from 6pm to 7pm beginning December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to be picked up at 7pm.**
- 4) Sunday night we will fix luminaries at 5:30pm in the garage and then go out to supper together.
- 5) Beginning in January, we will start back Sunday night youth. It will be called "Dinner and a Movie". We will meet at 5pm for a devotional movie clip followed by supper out together at 5:30pm. You will need to buy your supper each week.

**THE AREA OF MUSIC:** This Sunday morning, the choir will sing two specials as we begin our Advent Season together as a church. Orchestra will rehearse at 9:30am Sunday morning. THIS Sunday afternoon we will have handbell practice at 3pm and choir practice at 4pm. Don't miss our final Christmas rehearsal on Sunday.



### POINSETTIAS

In memory of W.D. (Bill) Brown, Jr. by his family  
In memory of Christian Meadows by his family

### Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church Sanctuary for Christmas in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office. They need to be wrapped in green paper with a red ribbon. You may start having them placed in the Sanctuary for Sunday, December 3.



- December 3<sup>rd</sup>- First Sunday of Advent  
December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm- Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet in Burch Hall  
December 10<sup>th</sup>- Second Sunday of Advent  
5:30pm-7pm-Christmas Coming Home  
December 13<sup>th</sup>- Mission Friends Nativity in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm.  
December 17<sup>th</sup>- Third Sunday of Advent  
6 PM-Youth Christmas Party  
December 20<sup>th</sup>- NO Wednesday Night Activities  
December 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- Youth Winter Trip to Callaway Gardens  
December 24<sup>th</sup>- Fourth Sunday of Advent  
NO Sunday School—Worship Only at 10:30am  
6pm- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
December 27<sup>th</sup>- NO Wednesday Night Activities  
December 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday School and Worship

## Bailey's Notes

Our Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet is set. I hope you signed up and are ready to join us for this annual tradition. We meet Tuesday night, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Burch Hall for a time of meet and greet with the meal starting around 6:30pm. I hope to see you all there!



### Only Two Names Remain to Pick Up Sunday

Please pick up one of the two remaining names of our church members this Sunday on the Angel Tree. During the Christmas season, buy and deliver a gift to that person. This is such an important ministry of our church. Thanks for helping make Christmas special to so many!

### Bicycles and Shoes for Christmas

The Sportsman's Sunday School Class is once again collecting money to buy Bicycles and Tennis Shoes for needy children. We will be dividing our efforts between the bicycles and tennis shoes for those who do not have good shoes to wear to school. If you would like to help with this mission project, please mark your check or envelopes "Bicycles & Shoes" or make your check out to the Sportsman's Sunday School Class. For more information call Bill Bryant at 325-5766 or Trey Luckie at 425-7007 or talk to any member of the Sportsman's Sunday School Class.



Dear First Baptist Church Friends,  
On behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Georgia, I want to thank the First Baptist Church Congregation and the Sportsman Sunday School Class for your recent donation of food and money. This support helps us continue our mission of caring for families of seriously ill, critically injured, or medically fragile children being treated at area medical facilities. Ronald McDonald House Charities believes that home is any place where families are together. We believe that healing happens over laughter and bedtime stories. We believe that an island of refuge in a sea of chaos is as powerful as any medicine. We believe in keeping families together. Sincerely, Bonnie Hopkins, President and CEO



**Thanks to everyone** who prepared and donated boxes to Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 193 Shoeboxes and over \$1,300 in cash over what was in the shoeboxes to Tifton this year! What a Great Christmas Gift to so many!

### Life Care Residents' Christmas Gifts

Please call the church office for a name and size for the Life Care Gifts this year.

