

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

## BUDGET REPORT FOR December 1-29

December 1-29 RECEIPTS .....\$25,434.06  
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$24,607.47  
RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 826.59

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

DECEMBER 1-29 Receipts.....\$25,434.06  
DECEMBER 1-29 Expenses.....\$15,801.01  
DECEMBER 1-29 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 9,633.05

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2013

NOVEMBER 1-30 RECEIPTS.....\$23,255.00  
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED.....\$24,607.47  
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 1,352.47

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

November 1-30 Receipts.....\$23,255.00  
November 1-30 Expenses.....\$19,078.66  
November 1-30 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 4,176.34

### \*USHERS FOR JANUARY\*

Ralph Pannell, Arthur Yawn, David Burquest  
Alt.: Dennis Prichard

### \*JANUARY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\*

5—Terry Wood      12—Mark Burquest  
19—Curtis Dalton    26—Chuck Hughey

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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE DECEMBER

BIBLE STUDY— 85  
MORNING WORSHIP— 114

If you are not plugged in with a Bible Study Group you are missing a blessing. Bible Study begins at 9:15 am  
Join Us! We have classes for all ages!



**Men of Faith Bible Study**  
**Monday, December 9**  
**6:30 PM**

All men are invited to attend!



**Keenagers**  
**Monday, January 13**  
**Noon—Covered Dish**

All Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a dish and join us for wonderful food, fellowship and entertainment.



**LOTTIE MOON**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**OFFERING**  
**GOAL: \$4,600**  
**RECEIVED: \$3,642**

Our IMB Missionaries are thankful for your support!



### WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **January 16**. Ladies, please join us as we look at and plan for the mission opportunities before us.

### Quarterly Family Meeting Wednesday, January 15 @ 6 pm

Quarterly Meeting is where we share the happenings of the church. If you are interested in knowing what is going on at First Baptist, join us.



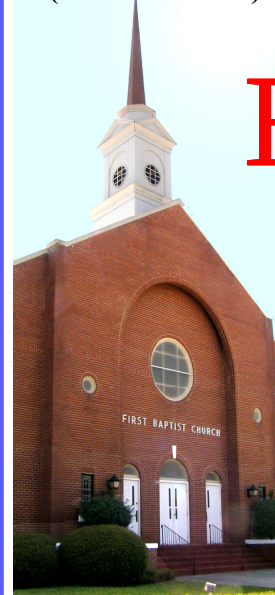
In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—the church office will be closed on Monday, January 20th. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 21st.

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# FIRST EXPRESSIONS

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1135 WATSON BOULEVARD**  
**WARNER ROBINS, GA 31093-3461**  
**(478) 922-8152...922-8148**  
**Our website: fbcwr.org**

*“In the heart of the city...Seeking the heart of God”*

**Our Ministerial Staff**

**Chad Wood**  
**Nick Prieto**

**Pastor**  
**Worship & Youth Pastor**

### From the Pastor

It's the start of a brand new year! And with a new year, new goals and new hopes come of what 2014 may bring. I'm reminded that it is a good time to set goals.

Whether it be personal goals, family goals, or church goals, it is good to have goals. However, we are not ruled by goals as a measure of success apart from grace. As I reflect on some of the goals I had for 2013, I reached some of my goals and some I did not. In fact, there were more I didn't reach than those did. I didn't lose the weight I'd hoped, I didn't read as many books as I wanted, and I didn't work out as much as I set out to. But even though I may not have reached many of my goals, I did still progress. I did still read 29 books. I did still work out some. I did still implement many of the disciplines it takes to reach goals. And I did still reach *many* of my goals overall. And while I could beat myself up for not reaching many of my goals, or even throw my hands up and say “forget it” because I fall short sometimes, I still choose to take this time and set new goals for 2014. A new goal for how many books to read. A new goal for weight loss and working out. A new goal for this or that. And while I may or may not reach these, I still have the goal for the accountability of the self-discipline that gets implemented in my life.

What goals is God calling you to strive for next year? What goals is God calling FBC as a church to for the next year? What if we, as a church, believe God can really do amazing things that surpass any goal we could conceive? How might God use FBC in new and deeper levels of ministry in 2014 to impact the world more than we have ever seen as a church? Our God can do great things through us. But He calls us to have faith and believe in Him along the journey.

As I reflect on 2013, I'm amazed at what God has done. Did you know that FBC average attendance grew an average to 115 in 2013 from 101 in 2012 (which included 70th year anniversary in the average by the way)? Did you know that 28 people joined the church in 2013! God is working here! In 2013, we grew substantially in ministry and volunteers. A full band was developed. We had growth in Choir. We've tripled the number of A/V Volunteers and more technological capabilities. The Youth Ministry greatly grew in number and increased in volunteers. Connect was created, a more established weekly small group among youth at church that focuses on Bible Study, Worship, Accountability and service. In 2013, Children's/Preschool ministry has continued to grow and has a clearer and more intentional vision to how are kids are reached for Christ. Also, a new Wednesday night program is now established, “Raising Rockstars.” New office Spaces were developed that look Fantastic. Our service times were moved to 10:30 and have allowed for more Christ exalting elements to our services. We are seeing much more response, excitement, celebration, and life among the people. A great new website was developed (www.fbcwr.org). Men's ministry has exploded with activity and attendance. WMU goals such as Operation Christmas Child were surpassed. Outreach did great things like inviting neighborhoods to men's ministry and serving people during the Christmas Parade. Family Promise Ministry was hosted twice. The list goes on and on. Overall, our standard of excellence in every area of ministry has grown.

