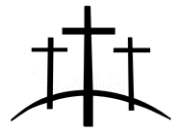


# THE FIRST WORD for ..... January 2, 2022



## First Baptist Church Eden

A Place of Grace to  
Believe, Belong, and Become  
101 Burleson Street (325) 869-3681

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pastor: Marty Akins (806) 215-1932 martyakins@gmail.com

Worship Ministry Leader: Mike Turner edenfbcmusic@frontier.com

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Children's Ministry Leader: Teresa Escue (325) 450-7279 edenfbccsec@frontier.com

**FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community":  
Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become  
fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

**January 3:** Regular church office hours resume

**January 5:** Wednesday night activities resume

**January 9:** Baby Dedication—if interested, contact Marty or Teresa  
5:22 pm MTAC (Ministry Teams and Committees) Rally

**January 16:** 5:22 pm CLC (Church Leadership Council) Meeting

**January 23:** 11:42 am FBCE Business Meeting

**January 30:** 10:45 am 5th Sunday Celebration Service

**January Deacon of the Month is Fred Escue**

Have you begun incorporating the 4 habits to ensure that  
2022 is a year full of LIFE (see last week's sermon! 😊)

### FOR THE RECORD ...

Small Groups.....	31
Worship .....	58
Christmas Eve Service.....	81
Nursing Home .....	19
Online Views.....	55

### DECEMBER

Budget REQUIRED:

**\$18,000.00**

Budget GIVING:

**\$15,819.29**



Sunday Worship is now live streamed on Facebook.  
Previous services are also available to view.  
Facebook group: First Baptist Church, Eden, Texas.



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### 2022#Life!

“...I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

(John 10:10)

As we say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022, I encourage you to pause long enough to reflect on the good and the not-so-good of this year and to pray specifically about what God wants to do through you in 2022. Have you settled on your “One Word” for 2022? Our church will be “hanging around” the word “Life” and I will be focused on “hope,” as I seek to bring that into every relationship and situation...after all, everyone who has received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior has been “born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

### 2021 Financial Report

**Budget:** \$216,000.00

**Tithes:** \$218,062.77

**Expenses:** \$200,752.75

“Each one should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

### FBCE Global Missions Offering Goal for 2021: \$ 6,543.21

(Our goal amount is just over 1/3 of our monthly budget) **Received to Date: \$6,158.00**

All gifts received during this year will be divided according to the Missions Committee plan below (and disbursed 2 or 3 times per year), unless you specify otherwise:

**50% to International Missions** (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

**30% to Texas Missions and World Hunger** (Mary Hill Davis State Missions Offering)

**10% to North American Missions** (Annie Armstrong Easter Offering)

**10% for Local missions and ministry** (Benevolence and Outreach Ministries)

We will be sending our missions offering by January 15th 😊