

December 2025

THE GOOD NEWS

First Baptist Church Fair Oaks Ranch Newsletter

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS: AN INTENTIONAL CELEBRATION

Christmas is far more than a season of decorations, gifts, and cherished traditions. At its heart, Christmas celebrates the astonishing truth that God entered our world in the person of Jesus Christ. The eternal Son of God took on human flesh, was born in humility, and came to dwell among us—not to be served, but to serve, and ultimately to save. Christmas reminds us that God keeps His promises and draws near to His people in love, grace, and mercy.

Yet it is easy for the meaning of Christmas to be overshadowed by busyness and cultural expectations. Intentional observance calls us to slow down and refocus our hearts on Christ. This may look like reading the Christmas story from Scripture, spending time in prayer and worship, or choosing simplicity over excess. When we center our celebrations on Christ, our traditions become acts of worship rather than distractions.

Being intentional also shapes how we love others during the season. Because Christ came to bring light into a dark world, we are called to reflect that light through generosity, hospitality, forgiveness, and compassion. Christmas invites us not only to remember Christ's birth, but to respond with lives marked by gratitude and obedience.

When we intentionally observe Christmas with Christ at the center, the season becomes more than a moment on the calendar—it becomes a reminder of God's nearness, His redeeming love, and the hope we carry into every day of the year.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROWTH GROUPS & WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Spring Growth Groups begin on January 7th. Adult group meets at 10 AM, adult, youth, and children's groups meet at 6:30 PM.

PERSEVERANCE SISTERS - NEW MINISTRY

Organically created by a handful of women who found each other. This ministry's focus is to walk alongside women—and men—who are caring for a loved one living with dementia. This ministry offers encouragement, prayer, support, and community for those carrying the unique challenges of caregiving, reminding you that you are not alone on this journey. See James 1:2-4. Jo Anne Dispanet is leading this new ministry.

Perseverance Sisters is planning a meeting for mid-January. More info coming soon.

NEW CHURCH WIDE BIBLE STUDY

In the New Year we will begin an in-depth study of the Book of Romans. The church will provide 25 books; one per participating family. We are requesting a \$20 donation to help offset the cost of the books. 20 of the 25 books have been reserved (as of 12/19). To purchase your own through Amazon [click here](#).

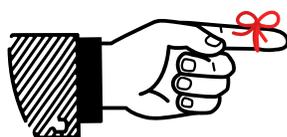


SBTC EQUIP CONFERENCE

Some FBCFOR staff will be attending the SBTC Equip Conference on Saturday, January 31st at Park Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio. Ministries covered: Student, Children's, Security, Missions, Finance, Apologetics and MANY more! If you would like to attend along with staff, please see [Jennifer Gentry](#), or for more info visit the [SBTC site here](#).



WE MEET EVERY SUNDAY BOTH ON
CAMPUS AND ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK
THE LOST & FOUND!**

MINISTRY UPDATES

WOMENS MINISTRY

SECOND SUNDAY SISTERS - The ladies will now be meeting the second Sunday* of each month after service for lunch, a short Bible study and fellowship. Please see Kristy Hightower or Holly Kallemyn about this event. First 2nd SS is January 11th.

COMMUNITY LIFE

FIFTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP - Whenever a month gifts us with an extra Friday, we'll gather together for a relaxed evening of community, conversation, and fun. It's the perfect chance to build friendships, enjoy a delightful dinner, and celebrate the joy of doing life together. Mark your calendars for every month with a FIFTH FRIDAY! First 5th FF is January 30th.

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
FAIR OAKS RANCH
DAY SCHOOL

WE NEED TEACHERS

Must love Jesus, love kids, and want to make a difference!

- Full Time and Part Time Positions available
- Flexible Schedule
- Competitive Salary
- Discounted Child Care
- Friendly atmosphere

APPLY NOW

SEND YOUR RESUME TO MIRANDA@FBCFAIROAKS.ORG or fill out our short online [application](#) to get started.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Christmas Eve, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a special time of praise and worship celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will not have a live stream available for this service. Only the nursery will be available for childcare.

Invite your friends and family!



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WOMEN'S 2025

CHRISTMAS

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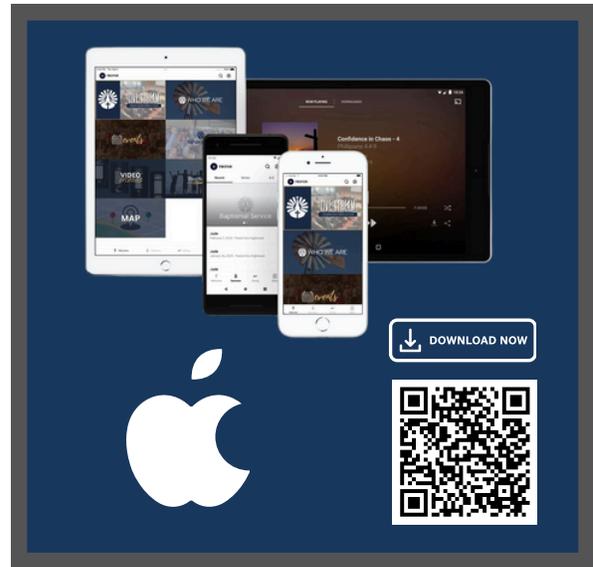
REMINDERS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS @ 9:00 AM
Childcare is available beginning at 8:45 AM

Adult morning Bible Study
9:00 a.m.

 Worship service
10:00 a.m.

Ages 11 & up are welcome
for a time of
family-integrated study



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TITHING - Boxes by the exits in the sanctuary are provided for your offerings. Thank you for your faithfulness as you give unto the Lord. Online Giving is available [HERE](#).

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DID YOU KNOW?

- You can email/text a staff member at any time to send a church-wide email for prayers needed.
- Sign up for our current volunteer needs or fellowship events are located in the church foyer.
- Our Sunday Live Stream can be viewed via:
 - The link sent out by email
 - The front page of our website; fbcfair Oaks.org
 - Our YouTube channel
 - Our Facebook page



HAVE YOU GOTTEN OUT YOUR BIBLE TODAY?

Scripture Focus

the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

Christmas Focus

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 21:16-20

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