



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Franklinton
Know Christ and Make Him Known

Christmas Caroling

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025
5:30 P.M.

CAROLING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.
MEET IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

happy new
NEW YEAR

See you
Next Year!



MIDWEEK MENU:
3rd: Hamburgers
10th: Jambalaya
17th: Fried Chicken
24th: No Supper
31st: No Supper

The church office will be closed December 23rd, 24th, 25th, & 29th, 31st and January 1st for the Christmas & New Years holiday!



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(985) 839-3427 OFFICE
SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Worship Services
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.

Preschool, Children,
Student Ministry
Activities
6:00 p.m.

Adult & Ladies Bible
Studies
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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WWW.FBCFRANKLINTON.ORG

The Bridge December 2025
The Monthly Newsletter for FBC Franklinton

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6



Christmas is finally upon us! After a year filled with uncertainty, I welcome this joyous time of year. I welcome familiar traditions and family celebrations, and I welcome the hope that this time of year brings.

I pray that you and your family enjoyed our Hanging of the Green Sunday. The Hanging of the Green serves as the beginning of the Celebration of Christmas. Each year, I look forward to the decorating of the sanctuary and seeing the new ornaments that we hang on our tree. I look forward to the singing of old familiar carols and new Christmas standards, and I look forward to the festive mood that takes over our congregation.

Why did Jesus come? Why did God, in His wisdom, gift His Son to the world? Over the next few Sundays, we will delve into what the Bible has to say about why Jesus came. I pray that you will be able to join us in person or online as we focus on Jesus and His life sacrificed for us. Most of all, I pray that we may begin once again to put our Savior at the center of our thoughts as we prepare for a new year.

With Grace and Peace,
Bro. Keith Sheridan



FBC & Hillcrest Baptist Church Present:

*"Unto Us" Christmas Musical
at FBC Franklinton on Sunday,
December 7th at 6:00 p.m. and at
Hillcrest Baptist Church Sunday,
December 14th at 6:00 p.m.*



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Candlelight Service

FBC Franklinton

Christmas Eve Vesper Services:

December 24th, 2025 at 4:30 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

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Senior Adult Ministry

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Inspiring a generation that knows Christ
AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

"So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her (Mary) to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." – Luke 2:6-12

SAM CHRISTMAS EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS

ADULT 55+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join the fun and fellowship as we celebrate at our Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. (note the different day of the week)** in the *FBC Family Life Center*. Our program will be Christmas music with a special ensemble. The menu will be sliders, baked beans, potato salad, and desserts.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thursday, December 18 – Dinner and Christmas lights in Tylertown

We'll eat in Tylertown and then see the beautiful Christmas lights in the Tylertown park. Invite a friend and sign up for this fun event. We'll leave FBC at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, December 13 – Christmas Together: Hope Has Arrived

This worship celebration will be a matinee worship event at FBC Covington at 2:00 p.m. We will carpool to this event and leave Franklinton at 12:30 p.m. to grab lunch at The Rusty Pelican before heading to the Christmas worship event. Or you may skip lunch and meet the group at FBC Covington.

Sunday, December 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

– Our Annual Christmas Caroling. Come early and join in for Hot Chocolate and cookies before we go out to bless our homebound and others with some carols and Christmas spirit. *-Joey Miller*



HELP US BRING CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AND CHRISTMAS CHEER TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE NURSING HOMES. JOIN IN THE SINGING AND MINISTRY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

GOOD SAMARITAN –
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 3 P.M.
FAIR CITY REHAB –
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 3 P.M.



FBC Student Ministry

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR

DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST
AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

November was a significant month in the life of our student ministry. Through the faithful support of our church family, our annual fundraiser brought in more than \$7,500, providing valuable resources for future ministry efforts. Even more importantly, we witnessed God at work in the lives of students, with several making decisions to follow Jesus. These moments continue to affirm our mission and remind us of the eternal impact your prayers and support are making.

We also experienced strong momentum in weekly ministry engagement. One of our midweek gatherings reached a record attendance of 160 students and leaders, reflecting a growing spiritual hunger and an eagerness to be part of what God is doing. Each week, students are engaging in worship, participating in discipleship groups, and taking meaningful steps in their walk with Christ. We are grateful for a month marked by generosity, growth, and Gospel transformation, and we look forward to all that God will continue to do in the months ahead.

-Drake Westmoreland



campfire christmas
MIDWEEK | DECEMBER 17



FBC Kids Ministry

KELLY MCELVEEN,
DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Raising a generation that knows Christ
AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Here are some things to look forward to as we close out the calendar year:

2026: Wee Worship Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to lead Wee Worship during the 10:45 am service on one Sunday morning per calendar year, please let Mrs. Kelly know. You can reach her by text or by email at fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org.

Now – December 31st: CentriKid Sign-Ups for 3rd – 6th Graders

Deposit is \$50. Remaining spots will be offered to current 2nd graders beginning January 1st, 2026. Camp dates are June 18-20, 2026 at Timber Creek Campground in Pulaski, MS. *Chaperones are still needed.*

Sunday, December 14th, 10:45 am service: FBC Kids Joyful Noise & Half Notes

Our FBC Kids choirs will be leading the worship service as they share some Christmas songs with our congregation. Children will need to wear Christmas attire.

Sunday, December 14th, 5 pm – 7:30 pm: FBC Kids Movie in the Meadow

Weather permitting, we will have a Whoville Holiday Christmas Party in the Meadow (aka inside the fenced area) as well as a "drive-in" movie. Kids are encouraged to wear crazy hair and grinchy clothes, and bring a "car" to sit in – feel free to get creative! We'll have a meal, snacks, and a craft! Not sure how The Grinch has anything to do with the true story of Christmas? We'll be looking at the truth of what the real gift of Christmas is and the grace shown to us – just like the Whos of Whoville showed the Grinch! Worried about the weather? Plan B is to move the party inside to the Family Life Center. *Kids in grades 1-6 are welcome to attend without a chaperone, but preschoolers and kindergarteners will need a parent or guardian to attend.*

Sunday, December 21st, 5:30 pm: Family Caroling

We will be spreading Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear! Families will carol in groups to some of our homebound members around Franklinton. *Light refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center prior to leaving.*

Wednesday, December 24th, 4:30 pm & 6 pm: Vesper Services

There will be no regular midweek activities.

Wednesday, December 31st: No Midweek Activities



December Wee Worship

7th: Kelly McElveen

14th: Vickie McNeal

21st: No Wee Worship

28th: Brittany Fussell