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## Jesus Has Come!

Presented by First Praise and Kids' Praise Choirs

Date: Sunday, December 7

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: MAC Fellowship Hall

Details: Our Preschool and Children's Choirs present their Christmas program.

Contact: Tamara Palmer, 972-276-7194 ext.241 or [tamarap@fbcgarland.org](mailto:tamarap@fbcgarland.org)



## Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering



Sunday, November 30—Sunday, December 7, daily mission

stories are located on our website at [fbcgarland.org/missions](http://fbcgarland.org/missions),

and each has a specific emphasis about International Missions and the work being done through the International Mission Board. If you would like to make

an offering, please designate on your envelope or online for *Lottie Moon* at

[fbcgarland.org/giving](http://fbcgarland.org/giving). 100% of the offering goes to support missionaries. Read more about the IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at [imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/](http://imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/)

For questions, please contact Teresa Brown, 972-276-7194, x288, or [teresab@fbcgarland.org](mailto:teresab@fbcgarland.org).

## Wonderful News!

Worship Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choirs and

*Living Sacrifice* Ensemble

Date: Sunday, December 14

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church  
1233 Highway 66 Garland, TX 75040

Details: Join us for an evening of Christmas worship!

There is no childcare available for this event, and we are unable to offer it by livestream.

Contact: Tamara Palmer, 972-276-7194, x241, or [tamarap@fbcgarland.org](mailto:tamarap@fbcgarland.org)



## Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24, at 5 p.m.

Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

1233 TX-66, Garland, 75040

Join us as we sing and celebrate the newborn King!

*No childcare or livestream available*

### Holiday Schedule

**Church Office**

Open Wednesday, December 24

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Closed Thursday, December 25–

Friday, January 2

**McDonald Activity Center**

Open Wednesday, December 24

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Closed Thursday, December 25–

Saturday, December 27

## Women's Christmas Breakfast & Program Shop at our Vendor Alley

**Date:** Thursday, December 11  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
(Vendor Alley open until 1:00 p.m.)



**Location:** McDonald Activity Center  
**Cost:** \$15

**Details:** Enjoy Christmas breakfast and experience a special *Prepare Him Room* virtual event with Kelly Minter as we learn how to make space to seek Jesus amid the holiday rush. Shop our Vendor Alley for handmade jewelry, ornaments, baked goods, embroidery, and more.

**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/womens-ministry](https://fbcgarland.org/womens-ministry) Register between November 16–December 4. Childcare is available for children ages newborn–5 years.

**Contact:** Sarah Wyatt, 469-429-2576, or [sarahw@fbcgarland.org](mailto:sarahw@fbcgarland.org).

## Pacesetters Luncheon

**Date:** Monday, December 15  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. (12:15 p.m. online)

**Location:** MAC Fellowship Hall

**Details:** We welcome Mike & Alecia Echols back to our stage. His fiddle playing and her beautiful voice will provide the perfect festive atmosphere we all need. Chef Greg will provide lunch, and you are welcome to bring a dessert to share. If you can't join us in person, we invite you to watch online by visiting: [fbcgarland.org/watch-live](https://fbcgarland.org/watch-live)



**Contact:** Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or [terric@fbcgarland.org](mailto:terric@fbcgarland.org)

## Year-End Giving

As we come to the end of 2025, we appreciate the fact that many of you consider year-end gifts to the ministries of FBC Garland. It is our policy, consistent with IRS regulations, that all gifts must be either received or postmarked by December 31 to receive credit in 2025. All year-end gifts not given in the regular offering by Sunday, December 28, need to be mailed to the church at 801 W Ave D, Garland, TX 75040 and post-marked on or before December 31. Any gifts given through our online giving page should be completed on or before December 31 for 2025 credit.

## Memory Support Group

**Date:** Monday, December 15

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** MAC 283

**Details:** Join us for a special support and education group to assist those who care for individuals affected by memory loss. We will discuss "Tips for Caring for a Loved One With Dementia During the Holidays."

