

THE FIRST WORD for December 25, 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 25: 10:45 am Worship Service only (no small groups)

December 26—30: Church Office Closed

January 4: Wednesday Night Activities Resume

January 8: 5:23 pm MTAC (Ministry Teams and Committees) Meeting

2023 #FAITH @ FBCE

What's your "one word" for 2023? What are you believing God for in the coming year?

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

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
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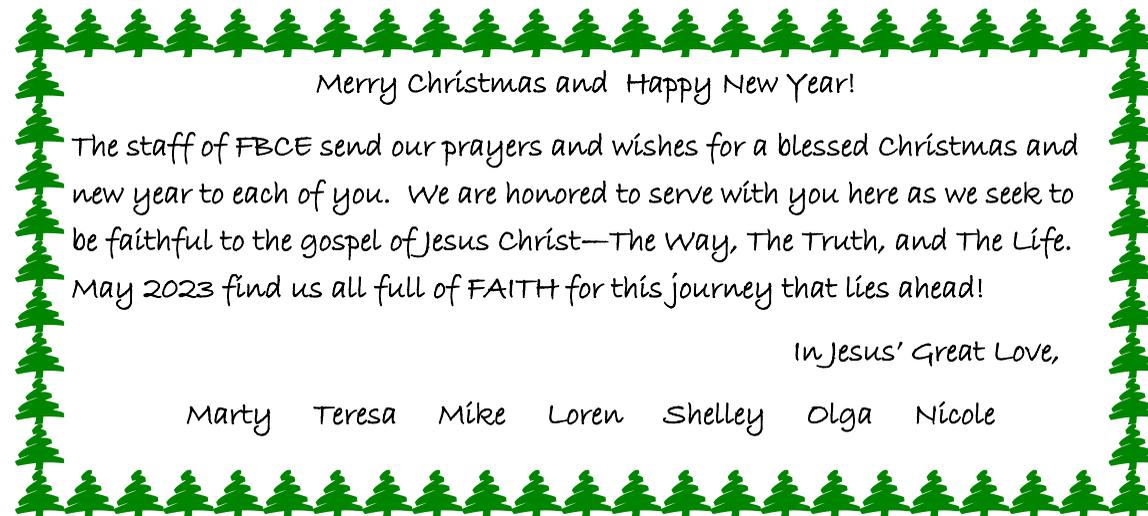
DECEMBER
Budget REQUIRED:
\$18,750.00
Budget GIVING:
\$28,378.00



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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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The staff of FBCE send our prayers and wishes for a blessed Christmas and new year to each of you. We are honored to serve with you here as we seek to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ—The Way, The Truth, and The Life. May 2023 find us all full of FAITH for this journey that lies ahead!

In Jesus' Great Love,

Marty Teresa Mike Loren Shelley Olga Nicole

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: \$922

"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: \$18,493.90
Remaining: \$12,506.09