

BULK RATE  
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PAID  
PERMIT NO. 11  
LLANO, TX

**REGULAR SERVICES:**

**SUNDAYS:**  
Praise Team Rehearsal 8:45 am  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
Wednesday Meal 5:30 pm  
Kids 4 Christ (PreK-6th Grade) 6:15 pm  
Youth (grades 7-12) 6:15 pm  
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm  
Co-Ed & Ladies Bible Studies 6:30 pm

**CHURCH STAFF:** Office #325-247-4803

Dr. Matt Richard Pastor  
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**Church Office:** #325-247-4803  
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
107 WEST LUCE ST  
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ADDRESS SERVICE  
REQUESTED

FBC LLANO'S FAMILY MINISTRY  
PRESENTS

**FAMILY MINISTRY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**20TH  
DEC** WEDNESDAY  
**SNOWBALL FIGHT  
CHRISTMAS GAMES  
COOKIE DECORATING  
& FUN FOR ALL AGES!!**

FESTIVITIES FROM 5:30 TO 7:30PM  
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SHIRT!  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME JOIN THE FUN!

Located in the FBC Llano Activities Building



**First Baptist**



Loving God • Loving Others

**Llano, Texas**

**Dr. Matt Richard, Pastor**

**12/15/23**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT**



**DEC. 24  
6 PM**

### Notes from Pastor Matt

This past weekend, Luke and I went to a fast food establishment in Llano to pick up a quick meal. The person who took our order wore a charm with a figure praying on it. I don't always use opportunities like this to make conversation, but this time I did. I told her I liked her necklace. When she responded positively, I asked her if she worshipped anywhere in Llano. She said she does not, but has been thinking about trying some churches in town. When I told her I am the pastor at FBC, she followed up with sincere and enthusiastic questions, and said she plans to visit.

Whether or not she really does remains unknown to me. I mention the conversation simply because I almost did not have it! I know, pastors are not supposed to be shy and hesitant to invite someone to church or talk about God, but we can be. Through this conversation, I was reminded that God can use even these small moments to nudge someone to take steps that will bring them closer to God, and possibly help them find a place within our fellowship. I encourage you to be intentional in similar interactions as Christmas approaches, as people tend to be more open to spiritual conversations this time of year.

Please take note of the end of year Christmas events and services, as well as the office closure and schedule over the holidays. Ministry opportunities for 2024 are also listed and forthcoming. I'm fortunate and blessed to serve alongside you as we prepare for a New Year together! Blessings,  
*Pastor Matt*



### REPORTS

<b>SMBS Report</b>	
Attendance 11/19	105
Attendance 11/26	101
Attendance 12/3	105
Attendance 12/10	109
Year to Date Average Attendance	102
<b>Finance Report</b>	
Balance General Fund 11-1-23	\$130,945.50
Receipts	\$ 30,357.99
Disbursements	\$ 30,516.09
Balance General Fund 11-30-23	\$138,787.40
<b>2023 Year to Date Budget Report:</b>	
Budget Requirements	\$438,992.50
Budget Receipts	\$412,289.41
Budget Deficit	\$ -26,703.09

**Deacon Meeting Dismissed: January 7**

### Welcome New Members

By Letter (12/10):  
*Sandy Young*  
1212 E Wallace, Llano #409-655-8392  
*James Dustin Benigar (Dusty)*  
1212 E Wallace, Llano #409-392-415



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$5,000  
Received to Date: 3,365

### Children's Church

December 17 and January 14 & 28 11:00 am

### Brotherhood Breakfast

Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 am @ FBC Gym

### December Business Meeting Report

1. Approved the 2024 Budget Proposal
2. Rick Berry shared a report on the FBC Youth Ministry.

### Business Meeting: January 14

Agenda items due in the office: January 11.

**January Bunco Night:** January 9, 6:00 pm

Please RSVP and bring a snack to share.

