



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday School

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 AM Clothes Closet Work Day  
6:30 PM Men’s Ministry

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:30 AM Salvation Doll Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

5:00 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting  
6:30 PM Choir Practice

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

9:00 AM Clothes Closet Open

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
Quarterly Church Conference  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Deacons’ Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

3:00 PM WMU Leadership Team Meeting  
on Free Conference Call  
6:30 PM Choir Practice

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

9:00 AM Morning Worship - Guest Speakers  
Dave and Judy

10:00 AM Sunday School

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

9:00 AM Clothes Closet Work Day  
NOON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

9:30 AM Salvation Doll Team Meeting  
2:45 PM Clothes Closet Open

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

6:30 PM Choir Practice

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday School

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

6:30 PM Choir Practice

***Newsletter Deadlines:***

February . . . . . Monday, January 22 at Noon  
March . . . . . Monday, February 19 at Noon  
April . . . . . Monday, March 18 at Noon  
May . . . . . Monday, April 22 at Noon  
June . . . . . Monday, May 20 at Noon  
July . . . . . Monday, June 17 at Noon  
August . . . . . Monday, July 22 at Noon  
September . . . . . Monday, August 19 at Noon  
October . . . . . Monday, September 23 at Noon  
November . . . . . Monday, October 21 at Noon  
December . . . . . Monday, November 18 at Noon  
January 2025 . . . . . Monday, December 9 at Noon

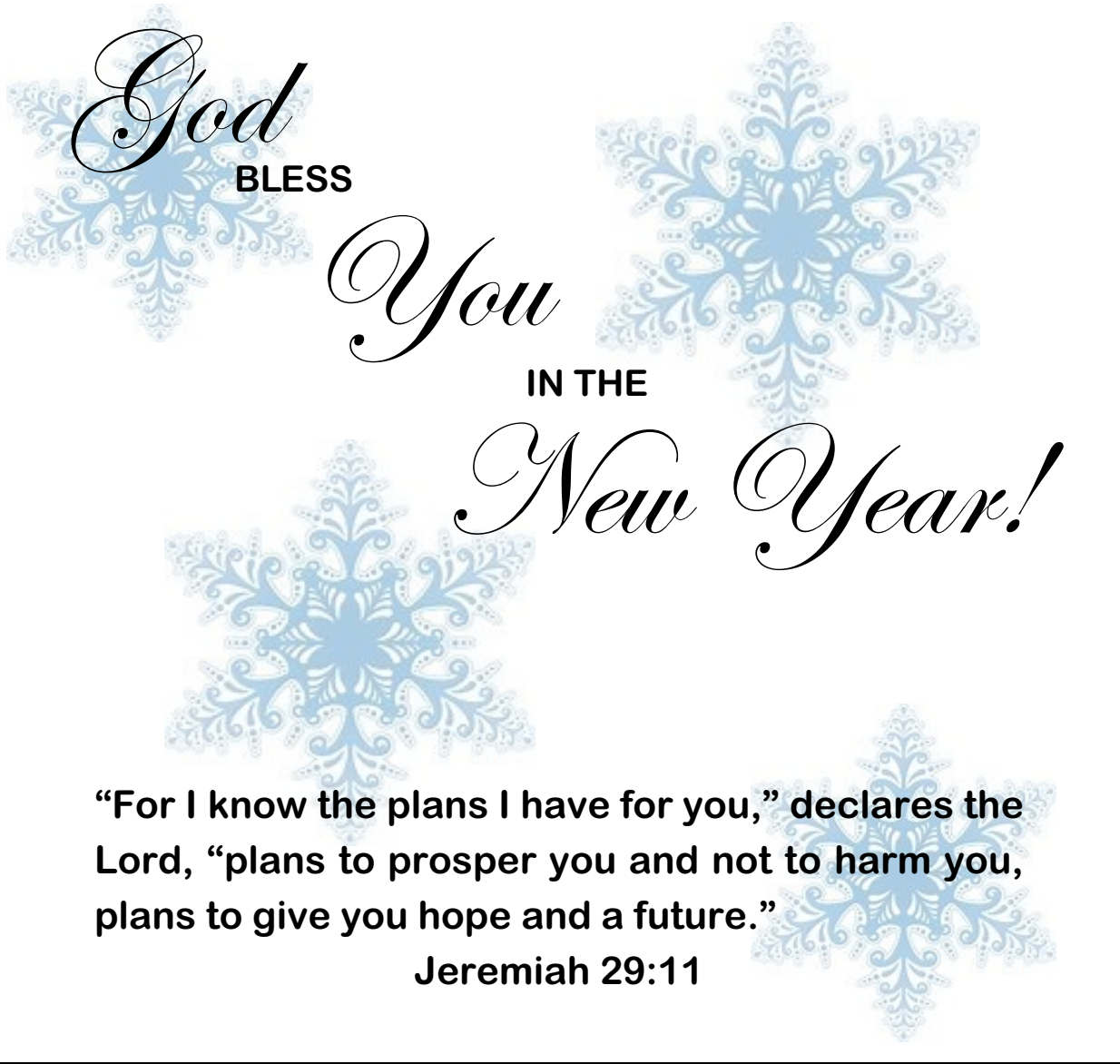
***Counting Ministry Team for January***