**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/help-care](https://fbcgarland.org/help-care)

**Contact:** Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or [terric@fbcgarland.org](mailto:terric@fbcgarland.org)

## Christmas PJs Pancake Picnic For Children and Families

**Date:** Wednesday, December 17

**Time:** 6:15 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

**Location:** MAC 285

**Details:** Children and families, join us for pancakes, a Christmas craft, and the Nativity story!



**Register:** [fbcgarland.org/children](https://fbcgarland.org/children)

**Contact:** Sarah Wyatt, 469-429-2576, or [sarahw@fbcgarland.org](mailto:sarahw@fbcgarland.org)

## DiscipleNow Weekend

For Students in Grades 6–12

**Date:** January 16–18, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. on Friday–12:30 p.m. on Sunday

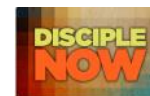
**Location:** First Baptist Garland & Host Homes

**Cost:** \$85 (Registration deadline is December 7)

**Register:** Visit [fbcgarland.org/students](https://fbcgarland.org/students)

**Details:** Join us for an amazing DNow weekend filled with worship, Bible study, guest Bible study leaders, awesome host families, service projects, and hanging out with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Contact:** Alyson Davidson, 972-276-7194, x284, or [alysond@fbcgarland.org](mailto:alysond@fbcgarland.org)



## Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

**Date:** Saturday, January 10

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

**Location:** MAC 283

**Details:** Join us as we pray and fellowship over a light breakfast. Visit [fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry](https://fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry) to register for the event.

**Contact:** Cathy Gharis, 972-276-7194, x236, or [cathyg@fbcgarland.org](mailto:cathyg@fbcgarland.org)



Upcoming Events: [fbcgarland.org/events](https://fbcgarland.org/events)



## Christmas Bag Delivery for Home Ministry

**Date:** Sunday, December 7  
**Time:** Before and After Worship Services  
**Location:** Preschool Lobby by the elevator and MAC Lobby by main entrance  
**Details:** Volunteers are needed to deliver gift bags to our members who are homebound, hospitalized, or in rehab. You can show your love by choosing a gift bag and delivering it any time before Christmas.  
**Contact:** Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or [terric@fbcgarland.org](mailto:terric@fbcgarland.org)



## New Members

### New Members

**11/2/25**

### Sunday School

Paula Garrett

### New Members

**11/9/25**

### Sunday School

Forest Dhane  
Jameson Kampas

### New Members

**11/16/25**

*No new members*

### New Members

**11/23/25**

### Sunday School

Fred Hedgecoke  
Daniella Memerang



## Saturday Night Worship Service

### Volunteers Needed

**Date:** Begins Saturday, January 10  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall  
**Details:** A third English-speaking worship service will be added on Saturdays. Many volunteer positions are needed to staff the service. Scan the QR code to volunteer.  
**Contact:** Shannon Fears, 972-276-7194, x225, or [shannonf@fbcgarland.org](mailto:shannonf@fbcgarland.org)



## Brother Greg, Lisa, Camden, and First Baptist Church express sympathy to:

The family and friends of Larry Ryan.

The family and friends of Harriet Webb.

Mary Garrett in the loss of her daughter, Kathy Roberts.

Karen and Tony Fite in the loss of Tony's brother, Edwin Fite.

Sarah and Quinn Saab; Rose and David Ackerman; and Jess Russell in the loss of Sarah's mother, Janet Byrom.

Rick Shultz; and Angelene Shultz in the loss of Rick's wife, Darlene Shultz.

Sam Ngachu in the loss of his mother.

FIRST BAPTIST GARLAND	11/2/25 Week 5	11/9/25 Week 6	11/16/25 Week 7	11/23/25 Week 8
<b>Stewardship</b>				
Annual Goal	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000	\$6,859,000
Budget Required TD	\$659,519	\$791,423	\$923,327	\$1,055,231
Received This Year	\$694,159	\$808,102	\$887,559	\$1,016,495