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

**SUNDAY, December 3**

Orchestra Rehearsal.....9:30 am  
 \*Sunday School.....9:45 am  
 \*Worship.....11:00 am  
 Handbell Rehearsal.....3:00 pm  
 \*Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....4:00 pm  
 Youth Meet at the Church Garage to Fill Luminaries.....5:30 pm

**MONDAY, December 4**

Aerobics in gym.....9:00 am

**TUESDAY, December 5**

Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet in Burch Hall.....6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, November 29**

Wednesday Night Suppers.....5:15 pm  
 \*Adult Bible Study in Burch Hall .....6:00 pm  
 \*Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups Meet.....6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Night Live for the Youth.....6:00 pm

**THURSDAY, November 30**

Aerobics in gym.....9:00 am

**Video Ministry**

Eric Stone

**Children's Worship Ministers for December 3**

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: CASEY & B J RODGERS  
 OLDER CHILDREN: NO OLDER CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK

**Deacons for the Week of December 3 through December 9**

Mike Ellis 425-1595; Kevin Phillips 423-7097

**Ushers for December**

Jack Melton, Billy McEachern, Mike Ellis, Kenneth Futch, Hank Cook,  
 Jim Burke, Nathan Carswell, Kasey Brown

**Tellers for December**

Jim Burke, Frances Burke, Peggy Clemons, Ronnie Clemons

**Christian Kitchen Volunteers**

Monday, December 4 – Christie Cook, James Campbell  
 Tuesday, December 5 – Kathy & Lamar Stone

**Members in Care Facilities**

**Bolingreen Health & Rehab (Macon):** Myra Fountain  
**Harris House (Fitzgerald):** Bob Chandler, Virginia Hughes  
**Heritage Care (Ocilla):** Bobbie J. Harper  
**John Wesley Villas (Macon):** Bernice Hageman  
**LifeCare (Fitzgerald):** Rosemary Griffin

**Homebound – Fitzgerald**

Katy Ruth Branch, Louise Guardia, Carol & Jesse Howell,  
 June & Don Morris, Ruth Smith, Alan & Betty Sims

**Homebound – Out of Town & State**

Lois Freeman – Newnan, GA  
 L. T. Roberts – Collierville, TN  
 Johnnie Moorhead – Nashville, TN

**Prayers for Our People**

Deanie Cleghorn, Ron & Kay Hannon, Becky Hill, Jesse Howell,  
 Mary Howell, Kathy & Jim O'Neal. James Phillips,  
 Bobby Tharp, Rhonda Wright

**MENU FOR DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

Pasta Salad, Fried/Baked Chicken, Brown Rice,  
 Smothered Green Beans, Rolls, Cakes, Tea and Water

**Our Stewardship Review**

November 19 through November 25

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|---|--------------|
| Budget Required YTD.....                      | \$138,496.76 |
| Budget Received YTD.....                      | \$120,661.05 |
| Weekly Budget Required .....                  | \$ 11,549.73 |
| Weekly Budget Received .....                  | \$ 10,417.16 |
| Designated Funds Received: (Lottie Moon)..... | \$ 100.00    |
| (Abundance Ministry).....                     | \$ 30.00     |



*Every family needs a stable foundation.*

**Church Directory**

Pastor.....Dr. Jerry Mahan  
 Minister of Music, Youth & Children .....Blane Jacobs  
 Administrative Assistant..... Janice Morris  
 Special Assistant to the Pastor..... Bailey Miller  
 Housekeeping.....Antoinette Hill  
 Custodian..... Gene Mullinax  
 Church Organist.....Barbara Jacobs  
 Church Pianist..... Susan Spivey  
 Nursery Coordinator..... Amanda Renfroe

Contact us at 229-423-4367 or by email at [fbc@fbcfitz.com](mailto:fbc@fbcfitz.com).

You can also check out church information and activities @ [www.fbcbcfitz.com](http://www.fbcbcfitz.com).

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**SUNDAY MORNING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**"COME WALK IN THE LIGHT"**

**ISAIAH 2:1-5; JOHN 1:4**

**DR. JERRY MAHAN**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

**3PM-HANDBELL REHEARSAL**

**4PM-SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**5:30- YOUTH MEET TO PREPARE LUMINARIES**

**LOOKING AHEAD**



**DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>- SR. ADULT CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

**6PM-MEET AND GREET / 6:30-BANQUET BEGINS**

**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>- 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**5:30-7PM-CHRISTMAS COMING HOME**