

OWNERS MEETINGS

Sunday, January 5:

Brazil Circle – 1:00 p.m.; FBC Building S; potluck lunch; children welcome; contact Luci Sadlowski at 219.743.4360.

Monday, January 6:

Spanish-Speaking Missionaries Circle – 8:30 a.m.; 7217 Ohio Avenue, Hammond; refreshments provided; children welcome; contact Vicky Perez at 219.880.6003.

India Circle – 9:00 a.m.; HB Grade School Lunchroom; potluck breakfast; childcare available; contact Danielle Palmer at 219.588.0837.

Tuesday, January 7:

South Pacific Circle – 10:00 a.m.; FBC Building C; potluck breakfast; children welcome; contact Cynthia Harley at 219.932.4129.

Wednesday, January 8:

America Circle – 1:30 p.m.; HAC DeCoster Dining Hall (second floor); refreshments provided; no childcare; contact Sandy Turner at 812.292.6461.

Thursday, January 9:

Southern Mexico Circle – 9:30 a.m.; FBC Building A Fellowship Hall; refreshments provided; childcare available; contact Rocio Fernandez at 219.508.2444.

Caribbean Circle – 10:00 a.m.; FBC Building C; potluck finger-food; no childcare; contact Judy Nelson at 219.484.9002.

Asia Circle – 6:30 p.m.; HAC Office of the President; potluck finger-food; no childcare; contact Amber Bosje at 219.718.6104.

Southern South America Circle – 6:00 p.m.; FBC Building A Fellowship Hall; refreshments provided; no childcare; contact Mary Jane Pifer at 540.746.2238.

Saturday, January 11:

Northern South America Circle – 11:30 a.m.; HB Grade School Teachers' Lounge; light lunch provided; no childcare; contact Christy Hubbard at 219.669.0726.

LOVE *lives here*

FBC MARRIAGE RETREAT
FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2025
\$340 PER COUPLE

All FBC married couples are invited to attend our annual Marriage Retreat – Love Lives Here – at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, Illinois, on Friday and Saturday, February 14 & 15, 2025. The cost is \$340 per couple, which includes the conference, a one-night stay in a traditional king room, a plated dinner on Friday, and a breakfast buffet on Saturday. Register online at fbchammond.com/mr by Sunday, January 26, 2025.

OFFERING TOTALS

Week of 12.22.24

Wednesday Offering	\$598.00
Church Offering	\$84,683.85
Faith Promise	\$32,497.23
FBC Trust Fund	\$1,852.96
Nehemiah Project	\$501.94

OFFERING TOTALS

Week of 12.29.24

Wednesday Offering	\$315.60
Church Offering	\$101,509.67
Faith Promise	\$38,925.09
FBC Trust Fund	\$3,542.35
Nehemiah Project	\$1,044.00

TO FURTHER THE GOSPEL

JANUARY 5, 2025

INCREASE OUR
Faith

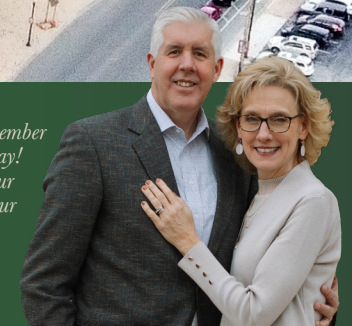
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Welcome to First Baptist Church! Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we are thrilled to have you in church today! We would love to meet you in the West Overflow Room for our Visitors' Reception after the Sunday morning service. May your time with us be a blessing to you and your family!

Pastor John Wilkerson



2025 THEME SONG

Increase our faith, oh Lord, we pray;
For You alone can give the faith
We need for each new day,
The faith by which we live.

**Increase our faith, as we read Your Word each day.
Increase our faith, as we trust You and obey,
May Your power be displayed. Increase our faith.**

Increase our faith to reach the lost
And boldly share God's Word,
To proclaim the news that Jesus saves
'Til ev'ry one has heard.



New Members' Class

If you are interested in learning about how to become a member here at First Baptist Church, the next classes will be held today at 9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Pastor's Conference Room in the northeast corner of the second floor of the Main Auditorium Building.

DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM GRADUATION

Congratulations to those who recently completed Level 1, 2, or 3 of the *Foundations of My Faith* Discipleship Program! Each person will receive a Certificate of Completion today after either service. A new cycle, beginning with Lesson 1 of Level 1, will start next Sunday!