God is Good. May we Praise Him for what He has done this past year but pray for even greater things in 2014!!!! Just what might He do when His people have faith in Him doing great things? May we humble ourselves before him and pray diligently that His Glory may be mightily known through His ministry at FBCWR. Love you Church!

Pastor Chad

Pastor's Recommended Reading: I am a Church Member by Thom Rainer

# JANUARY 2013

**Sundays**  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Morning Worship  
 6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

**Wednesdays**  
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

\*Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed <i>*Bill Dippel</i>	2	3	4 Outdoor Experience Men's Dinner 5:30 pm <i>*Cindy &amp; Wendy Hudson *Nick Prieto</i>
5 Family Promise Host	6 Family Promise Host <i>*Janice Browning</i>	7 Family Promise Host	8 Family Promise Host	9 Family Promise Host	10 Family Promise Host	11 Family Promise Host
12 Church Council 3:30 pm Stewardship—5 pm Celebration/Memorial Service—6 pm	13 Keenagers Noon Men of Faith Bible Study 6:30 pm	14 <i>*Grace Dalton</i>	15 Quarterly Meeting 6 pm <i>*Charles Hickman</i>	16 WMU—10 am <i>*Shirley Trammell</i>	17	18
19 <i>*Jane Gordon</i>	20 <i>*Grace Moore</i>	21	22	23 Truth Be Told Paint Party 4pm—7 pm <b>Nick to Conclave—Youth Conference—Chattanooga, TN</b>	24	25 <i>*Anna Elizabeth Resta</i>
26 Guest Speaker: Larry Wynn During morning service	27 <i>*Gail Wood</i>	28	29	30	31	
<b>CONNECT YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET EACH SUNDAY EVENING AT 6 P.M.</b>						

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

As we roll into 2014, it is hard to believe that I have been at First Baptist for a year. This year absolutely flew by! I am very grateful God specifically led me to First Baptist and more importantly put some specific things on my heart for this body of believers and those we have yet to reach. God has done and is doing great things in our lives, and as I reflect on this past year and look forward to the future, I am reminded of what God has put on my heart to do.

In the area of Worship Ministry, God has simply put the word *Exalt* on my heart. The purpose of what we do through music, singing, and media is simply to lead you in exalting God, the Father. People will always disagree on preferences, but that is not our priority. Our priority in our gatherings is to join together to *Exalt* God!

For our Student Ministry, it is incredibly clear that we are to develop our students to be complete or mature in Christ according to Colossians 1:28. How? We are seeking to be very intentional in discipling through small group contexts and personal discipleship. It is essential for our adult leaders to model or imitate Christ and to teach our students and future students to do the same through living life together. Also, we are praying for God to give us inroads into some very specific schools to start to build partnerships for the gospel to reach **numerous** students that do not know Jesus.

I'm stoked!! Be a part of what God is doing through your support/service, praying, and fasting!

Nick



**For Students  
 January 3-4  
 Macon Coliseum  
 Tickets: \$60/  
 person/**

Great Speakers, Worship, and Growth!!

**STUDENT  
 ICE SKATING  
 JANUARY 18  
 11 A.M.**



**SEE NICK FOR MORE DETAILS**

## Family Promise Host Week— January 5—12

We have the opportunity to minister to the Family Promise families once again. Please pray for these families. If you are a volunteer, please make plans to be here for whatever responsibility you have signed up for. If you would like to volunteer and have not, please contact Beth McConnell. We are thankful for your service and support.

## Memorial Service

**Sunday, January 12 @ 6 pm**

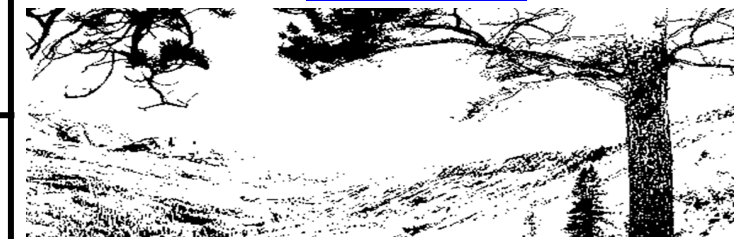
We will recognize and light candles for those who passed away in 2013. We invite families of these loved ones to join us.

**Awesome time for men of Houston County to have fellowship together—Invite A Friend!  
 Let's Make this BIG!**

## ...Outdoor Experiences...

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Ministry Dinner Fellowship**  
 When: 4 January 2014  
 Time: 5:30 PM  
 Where: First Baptist Church Warner Robins  
 1135 Watson Blvd (Fellowship Hall)  
 Menu: Italian meal  
 Cost: \$10.00 per person  
 Guest Speaker: Brian Anderson  
 Door prizes include: Golf packages, outdoor/camping gear, gift certificates and more.

*Your opportunity to share your favorite outdoor experience*  
 For tickets pls Contact Jeff Sweatt (478) 955-3105 or email [mensministry@fbcwr.org](mailto:mensministry@fbcwr.org)



**We are blessed to have Larry Wynn speak to us on Sunday, January 26th @ 10:30 a.m.**

Wynn is vice president of revitalization for the Georgia Baptist Convention. He has spent all of his ministry years in Georgia, having pastored Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga., for 32 years before taking a position at NAMB in early 2011. During that time, Wynn served in a number of leadership roles in Georgia Baptist life and in the broader Southern Baptist Convention. He is a past first vice president of the SBC and has twice served as president of the Georgia convention. More recently, he chaired a task force that studied the Georgia convention's structural alignment and helped fashion its new "Five Smooth Stones" vision. The GBC's "Five Smooth Stones" realignment is focused on Spiritual Awakening, Evangelism, Church Planting, stewardship and church revitalization.