# THE FIRST WORD for .... December 26, 2021



## 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 Youth Ministry Leader: Loren Briggs (325) 656-3234 loren3484@hotmail.com Children's Ministry Leader: Teresa Escue (325) 450-7279 edenfbcsec@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.

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

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

**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

#### **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		<b>DECEMBER</b>
Small Groups	35	Budget REQUIRED:
Worship		\$18,000.00
Online Views	82	Budget GIVING:
		\$13 569 29



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



Follow us on Instagram: fbceden

### 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)

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

Received to Date: \$5,428.00 (Our goal amount is just over 1/3 of our monthly budget)

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 ☺