SPRING SEMESTER AT HYLES-ANDERSON COLLEGE

Opening Day for the 2025 Spring Semester at Hyles-Anderson College will be January 7, at 8:00 a.m. Returning students should complete registration online at students.hylesanderson.edu. New or returning students may go to the main entrance of the college this Tuesday by 10:00 a.m. to complete registration. If you have questions, please contact the Academic Office at 219.365.4031, Ext. 3810.



BABY DEDICATION

Our Winter Baby Dedication will be held on Sunday, January 26, during the morning service in the Main Auditorium. Any baby who has not yet participated in a Baby Dedication and will be one year old or younger by January 26 is eligible for this event; only those children registered by January 19 will be permitted to participate. Register your child for this event by getting a form from your child's nursery, filling it out completely, and returning it to the nursery or dropping it in the mail slot east of the Grand Lobby by Sunday night, January 19.



2025 MISSIONS CONFERENCE



Scan this QR code to view the Featured Missionaries and for information on the International Dinners!

Our Missions Conference – *Increase Our Faith* – will be held Sunday through Wednesday, January 19–22, 2025.

Tickets for the International Dinners on Monday through Wednesday evening of the conference will be available for purchase beginning this Wednesday at the West Courtesy Counter.

The church family is encouraged to donate items for the special gift bags being prepared for the 17 featured missionaries.

You may bring these items to the Grand Lobby counter after any public service by this Wednesday, January 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

There are two arrangements of flowers at the Welcome Center today, and they are in loving memory of:

- Jorge Luis Perez, who went to Heaven January 6, 2020. The flowers are given by his wife Betzaida and his daughters, Yesenia Vidal and Zaida Torres.
- Amanda Vignere, who went to Heaven January 8, 2009. The flowers are given by her family.

2025 BIBLE-READING SCHEDULE AND MINISTRY CALENDAR

The 2025 Bible-Reading Schedule and the 2025 Ministry Calendar are available today at the Welcome Center and at all of the courtesy counters.

2025 TITHE ENVELOPES

If you are a member of our church and didn't pick up your 2025 offering envelopes but would like them, please go to the Database Counter near the Oakley Avenue doors today from 9:45-10:50 a.m. or after the morning service.

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER MEETINGS

The FBC family is welcome to attend prayer meetings in the East Overflow Room of the Main Auditorium Building 30 minutes before every Sunday evening and Wednesday evening service.

DEACONS' MEETING

There will be a deacons' meeting this Saturday, January 11, at 8:00 a.m. in the second-floor chapel of the Administrative Office Building.

"A" TEEN SOUL-WINNING TRAINING

All FBC "A" teens are invited to continue their annual soul-winning training this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Hammond Baptist Junior High Chapel through Saturday, February 15. Mothers of these teens are invited to attend the Ladies' Soul-Winning Group with Mrs. Wilkerson during this time; they meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Hammond Baptist High School Teachers' Lounge.

"A" SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' AND JUNIOR CHURCH WORKERS' MEETING

There will be a brief, but very important, meeting with Bro. Adam Nelson for all "A" Sunday school teachers and Junior Church workers following the evening service next Sunday, January 12, in the front center pews of the Main Auditorium.

NEW CYCLE OF A THREE-WEEK GIRLS' SINGING GROUP

All FBC "A" girls in Grades 3-12 are encouraged to join the new cycle of a three-week singing group; this group will practice for three weeks and then sing in church on the fourth week. **The first practice of the new cycle will be today at 5:10 p.m. in the Third-Floor Fellowship Hall;** practices will also be held on January 12 and 19. This group will sing on Sunday, January 26, during the evening service; it is important to attend all three practices in order to be able to sing in church.

CHICAGOLAND TEENS' WINTER RALLY

Our Chicagoland teens in Grades 6-12 will hold their Winter Rally next Sunday, January 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the gym at City Baptist School. Evangelist Calvin Allen will be the guest speaker, and there will be an exciting basketball game between the Northside and the Southside bus captains.

REMEMBER THESE IN PRAYER

FUNERALS

Please pray for Gil Henning and family in the loss of his wife, Laura Henning, who passed away Saturday, December 21. A memorial service was held Monday, December 30, in Hammond.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all of our church families and college students as they travel to return from the Christmas break.