

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:45 AM Worship Service

Tune in to 104.5 FM for our worship service at 10:45 AM or use the links below for our live stream!

On FBCG Facebook page, at this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchofGraham>

On FBCG Website, at this link:
<https://fbcgraham.org/sermons-services/>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:00 AM Starfish Team 4 (Take-Out Only)

Sunday School Study Material

January - April Sunday School Study Guides and Devotionals are located in the main hallway. If you are a teacher, contact the church office for your material.

Offering Envelopes



2022

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Offering envelopes are located in the vestibule and in the main hallway.

Online Giving

is simple and easy!

Visit our website, www.fbcgraham.org and click the "GIVE" button to give your tithes and offerings online.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes & Offerings Needed

Weekly \$5,261 Monthly \$22,796

Tithes & Offerings Received

December 5, 2021	\$2,959
December 12, 2021	
December 19, 2021	
December 26, 2021	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Deacon of the week this week: Jerome Naylor
Deacon of the week next week: Lorraine Allen
Greeter of the month: Jerome Naylor
Usher Captains of the month: Jim Euliss & Butch Farrell

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all you have done for me over these last few weeks as I have been preparing to leave. It has been wonderful to be a part of such an amazing church family over the years, and I have never doubted your love and care for me and my family. I will not forget all our time together, and I will continue praying for you as we all continue serving God in our different places. Thank you for the beautiful clock I received last Sunday and for all the kind cards and other remembrances you have given me, as well as all the kind words you have spoken to us. You will always, always hold such a special place in my heart, and I love you dearly.

Shannon

LYDIA'S CLOSET



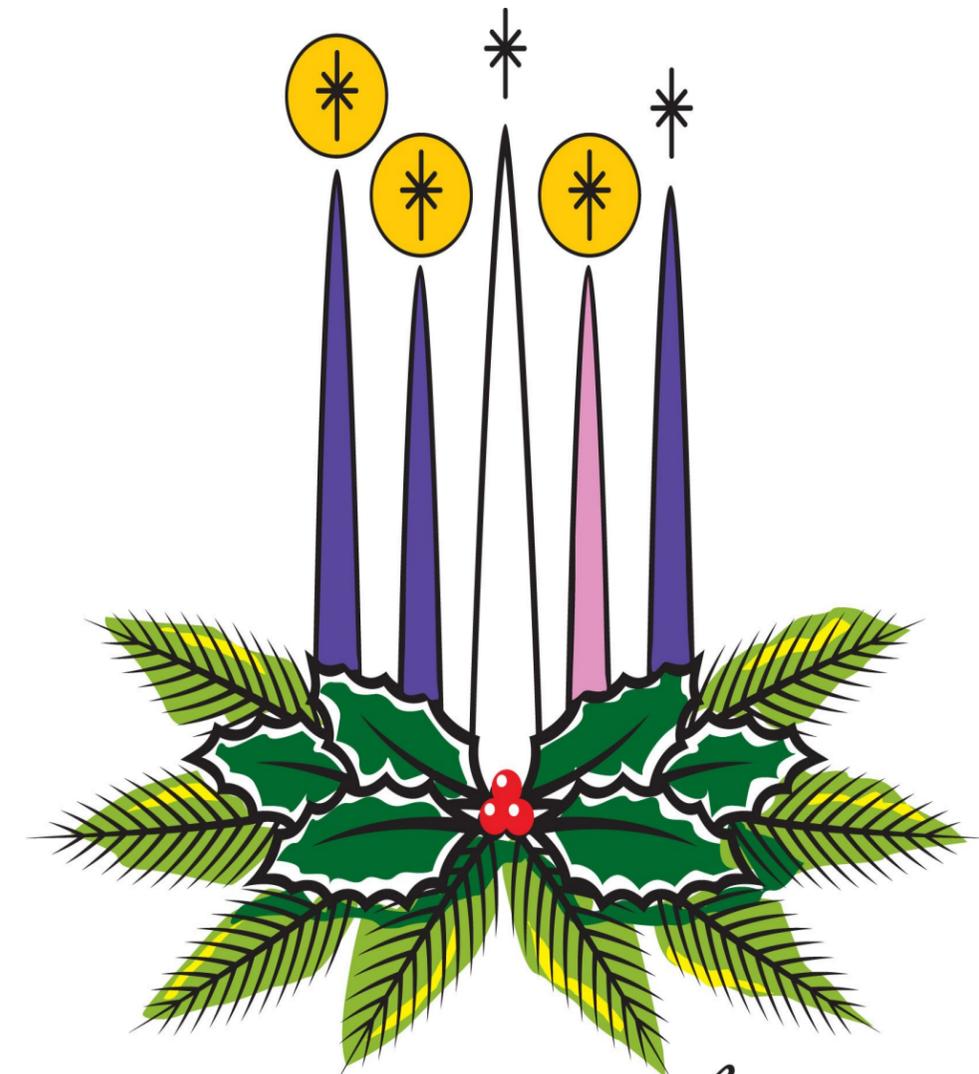
The Missions Team has recently been working to reorganize and restock Lydia's Closet. During this work, they have discovered two very specific needs. The closet is very low on men's gently used clothing. Pants, shirts, shoes, and coats. Please make sure the clothes do not have stains or holes in them. We also need clothes hangers so that the garments can be neatly hung in the closet. If you have access to either of these items, you can leave them in the shopping cart in the main hallway. If you are unable to transport the items, we will be happy to pick them up. Thank you all for your heart for missions and your desire to serve the community.

CHURCH STAFF

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3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

First Baptist Church

Making Connections that Make a Difference

First Baptist Church of Graham

December 12, 2021

10:45 AM

Prelude *Noel* D'Aquin
Ann Holt, organ

Call to Worship

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

**The Lord, the Lord Himself, is my strength and my defense;
He has become my salvation**

With JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**In that day you will say: Give praise to the Lord,
proclaim His name; make known among
the nations what He has done; and proclaim that His name
is exalted.**

Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world!

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

BEACH SPRING

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
Shines the hope of coming day.

Christ, the morning star of splendor,
Gleams within a world grown dim.

Heaven's ember fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome Him.
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Greeting and Invocation Rev. Chris Howe

Hymn of Praise FESTAL SONG
Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God. Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty. Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born;
Bind up the brokenhearted ones. And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Children's Message Rev. Chris Howe

Advent Meditation *Who Would Send a Baby?*
Isabel Chatman, Amy Woolard, Jerry Harper,
Steve Holt, and Chuck Granger

The Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent

The Advent Reading Addison and Lindy Teachey
The Lighting of the Candle of JOY

Advent Prayer Rev. Jerry Harper

Advent Song *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
Light of Your **joy**, reflected in me.

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Hymn of Advent ANTIOCH
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

Old Testament Text Zephaniah 3:14-20 Ronda Howe

Instrumental Meditation arr. Rasley
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Ann Holt

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

New Testament Text Luke 3:10-18

Message *What Should We do?* Rev. Chris Howe

Hymn of Commitment ELLESDIE
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"

Loud and long the Master calls us, rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

If you cannot cross the ocean, and the distant lands explore,
You can find the lost around you, you can help them at your door;
If you cannot give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite;
What you truly give for Jesus will be precious in His sight.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the lost of earth are dying, and the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me."

Benediction Rev. Chris Howe

Choral Response FESTAL SONG
Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Postlude *The Gallery Carol* Broughton
Ann Holt, organ