

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The *gifts* for those at *Lighthouse Ministries* are due back **TODAY**. Please be sure to have them wrapped and tagged like a typical gift.

It’s time for *Chili and Caroling*! Join us tomorrow, **Monday, December 18th** at 6 PM as we sing Christmas Carols to spread some Christmas joy. Be sure to bring your favorite chili to share and fellowship over when we get back from caroling.

Sisters of Strength will have their craft night and ornament exchange this **Tuesday, December 19th** at 6 PM. The cost for the craft is \$5. Please sign up if you will be attending to ensure there are enough supplies.

There will be no children or youth activities on Wednesday, December 20th or 27th. Regular activities will resume on January 3rd.

Make plans to be here on *Christmas Eve*. We will have Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM. Then we will have a family morning worship service as we observe the Lord’s Supper. We will not have nursery or children’s church during service. That evening, we will have our *Christmas Eve Service* at 6 PM.

The church office will be closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas.

Our in-house *Christmas Card Delivery Service* is almost over. If you have Christmas Cards that you would like to give to those within the church, please bring them in and place them in the large box to be dispersed. Any money you would spend on postage, please place in the small donation box. All money collected will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Be sure to check your box to see if you have any Christmas cards.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Church Goal - **\$3,000**



Please place your tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes located next to the glass doors leading to the foyer from the Sanctuary. If you would like to give online, you can do so through our church website or scan the QR code.

Welcome to Worship!

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today! We will enjoy being in a family of friends as we sing together, pray together, give together, listen to God’s Word together, and make the necessary adjustments in our lives together.

Don’t settle for being a spectator. I hope that you will participate in worship so that you experience God and leave much better than when you arrived.

Pastor Matt

This Week’s Schedule

<u>Today</u>	
Library Open	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Children’s Church (Happy Birthday Jesus Party)	10:00 AM
Choir Christmas Party	11:30 AM
Tutoring	6:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
<u>Monday</u>	
Men’s Prayer Meeting	6:00 AM
Prayer Meeting	9:30 AM
Chili & Caroling	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday</u>	
Sisters of Strength	6:00 PM
<u>Wednesday</u>	
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM

Children’s Church

is held in Room 22. You will need to sign your child in at the double glass doors of the Education Building. You can pick them up after service at the same place that you dropped them off.

Infants-PreK:

Our nursery and preschool classrooms are located in the Education Building. You will need to check them in right through the double glass doors.

Restrooms are conveniently located near the Welcome Center in the sanctuary.

Children’s Church Workers

Nursery

Ruth Townsend
Megan Williams

Preschool

Darlene Goodrich

K – 5th Grade

Tina Prestage
Youth Helper:
Isabella Collins

My Spiritual Commitment Today:

- ☐ To trust in Jesus for salvation
- ☐ To be baptized
- ☐ To join this church
- ☐ To surrender my life to Christ
- ☐ Other _____

☐ Please register me for the next Membership 101 class where I will learn more about becoming a Christian, Baptism, and Church Membership.

Please Contact Me Regarding:

- ☐ Adult Small Groups (Sunday School)
- ☐ Adult Bible Fellowships
 - ☐ Senior’s Ministry
 - ☐ Men’s Ministry
 - ☐ Women’s Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Children’s Ministry
- ☐ Nursery Ministry
- ☐ Awana
- ☐ Preschool Ministry

- ☐ I would like to speak to the Pastor

Prayer Requests, Praise Reports, Comments:

- ☐ Prayer Team
- ☐ Confidential

Tear Here

Worship Decision Card

December 17, 2023

- ☐ 1st Time ☐ 2nd Time ☐ Member
☐ Attendee ☐ New Address

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Current School Grade
K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 College

Age Group
18-22 23-30 31-35 36-40 41-45
46-50 51-60 61-70 71+

Please Indicate:
☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed

Names of children living at home: _____

How did you hear about FBC?
☐ Friend ☐ Relative _____
☐ Website ☐ Facebook ☐ Drive-By
☐ Other _____

Vital Statistics

Sunday School

Attendance last

Sunday: 97

Morning Worship

Attendance last

Sunday: 173

Past 2 Weekly

Receipts:

\$23,958.35

Year to Date

Receipts:

\$98,457.53

Year to Date

Budget Needed:

\$134,794.77

Past 2 Weekly

Expenses:

\$12,709.74

Year to Date

Expenses:

\$90,118.82

*The Word became
flesh and dwelt
among us. We
observed his
glory, the glory as
the one and
only Son from the
Father, full of grace
and truth.*

John 1:14



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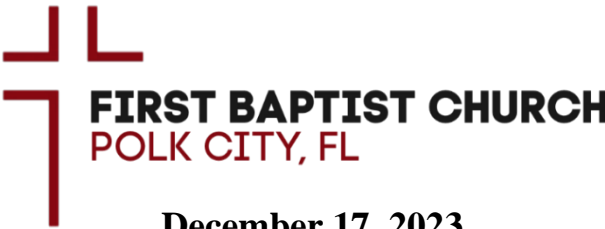


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December 17, 2023

10:00 AM - Morning Service

Welcome and Prayer
Scripture: Micah 5:2
Hymn # 196
Choir
Hymn # 212
Prayer Time
Choir
Hymn
Message

Joey Hufschmidt
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“On Christmas Day”
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”
Pastor Matt Ellis
“What Christmas Really Means”
“Glory in the Highest”
Pastor Matt Ellis

Series: How to Have a Happy Home for the Holidays
“The Importance of Healthy Communication”
Ephesians 4:29

Song of Decision # 414
Announcements
Closing Prayer
Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Mike Carpenter

6:00 PM - Evening Service

Welcome and Announcements
Hymn # 183
Hymn # 199
Message

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Pastor Matt Ellis
“The Night Hope Arrived”
Luke 2:1-20

Closing Prayer
Worship with Tithes and Offerings