

## December Birthdays

Dec 2: Marquetta Glasgow  
Dec 6: Craig Million  
Dec 11: Stephen Sloan  
Dec 12: Olivia Hattaway  
Dec 12: Alex Christian  
Dec 15: Khloe Simpson  
Dec 22: Gordon Thompson

Dec 22: Sawyer Cooner  
Dec 23: Lillibeth Cooner  
Dec 26: Cynthia King  
Dec 26: Gracie Allred  
Dec 28: Katrina Rhudy  
Dec 29: Betty Allen  
Dec 31: Trace Miller

## Children's Ministry

**First Baptist Children would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!!**



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# The First Family Newsletter

## December



## December Events

- 7<sup>th</sup>: Men's Prayer Gathering @ 8pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>: First Friends Outing
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Children's Christmas Program
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas Sweater Day
- 25<sup>th</sup>: No Mid-week Service
- Refer to calendar for more meetings & events.



### Staff

**Pastor:** *Brandon Phillips*

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**Music Director:** *Rachel Phillips*

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### SUNDAYS:

- Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- Worship @ 10:30 am

*Children's Church after Praise & Worship*

### WEDNESDAYS:

- Children 6:30 pm
- Youth 6:30 pm
- Adult Groups 6:30 pm

### BUS SCHEDULE:

Call the office for a ride.

## December Servants

### Security Team

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Lee Carruth  
**8<sup>th</sup>:** Ryan Eaves  
**15<sup>th</sup>:** Trey Maddox  
**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Davy Eaves  
**29<sup>th</sup>:** Marcus Brown

### Sunday Nursery Rotation

Ashlee Wheeler (8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Patricia Stanford (1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>)

### Children's Church

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Rhonda Eaves  
**8<sup>th</sup>:** Rhonda Eaves  
**15<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Program  
**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Rhonda Eaves  
**29<sup>th</sup>:** Rhonda Eaves

### Toddler Children's Church

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Julia Persons  
**8<sup>th</sup>:** Holley Maddox  
**15<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Program  
**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Catina Pee  
**29<sup>th</sup>:** Rachel Eaves

### Counting Team

Meredith Dixon &  
 Leanne Wheeler

### Mid-Week Kids Helpers

**4<sup>th</sup>:** David Rhudy  
**11<sup>th</sup>:** Jeffrey Hattaway  
**18<sup>th</sup>:** Ronald Sloan

### Wed. Night Nursery

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Jean Thompson  
**11<sup>th</sup>:** Marsha Graham  
**18<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Cantrell

## From the Pastor's Study

### Yes, Lord!

*"<sup>15</sup> So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:15-16).*

At the heart of Christianity is obedience. Obedience is the litmus test that authenticates our faith (Luke 4:46, John 15:10). This means that at some point, God may ask you to do something that doesn't make sense. In those moments, you have a choice. Will you submit to His Lordship? Or, will you remain the Lord of our own life? Today, I encourage you, regardless of what you're asked, to trust God by saying, "Yes, Lord!"

What better season to learn obedience than Christmas? The events surrounding the birth of Christ highlight the results of obedience (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2). An engaged young woman, Mary risked her life by saying, "Yes, Lord!" Joseph, a caring fiancé, encountered gossip and suffered humiliation by saying, "Yes, Lord!"

The shepherds went about their daily routine when angels appeared, informing them that a special baby, Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem. How did the shepherds respond to the wonderful news of Christ? They responded with costly obedience, temporarily leaving their sheep grazing in the field to pursue Christ. Shepherds were taught never to leave their sheep unattended. Their act of abandonment wouldn't make sense. However, at the news of someone more valuable than their sheep, the shepherds responded, "Yes, Lord!"

This month, a situation may arise that challenges you to say, "Yes, Lord!" What the Lord asks may not make sense, but it will be worth it! As the shepherds, I encourage you to say, "Yes, Lord!"

In Christ,  
 Bro. Brandon

December 2024		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1			2	3	4	5	6	7
8		9		10	11	12	13	14
15		16		17	18	19	20	21
22		23		24	25	26	27	28
29		30		31				

Awakened Men's Prayer @ 8pm

WMU @ 11 am  
 Nominating Committee @ 6pm  
 Wee Wisdom @ 5:30 pm

First Friends will travel to Gordo to see "Christmas comes Alive". Leaving the church @ 5:30 pm

Office Closed

Christmas Office Closed  
 No Mid-Week Service

Christmas Sweater Day