Linda O’Quinn  
Danny Schaffer

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# FIRST BAPTIST HERALD

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God  
BLESS  
You  
IN THE  
New Year!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”  
Jeremiah 29:11



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11, will be observed at First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 5.

***Bringing Light to the Darkness  
of Human Trafficking***  
by Charity Gardner-Taylor

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually in the United States every January 11. This day was created to bring attention to the human trafficking problem, recognize the signs of human trafficking, and encourage witnesses to report what they see. Human trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings for recruitment, control, and the use of their bodies and labor through force, fraud, and coercion. More often than not, victims of human trafficking are afraid to speak up for themselves.

As Christ followers, we have the mandate to love others as we love ourselves. This includes being a voice for those whose voices have been taken. As the church, we should be willing to step in and be the voice for the disadvantaged. After all, is that not what Jesus taught and practiced in His ministry?

Learn more about human trafficking at:  
[dhs.gov/blue-campaign](https://dhs.gov/blue-campaign)  
This is a great website with general knowledge on what to do if you suspect a human trafficking case and what resources are available to assist in education.  
—Mission Leader 2024-2025

Please pray for agencies that are working with human trafficking victims.



The 2025 Church Budget was approved on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Thank you to the Finance Ministry Team for your time and work.



***2025 Offering Envelopes &  
2024 Contribution Statements***

If you have not picked up your box of 2025 offering envelopes, you can find them in the vestibule of the sanctuary. **PLEASE** remember to fill in the amount on your envelope in order for your contributions to be properly recorded on your statement.

Your 2024 contribution statements will be available by mid-January. They will be in the vestibule (in alphabetical order). You may pick yours up from there or call the church office at 943-3758 to ask Sheila to drop yours in the mail.



We extend sincere Christian sympathy to Sylvia Brunson and family in the recent loss of her nephew, Marlowe Funderburke.



We extend a warm welcome to Sandra Rivers who joined First Baptist Church by transfer of letter on Sunday, December 8, 2024. We are happy to have you as a part of our church family.



Dear Pastor Wiles and Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the meal that was provided for Aunt Jo’s service. The service was beautiful!

Sincerely,  
Sandy, Larry, and Susan  
The Family of Joann Long

November 20, 2024

Thank you WMU and First Baptist for the thoughtful gift bag. I’m enjoying fruitcake for breakfast and softer fingers and after-dinner mints. I appreciate that those on the list, widows list that no one wants to be on, were remembered. I was surprised to find the bag in my mailbox and so sorry that I missed Sylvia’s (Brunson) visit. It took a little digging to find out how it got there. I heard Lil on the video Sunday AM.

I miss all of you and enjoyed seeing you at Pete’s funeral. I’m so grateful for the internet that keeps me in touch.

Love,  
Brenda Miley



We will be collecting items for boys, ages 10-14, during 2025. We sent 114 boxes in 2024 and our goal is to prepare 125 boxes this year.

Please consider purchasing the following items during the month of January:

- Socks (adult size)
- Gloves (adult sizes)

Gloves will probably be on clearance during the month of January, so we can easily stock up! Contact Sheila in the church office if you’d like to make a monetary contribution for items to be purchased on your behalf.

Please consider contributing as we share the love of Jesus to children around the world!



The following is a tentative 2025 schedule:

- Sunday, January 12, 2025***
- Sunday, April 13, 2025***
- Sunday, July 13, 2025***
- Sunday, October 12, 2025***

A Called Conference to vote on the 2026 budget is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025.