### Wednesday Night Meal Menu:

Meals Dismissed: November 20, December 6 and December 20-January 3 (due to holidays).  
January 10 (Team #1)—Hamburger Pasta  
January 17 (Team #2)—Taco Soup & Cornbread

### Current Sermon Series

*The Gift of Christmas*  
*The Magi's Journey* – Matthew 2:1-12  
*The Light of the World* – John 1:1-14

### Upcoming Women's Ministry Event:

February 16-18: Alto Frio Ladies Retreat

### Burnet-Llano Baptist Association Meeting

Tuesday, January 16 @  
Highland Lakes Baptist Church

### Wednesday Night Meal & Activities

**Dismissed:** Now until January 10!

### Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 17, 5:00 pm, meet at Gym

### Brother's Keeper Offering

Sunday, January 7  
Please mark your check or envelope  
"Brother's Keeper".

### Honduras Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Sunday, January 21, following Worship).  
We will have a brief interest meeting for individuals interested in, or wanting more information about serving in Honduras in 2024. Our trip will be June 3-8. Bring your questions, concerns, etc. NOW is the time to apply for a passport, if you do not have one!

### Office Closed

December 18-January 1...Merry Christmas!

### Orphan Grain Train Collection

January 7-21

Items being collected: Clothing (clean, no tears or stains), Bedding (sheets/blankets), Towels, Hygiene Items, New School Supplies, First Aid Items, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Canes & Crutches



### Holiday Worship Schedule

December 24:

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Candlelight Service 6:00 pm  
December 31:  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 am  
Worship 11:00 am with Guest Minister-  
Dr. James McGlothlin

### New Address:

Phyllis McWhorter  
143 Oak Lane, Johnson City TX 78636

### Observance of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 7

### Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, January 7

Bring your noon meal to share and extra portions for our guests.

### Invitation from The Templeton Family

You are invited to join in a Celebration of  
*Johnilee Templeton's 80th Birthday*  
Saturday, December 23, 2:00-4:00 pm  
@ FBC Gym. No presents but she would love your presence.

### Thank You Note:

The church staff would like to express our appreciation for our Christmas bonus. It was greatly appreciated. We are so thankful to be serving our Lord and Savior alongside our church family at First Baptist Llano.  
Pastor Matt, Ricky, Ryan, Shannon, Dianne, Angela, Lilianna, Nicole & our families

Merry Christmas Church Family,  
It's hard to believe it's already the end of 2023!

This year we are ending the year with an Epic Family Ministry Christmas Party on December 20th. Complete with cookie decorating, indoor snowball fight, games, and silent disco!! We are inviting all our families connected with our Youth and Children's ministries to come be apart of the fun.

As we enter 2024, I want you to know that we have registered 60 students for summer camp 2024! We have so many who want to go and I believe we can fill all of those spots with students who need what camp offers.

So, what does camp offer you ask?! Let me give you a simple formula to help you remember.

Change of pace + Change of place = Change of Perspective.

Getting students to camp is NOT & should never be the goal of student ministry. Getting students in an environment that allows them to flush out the toxic environment of the world and focus on the relationship God wants with them and what God is calling them to do in their lives should be. Getting students to experience God's love through Jesus Christ for the first time and to continue growing and equipping them through regular discipleship is the daily focus. Camp is just another resource to help facilitate that and realize that goal.

With camp literally right around the corner, would you consider doing 2 things for our students?

1. Bathe them in your prayers. Many of them have difficult lives that God's called them to, but they don't always have the faithful support of Godly family and friends to lean on. Our prayers can and will give strength to weary hearts.

2. Consider donating to help our youth and K4C students get to camp. We've seen so many relationships with Jesus started at camp over the years!! Leveraging camp to help students build the courage to take their next step of faith is money well spent in my opinion.

I love you and these students so much. I cherish the time I get to spend ministering to each of them and seeing God do what only He can do in their lives. It's a pleasure to serve our Lord through serving our church!

God bless,  
*Rick Berry*  
Interim Youth Pastor

