

THE FIRST WORD for December 11, 2022



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 13:** 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering at FBCE
- December 14:** 5:45 pm CFC Caroling and Youth Christmas Party
- December 15:** Mike (and others?) to minister with Frank Banda
- December 24:** 5:45 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & LORD's Supper
- December 25:** 10:45 am Worship Service only (no small groups)
- December 26-30:** Church Office Closed

December Deacon of the Month is Adam Torres

Contributions must be received in the office or postmarked no later than **December 31st** in order to receive tax credit for the year 2022.

FOR THE RECORD ...

Small Groups.....	47	DECEMBER
Worship	68	Budget REQUIRED:
Online Views.....	31	\$18,750.00
Wednesday Night.....	46	Budget GIVING:
		\$6,928.00



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



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Thank you to everyone who contributed money, time, sewing, contents for boxes, and prayers for Operation Christmas Child! It was a true team effort. Without the money, we could not have purchased the school supplies, t-shirts, and personal care items for each box or even the boxes themselves. Without the money, we could not have covered the postage and Bible study supplies for the kids. Without sewing, we could not have supplied each box with a pair of shorts or a dress. Without the people who sorted the items into the boxes before we packed them, we would have spent a very long day in Fellowship Hall, both sorting *and* packing. Without the people who packed their own boxes, we would have had only 200 boxes, instead of the 212 that we were able to deliver to the collection center in San Angelo. Therefore, thank you to **all of you** who contributed to this worthy project!

All of us have memories of toys we received for Christmas when we were children. Jesus Cantu ministers to families in Mexico whose children won't have those memories without help from those of us who have been abundantly blessed. If you have toys that you would like to give to these children, please bring them to the church by December 14th.



Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge continues as what has been named "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering". Every year, Southern Baptist churches collect an offering to send and support missionaries to be a loving witness to those who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

National Goal: \$190,000,000 FBCE Goal: \$2,422 Received: \$222

"Stepping Up for the Next Generation: A Remodel for those who will Follow Us"



Each of the **33** steps for the Upstairs Remodel will cost **\$939.99**. Will you prayerfully consider how many or what percentage of a step the Lord would have you give from now to March 15, 2023? (our estimated completion date)

Our goal of **\$30,999.99** is just over 50% more than our monthly budget; therefore if we all gave 1 1/2 times our monthly tithe (e.g., if your tithe is **\$500** per month that would equal about **\$750** over the next few weeks we can meet or even surpass our goal.

All we ever ask of our members and regular attenders is "Talk to God then do what He says!" Praying for us all to stay in step with Holy Spirit.

RECEIVED: \$18,248.90
Remaining: \$12,751.09