

# 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  
**Associate Pastor:** Jonathan Pittman

### 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

Eight wonderful Christmas seasons. That’s how long the LORD has afforded me and my family the opportunity to get to know the amazing people of Foxworth First: to serve alongside, worship with, and become family. When May arrives Lord willing, I will have completed 8 years of service as your Lead Pastor - which will be approaching the “title” of longest-tenured pastor in the history of the church. I am thankful to the LORD for His willingness to allow me to continue in this role, and I am thankful to you, church, for your willingness to bear with me, serve alongside me, and allow me to be your pastor.

God, in His providence, has brought us together. Truly, I can’t fully understand all the reasons for such, but I trust He has them and that they go far beyond my understanding. There are some things, though, that I do understand. I have been blessed to welcome into my home a new child during my time in Foxworth (which would not have happened had the Lord not moved us here). I have been blessed to make new friends whom I love and value their investment in my life. I have been blessed to celebrate with you the different milestones you’ve reached during this time. I even count it a blessing to be able to stand beside you in the tough circumstances and difficult days. I trust the Lord is using all of these things for our good and His glory!

As we move into 2026, I acknowledge that there have been wonderful blessings and that there are wonderful blessings yet to come - that there is much to be done (and the walking in the will of God brings wonderful blessings!). There are ministry opportunities to accomplish, areas of our church-life which need improving, and areas for growth for us individually and collectively. And I write this article pondering whether we will be faithful to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit or whether we’ll resist His leadership and go our own way. Only time will tell.

Not long before Joshua’s earthly death, he told the people of Israel that they must choose whom they would serve. He stated, boldly, that he and his house would serve the LORD!

- The people said they would also serve the Lord.
- And Joshua responded:
  - Joshua 24:22-25, “Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.’ And they said, ‘We are witnesses.’ 23 He said, ‘Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel.’ 24 And the people said to Joshua, ‘The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.’ 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.”

The months to come - as the LORD sees fit - offer to us the opportunity to be Friendly, Faithful, & Focused for His great glory! May we put away the “foreign gods” and serve the LORD singularly and wholeheartedly, and...

May the LORD bless & lead us as we seek Him.

Pastor loves you!  
And I'm honored to serve HIM alongside you.



P.S. Brittany and I have been so blessed by the gifts you have offered us during this Christmas season. Your kindness and love toward us continue to amaze and encourage us. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for loving my family! We love you all, and we are excited to start 2026, serving the Lord by serving alongside you!



***Blessings to you for a Happy New Year!!***

## ***Announcements***

***We will continue Lottie Moon (IMB) Missions Offerings through this month!***

- Jan 1 – **New Year’s Day** – Church office will be closed for the holiday.
- Jan. 1 – **Roger and Jo Ellen Carr’s Anniversary**
- Jan. 4 - **Kidzville/MVP** – Children are welcome to bring offering.
- Jan 5 – **Agenda Day** – Business items due to office by 12 noon.
- Jan. 6 – **Circle of Prayer** – Ladies meet at 6 pm in FLC.
- Jan. 7 – **Regular Business Meeting** – Our regular business meeting is set for Wednesday night, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 11 – **Observance of the Lord’s Supper** – Will be during the morning worship.
- Jan. 11 - **Ladles for Lottie** – To be hosted in the FLC following the morning service.
- Jan. 16-18 – **Disciple Now Weekend** – Be in prayer for students and leaders.
- Jan. 19 – **R.L. and Jamie Hilburn’s Anniversary**
- Jan. 26 – **Vitalant Blood Drive** – Set in the church fellowship hall from 3-7 pm.
- January Items – **Food Pantry** – Rice sides, tuna, and Kool Aid (canisters or packs).

### ***Upcoming...***

- Feb. 1 -**Kidzville/MVP** - Held during preaching portion of morning worship.
- Feb. 3 - **Circle of Prayer** - Slated for 6 pm in the Family Life Center.
- Feb. 8 - **Brandon and Savannah Turnage’s Anniversary**
- Feb. 14 - **Jimmy and Marilyn Turnage’s Anniversary**

## ***Nursery***

- Jan. 4: Brittany Chavis & Sarah Singley
- Jan. 11: Beverly Haddox & Camellia Williams
- Jan. 18: Marilyn & Jimmy Turnage
- Jan. 25: Donna & Wesley Fortenberry

### ***Financial Summary***

December  
**General Fund**  
\$ 37,733.56

**Family Life Center**  
Given to Date: \$804,370.33  
Given in December \$670.00

### ***Wednesday Night Supper Menu***

- Jan. 7: Taco Soup
- Jan. 14: Pulled Pork
- Jan. 21: Chicken & Rice and Sweet Potatoes
- Jan. 28: Fried Chicken & Vegetables

## ***January Birthdays***

- 5: Charles Ptman
- 6: Austyn Kleinpeter
- 7: Nathan Carney, Timothy Marshall, Alicia Rogers & Brennen Varnado
- 8: Samantha Armstrong & Daphne Johnson
- 9: Joel Prine & Anna Williamson
- 10: Brody Kleinpeter & Faye Johnson, 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
- 17: Margie Felder
- 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