



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Christmas season tells the incredible story of God's love for every person that has walked this earth. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son ...". God's love and His gift of salvation was not just for the world in general, it was for you and your family in particular! Take time to celebrate God's love and don't get distracted by the world's commercialization of this sacred time. Even better, lead your family to show the love of God intentionally and practically to those around you.

This is also a great time to bring people with you to several special events at church, allowing them to see, hear, and experience what God has done in our lives. Bring them to "Christmas at Jonesboro." Or consider our "Christmas Eve Candlelight" service. In fact, each Sunday service in December will be a special celebration of Christmas.

I also encourage you to find time during this month to gather your family, or even a group of your friends, to remember and rejoice. Talk about what God has done in 2022. Look ahead to what God will do in 2023. Thank Him for His faithfulness and commit your lives to follow Him moving forward. My Dad often says, "your life will be the sum total of the choices you make in life." Choose to start the New year with a clear commitment to grow in your walk with God. Choose to be a part of what God is doing through FBC Jonesboro. Choose to invest in other people and impact the Kingdom.

May God richly bless you and your family. May God allow us to be right in the middle of His activity in 2023. And may God make you a blessing to all you encounter.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
DECEMBER 2

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
DECEMBER 6

SALT LIFE GATHERING
DEC. 8

CHRISTMAS @ JONESBORO
DEC. 9-11

WOMEN ON MISSION
CHRISTMAS GATHERING
DEC. 13

CHRISTMAS MARKET
DEC. 17

BOB GOFF & FRIENDS ON TOUR
MAR. 18

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



GA's Christmas Post Office - Give Christmas cards to those who attend our church AND support international missions.

Located by the Coffee Bar now through January 1.

Give a postage donation for each card you send. Suggested amount is \$.50 per card. Hosted by our Girl's In Action.

Women's Ministry Fellowship - On November 14th, FBJ women gathered for a time of prayer, praise, and fellowship!

CHRISTMAS AT JONESBORO

Experience the sights and sounds of Christmas with your family this year at one of our three performances. Presented by our 200+ person Jonesboro Choir and Orchestra and featuring a special presentation by Ballet Magnificat!, CHRISTMAS AT JONESBORO is festive, joyful, hopeful, fun, and most importantly, all about the best gift ever — the miracle of Christmas!

Ballet Magnificat! is an arts organization dedicated to presenting the good news of Jesus Christ to the whole world, founded in 1986 by Keith and Kathy Thibodeaux. They long to see the art of dance restored to the church for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ.

Three opportunities to attend:

Friday, December 9 at 7pm

Saturday, December 10 at 5pm

Sunday, December 11 at 5pm

Invitation cards are located throughout the church building. Please pick a few up to give to our in our community.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24 - Christmas Eve, 6PM

December 25 - Christmas Day, 10:45AM (no LifeGroups)

January 1 - LifeGroups, 9:30AM, Worship Service, 10:45AM

January 8 - LifeGroups, 9:30AM, Celebration of Life Service, 10:45AM

Church Office: closed December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2023.

Wednesday Meals:

December 7 - Dinner only

December 14, 21, or 28 - No meals served

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our Music & Media teams as they prepare for Christmas at Jonesboro on December 9, 10, & 11.
- Those in our church family who lost a loved one this year and will be facing the holidays alone.
- All of the ways FBJ is involved in missions in our community, continent, and throughout the world.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Parent's Night Out - December 2
- GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays - December 6
- Salt Life Gathering - December 8
- Christmas at Jonesboro - December 9-11
- Women on Mission Monthly Meeting - December 13
- Christmas Market - December 17
- Student Journey Winter Camp - December 28-31
- ROC Basketball practice begins - week of January 2
- Post-Abortion Recovery Bible Study - January 2
- Celebration of Life Service - January 8
- Wednesday at Jonesboro resume - January 11
- GA's Lock-in - January 13-14
- ROC Basketball Games begin - January 14
- Desserts w/Tammy - January 20
- Bob Goff & Friends on tour - March 18

FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving as of November 30, 2022

Giving Received MTD - \$495,856.84

Giving Required MTD - \$444,392.00

Variance to Budget MTD - \$51,464.84

Giving Received YTD - \$4,936,940.73

Giving Required YTD - \$5,332,704.00

Variance to Budget YTD - (\$395,763.27)