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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PURVIS

NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

HEY CHURCH FAMILY!

AS WE WRAP UP 2025 I AM OVERWHELMED BY THE BLESSINGS, GOODNESS, GRACE, AND MIRACLES OF GOD THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY AS A CHURCH. FROM THE SALVATIONS TO THE BAPTISMS TO THE NEW CHURCH MEMBERS TO THE MOVEMENT OF GOD IN OUR MIDST – GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US!!

AS WE MOVE INTO 2026, I CHALLENGE EACH OF YOU TO CONTINUE TO PRAY FERVENTLY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF GOD, THE BREATH OF HEAVEN, THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER, AND THE GUIDANCE OF JEHOVAH TO BE EVIDENT IN OUR LIVES, IN OUR FAMILIES, IN OUR CHURCH, IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND IN OUR WORLD.

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO FBC PURVIS!!
PRAISE GOD FOR AN INCREDIBLE 2025!!

LOVE YA'LL!

BRO. BLAKE ANDERSON



A Memorable Candlelight Christmas & Communion

This year's Candlelight Christmas and Communion service was truly one to remember. From beginning to end, it was a beautiful and meaningful time of worship that reminded us why we celebrate the season.

The evening was filled with wonderful music that prepared our hearts and pointed us to the hope found in Christ. One of the most special moments was hearing our children share the story of Jesus' birth, reminding us all of the simple yet powerful truth of Emmanuel—God with us.

As we gathered around the Lord's Table, communion provided a sacred moment of reflection and gratitude for Christ's sacrifice. The service concluded with a moving tradition as we lit candles and sang beloved Christmas carols together, filling the sanctuary with light, voices, and a sense of unity.

It was a beautiful picture of our church family worshiping together and celebrating the birth of our Savior. We are so thankful for everyone who helped make this service possible and for all who joined us to make this Candlelight Christmas and Communion such a meaningful and memorable night.

Looking Ahead to an Exciting New Year!

As we step into a brand-new year, I'm excited to share that some great things are coming to FBC Purvis! We've been working behind the scenes to make communication, connection, and participation easier and more engaging for everyone—and the new year is the perfect time to roll out these updates.

First up, we have exciting improvements coming to our livestream. These changes will allow us to offer more features and a smoother experience for those joining us online—whether they're watching from home, traveling, or tuning in for the first time.

We're also introducing a new slide program for both the sanctuary and the Welcome Center. This will give us cleaner visuals, clearer messaging, and more flexibility to highlight what's happening in the life of our church.

You'll also notice us leaning more into our church app and digital tools. We're working toward digital sign-ups for events and ministries, along with digital attendance for Sunday School. This helps us stay organized, save paper, and—most importantly—stay connected.

And don't worry—you're not on your own with any of this. If you ever have questions about the app, need help downloading it, or want to learn how to scan a QR code, I'd love to help. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime!


I truly believe the year ahead holds incredible opportunities for our church, and I'm thankful to be part of a congregation that's willing to grow, adapt, and reach people in new ways. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in this new year!

Andrew



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STAFF CORNER

FROM THE SENIOR ADULT COORDINATOR

Someone has said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." In this new year let's all make the decision to "stay young" regardless of our age, by continuing to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ! (2nd Peter 3:18) – Bro. Sean

Sr. Adult Ministry in January and beyond:

- Sr. Adult Game Night 1/20, 6pm
- Sr. Adult Luncheon, 1/22, 12 noon (great food, great music, great speaker!)
- Sr. Adult Day Trip, 2/5, WWII Museum, New Orleans. Cost: \$50. Sign up on the website, the FBC app or QR code here
- Sr. Adult Big Trip! The Ark Encounter/Creation Museum and much more, 4/27 – 5/2. Details coming soon!



YOUTH NEWS

Hey Church! I don't know about you, but I feel like this month has passed by faster than a Japanese Bullet Train! All the church functions, fellowships, parades, family gatherings, and let's not leave out having to deal with this wonderful "crud" we've all been carting around the last several weeks! I won't speak for you, but as for me and my house.... we are ready for a little slowdown. We know that won't happen and we are here for it!

Here are some details and upcoming events for that not so slow start of the new year

- Jan 1st – 10th - El Salvador mission trip
- Jan 1st – 3rd - Passion Worship Conference in Fort Worth, TX
- Jan 18th - Church wide chili cookoff. Please sign up soon!
- Jan 23rd - 25th - DNow – It's free, register now on the app or website!!
- Jan 29th - 31st - Conclave Youth Pastor Conference in Chattanooga, TN

Please pray for our missions team and students! Love ya,

-Bro. Joshua

EDUCATION

TEACHING MATTERS

Saturday February 21st, 9AM FLC



A day of encouraging, enriching, and equipping the Sunday School teachers/leaders of FBC Purvis. If you are one of our amazing Sunday School teachers, this day is for you! There will, of course, be food provided (breakfast, and lunch), tons of door prizes, and probably some laughs. But the real value of this day is to empower, encourage, and equip our teachers as we move into the new year to accomplish more for God through the Sunday School ministry of our great church. Sign up on the website, the FBC app, or the QR code above.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

December blew in and flew out, but left us with amazing memories created with all our activities!!

Our RAs and GAs were such great help with our Christmas float and all the goodies we threw out. We may have had a slow misty sprinkle during the parade, but nothing but giggles and smiles were heard and seen while our goodies were thrown through the air and mostly landed where it was intended to land.

Our Children's Choir's live Nativity scene created the perfect atmosphere as they sang about the most beautiful birth of our Lord and Savior. They worked so hard and we are grateful for all the teachers that helped them be so amazing.

We can't wait to see what beautiful blessings we'll see in January!!

We're so excited to serve and shower our teachers with our appreciation for all they do for our children at the Teacher's luncheon in January!!

Please continue to be in prayer for our Children's Department as our teachers pour Christ into our children. May they hear the Word, fall in love with the Word, and become the Word so they can lead others to the Word.

Much Love in Christ,
Mrs. Brittany

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 18TH @ 11:30AM
CHILI AND SOUP COOK OFF FUNDRAISER

JANUARY 22ND @ 12PM
SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

JANUARY 23RD-26TH
LAMAR BAPTIST DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND

JANUARY 25TH @ 2:30PM
THE BIG SING
FT. BENJIE HARLAN MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 1ST @ 5-7PM
ERWINS IN CONCERT

FEBRUARY 5TH
SENIOR ADULT TRIP
WWII MUSEUM

FEBRUARY 21ST @ 9AM
TEACHING MATTERS

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

KENDRICK MINISTRIES

Dear Friends at FBC Purvis,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for the faithful and generous support you have shown once again this year. Because of your partnership, we are able to continue the work of winning souls, training pastors, and helping plant new churches throughout El Salvador. Your prayers, encouragement, and giving truly make an eternal impact.

The ministry continues to grow in exciting ways, and we are deeply thankful for what the Lord is doing. As we reflect on this season, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and the privilege it is to serve Him alongside churches like FBC Purvis that share a passion for the Great Commission.

This year marks our 41st year in ministry, and we can honestly say we are happier, more excited, and more convinced than ever that this is exactly where God has called us to be. We remain humbled and grateful to walk this journey with partners who love the Lord and have a heart for reaching the nations.

Thank you for standing with us and for helping us do what the Lord has called us to do. Your faithfulness is making a difference—both now and for eternity.

With Sincere Appreciation and Love in Christ,
Bob and Angelique



NEW MEMBERS



Eric and Anna Williamson



Brady Cerniglia



Katlyn Evans



Breezi Lee



Briley Morgan



Zach, Savannah, Easton, and Emma Courtney