

# The Messenger

“God’s People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World”

Foxworth First Baptist

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A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR



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## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor:** Tyler Chavis

**Worship Leader:** Donovan McComb

**Choir Director:** Ellen Ball

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY

9 am - Small Group/Sunday School for all ages

10 am - Gathered Worship

5 pm - Adult and Children's Choirs

Discipleship Training for Students and Adults

6 pm - Gathered Worship; Pre-Bible Buddies;

Bible Buddies (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>); Bible Drills (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

## WEDNESDAY

5:15 pm - Fellowship Meal (Donations only)

5:45 pm - Children's Kick-off Celebration

6:10 pm - Kids groups, Student Ministry

(FLIGHT), Adult Mid-Week Bible Study and

Prayer Time

Happy 2025, Foxworth First Baptist Church!

“It’s time to go to the gym!” Or at least that is what many people *resolve* to do (or something similar concerning their physical health) at the start of each new year. But statistics tell us that 80% of people quit their New Year’s Resolutions by...*February*. You, like me, may have become critical of “New Year’s Resolutions” because of the fact that no one really seems to keep them, but there is a reason to *reflect*, *plan*, and *get to work*. In nearly every facet of life we are goal-setters. Why not in our walk with Jesus?

None of us know what 2025 will hold for us, personally, or for us as His church here at Foxworth First. We do know, though, that until the Lord returns we are to (Eph. 5:16) “[make] the best use of the time...” We are prone to not make the best use of the time God has entrusted to us without first planning. God leads...we plan...God directs...we adjust...we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, keep pressing on! This is the life of the church (and the individual believer) in this life. Without the reflecting, planning, and getting to work (& pressing on), we become ineffective and unfruitful.

I want to propose to you some “resolutions” I believe would be beneficial to our individual walks as Christians (which in turn prove to be beneficial to our life as a body of believers). We will most likely have the *February experience* (the failure) with one or more of these, but if we want to keep getting in shape - we don’t just give up...we get back to work *after* having failed. Will you *resolve* (decide firmly on a course of action; firm determination to do something) with me?

### 1. We resolve to spend time in God’s Word, daily.

- We do so because our relationship with Jesus is the most important in our lives, & He is the Word (John 1).
- We do so in order to live (Matt. 4:4).
- We do so in order to grow (1 Peter 2:2).
- We do so in order to honor God with the life He has given us (Psalm 119:11).

### 2. We resolve to actively love God and others.

- We do so because God first loved us (John 3:16; 1 John 3:1, 4:19).
- We do so because we are so blessed and we are to bless (1 John 3:17-18).
- We do so because God commands we love (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:43-44; Mark 12:30-31).

### 3. We resolve to submit to God as the Lord of our Speech (Psalm 19:14).

- We do so because we have been made new (Eph. 4:22-25; Col. 3:8).
- We do so in order to build others up (Eph. 4:29).
- We do so in order to speak in the name of Jesus (Col. 3:17).

4. **We resolve to tell others about Jesus Christ, our Savior.**
  - We do so because we have been commanded (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).
  - We do so because Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
  - We do so in order that people may believe and have eternal life (Rom. 10:13; John 3:3; 1 John 5:13).
5. **We resolve to grow toward being an accurate reflection of Jesus.**
  - We do so by putting to death our earthly nature (Col. 3:5-9).
  - We do so by clothing ourselves in righteousness (Col. 3:12-14; Rom. 13:14).
6. **We resolve to being generous with what the Lord has entrusted to us to steward.**
  - We do so because of the sowing & reaping principle (2 Cor. 9:6).
  - We do so because "...God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).
  - We do so to exercise our spiritual giftedness for the good of one another (1 Cor. 12:7).

May our Mighty Savior & King receive glory and honor and praise through the life of His people!

Be **friendly** to those around you (be reminded of what friendship really means). Be **faithful** to the LORD and His ways (and faithful to His Bride: the Church). Be **focused** on your mission and the day that will come when this will be no more, and we will be like Him!

Our heartfelt thanks! My family and I are so blessed by the gifts you have offered us during this Christmas season. We are, once again, overwhelmed with your generosity & kind words. Your kindness and love toward us continue to encourage us. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for loving my family! We love you **all**, and we are excited to start 2025, serving the Lord by serving alongside you! It is my joy to serve the LORD by serving as your pastor, and my prayer is that 2025 proves to be a most fruitful year in His church, here!

Pastor loves you, church!



## Nursery

Jan. 5: Brittany Chavis & Camellia Williams  
 Jan. 12: Sarah Singley & Beverly Haddox  
 Jan. 19: Marilyn & Jimmy Turnage  
 Jan. 25: Donna Buckley & Wesley Fortenberry

### Financial Summary

December  
**General Fund**  
 \$30,827.45  
**Family Life Center**  
 Given to Date: \$783,277.05  
 Given in December: \$4,833.00

### Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Jan. 1: (No Meal - New Year's Holiday)  
 Jan. 8: Breakfast Night  
 Jan. 15: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, and Gravy  
 Jan. 22: Meatballs and Spaghetti  
 Jan. 29: Taco Soup

## January Birthdays

5: Charles Pittman  
 6: Austyn Kleinpeter  
 7: Nathan Carney, Timothy Marshall, Alicia Rogers & Brennen Varnado  
 8: Samantha Armstrong & Daphne Johnson  
 9: Joel Prine & Anna Williamson  
 10: Faye Johnson, Brody Kleinpeter & Donna Monroe  
 11: Hannah Kleinpeter  
 12: Brian Nichols & Robbie Ramshur  
 13: Molly Dear  
 14: Nicole Holmes  
 15: Steve Harper, Jimmy Hollinger & Mike Windham  
 16: Joe Barber  
 21: Butch Williamson  
 22: Camren Turnage  
 23: Ricky Carney  
 25: Reggie Turnage  
 27: Brittany Chavis, Angela Harper, Sophie Heurtin & Nic Kroner  
 28: Terry Robinett & Lucretia Smith  
 29: Cindy Thornhill

## Announcements

January 1 - **New Year's Day** - No midweek activities or service.  
 January 1 - **Roger and Jo Ellen Carr's Anniversary**  
 January 5 - **Kidzville/MVP** - Activities held during preaching portion of morning service.  
 January 6 - **Agenda Day** - All business items are due to church office by noon.  
     -**Deacon's Meeting** - Meeting begins at 6 pm, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
 January 7 - **Circle of Prayer** - Ladies will meet at 6 pm in the Family Life Center  
 January 8 - **Regular Business Meeting** - Meeting starts at 6 pm.  
 January 12 - **Ladles for Lottie Fellowship Fundraiser** - Will follow morning worship in FLC. All Donations go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.  
 January 17-19 -**DNOW**  
 January 19 - **R.L. and Jamie Hilburn's Anniversary**  
 January 26 - **Brotherhood Breakfast** - 7 am in the Family Life Center.  
 January 27 - **Vitalant Blood Drive** - 3-7 pm.

### Upcoming...

February 2 - **Kidzville/MVP**  
 February 2 - **Steve Ladd** during pm service.  
 February 4 - **Circle of Prayer** - 6 pm in the FLC  
 February 23 - **Brotherhood Breakfast** - 7 am in the FLC