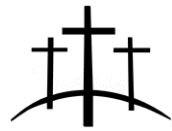


# THE FIRST WORD for ..... December 19, 2021



## First Baptist Church Eden

A Place of Grace to  
Believe, Belong, and Become

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**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.**

**December 19:** John Hall—Aim4India Ministry Update

**December 24:** 5:45 pm Candlelight Service & LORD's Supper

**December 23-30:** Church Office Closed

**December 26:** 3:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry

**January 5:** Wednesday night activities resume

**January 9:** 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

### December Deacon of the Month is Loren Briggs

Contributions must be received in the office or postmarked no later than **December 31st** in order to receive tax credit for the year 2021.

### FOR THE RECORD ...

Small Groups..... 35  
Worship ..... 67  
Online Views..... 82  
Wednesday Night..... 72

### DECEMBER

Budget REQUIRED:

**\$18,000.00**

Budget GIVING:

**\$9,419.29**



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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*Advent is the season of waiting and expectation centered on the coming birth of Jesus Christ. In the aftermath of almost 20 months of hearing fear and hatred and falsehood as well as experiencing loss and pain and heartache, perhaps it is high time that we, the Church, lead our families and neighbors to seek the peace that passes all understanding from the Prince of Peace, who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life and who was born on Christmas Day. During this season of Advent, let's focus on the Only One who can give us life, hope, joy, and peace—Jesus Christ.*

### 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: \$4,778.00**

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)

### Becoming a Member of FBCE

Any person may present herself/himself as a candidate for membership in FBCE. All such candidates shall be presented for membership to FBCE at any regular church service during the time of response in any of the following ways:

- By profession of faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ followed by baptism by immersion according to the policies and practices of FBCE;
- By reaffirmation of faith and the promise of a letter of recommendation from another church of like faith and practice;
- By statement of faith in Jesus Christ and prior baptism by immersion as a symbol of faith, upon recommendation by the Pastor after consultation.

**New members are strongly encouraged to attend  
FBCE Life 101 when it is offered.**