



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM PASTOR MEL

Christmas is a spectacular story of a Holy God redeeming sinful humanity. Somebody had to pay the price for sin, but Jesus could not take our place unless He first took our condition. So He took on flesh, that He might redeem all flesh.

Jesus knows our condition, because He walked on this earth. He knows the weight of our sin, for He carried it on his shoulders. He knows the price of salvation, for He paid our debt on the cross. He knows our future, because He has gone before us to prepare the way.

Give thanks to Him for what He has done. Come to Him in your time of need. Sing praise to Him as an act of worship. Go tell of Him to all who will hear.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

The Gospel Words of Christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS @ JONESBORO
DEC. 11, 12

GRIEFSHARE - SURVIVING
THE HOLIDAYS
DEC. 14

COFFEE BAR CAROLING
DEC. 17

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER
DEC. 19

*For more info and/or to register, visit
www.fbcjonesboro.com or call 770-478-6710



The Well | Women's Event on Nov. 16th was a wonderful time for FBJ women to connect, worship, and encourage each other.



We love our home-bound members! FBJ deacons personally deliver Christmas gifts from our church family.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, Dec. 19th at 5PM (doors will open at 4:30pm)
Special program begins at 6PM.

Tickets: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child - \$25 max per household.

You can purchase tickets on Sunday at the Welcome Center or weekdays at the Church Office. Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Dec. 14th.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS DATES

December 22 - No Wednesday Evening Activities
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm
December 26 - 10:45 service only, no Life Groups
December 29 - No Wednesday Evening Activities
January 2 - Celebration of Life Service
January 5 - No Wednesday Evening Activities

ROC BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS

With youth basketball quickly approaching there is a glaring need for the church family to step in love, support, and come alongside these families as we grow their love for the game of basketball, but more importantly a love for Christ. Whether you feel led to coach, greet, or make a connection with a few families, your presence and love towards people in our church family and community through basketball WILL have an impact. I urge you to consider being a leader and volunteering a couple hours a week for only 8 weeks to help ensure that we can reach every family that is coming to our facilities here at FBJ. **Contact Vincent at vlberman@fbcjonesboro.com to find out how you can help.**

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- ROC Basketball ministry that starts next month.
- Personnel needs we are trying to fill.
- Evangelistic engagement in our community.
- Volunteers for our pre-school ministry who are passionate about teaching our little ones about the gospel.
- The Deacon ministry that serves and ministers to our church.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **ROC Basketball** - starts the week of Jan. 3
- **Discipleship Classes Begin** - Jan. 12
- **Spring Marriage Retreat** - May 13-15

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Received MTD - \$437,161.74
Budget Required MTD - \$469,211.38
Variance to Budget MTD - **(\$32,049.64)**

Budget Received YTD - \$4,938,914.36
Budget Required YTD - \$5,630,536.62
Variance to Budget YTD - **(\$691,622.26)**

BIBLICAL CARE CENTER

Anxious? Depressed? Need to speak with someone?
We are here for you. Call the Biblical Care Center for biblical counseling at (470)525-4300.