



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Dr. Greg Ammons, Senior Pastor
Mark Hill, Associate Pastor,
Minister of Music and Worship



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Orders of Worship

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Jerry Stephens

PRELUDE – “The First Noel” Maggie Johnson

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

WELCOME AND PRAYER Dr. Greg Ammons, Senior Pastor

Celebration of Advent “Joy”

“Joy to the World”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

PRAYER Jim Witt, Minister of Missions Mobilization

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” Worship Choir

Soloists: Bryan and Laura Beeman

Drums: Hunter Merriman

MESSAGE Pastor

Accompanists Richard Ponder, Organ; Georgia Kornegay, Piano

11:00 a.m. CONTEMPORARY BLEND

WELCOME AND PRAYER Pastor

Celebration of Advent “Joy”

“The Joy/Joy to the World”

“The First Noel/Above All”

“O Holy Night”

PRAYER Clay Mobley, Music and Worship Associate

MESSAGE Pastor

Observance of the Lords Supper

DURING SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES, DECEMBER 21

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Welcome, Guests! We’d Like To Hear From You.

Please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a gift from FBCG.

Let us know about your visit or ask a question by scanning the QR code at right or texting “[connect2us](#)” to [972-210-0058](#).



**Financial Giving Since New Fiscal Year
Through Week 10**

Budget Required	\$1,319,038
Budget Received	\$1,291,043
Legacy Offering Received To Date	\$9,825,790

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, 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



Jordan Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Date: Sunday, December 14 (Trip date: March 28–April 4)

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Location: MAC 272

Details: Our mission team will work among the refugee people to fit them with glasses. Eyeglass training will be offered before the trip as needed.

Contact: Missions Office, 972-276-7194, x233, Jim Witt, jimw@fbcgarland.org, or x288, Teresa Brown, teresab@fbcgarland.org

Memory Support Group

Date: Monday, December 15

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: MAC 283

Details: Join us for a support and education group designed to assist people who care for individuals affected by memory loss. This month, we will discuss "Tips for Caring for a Loved One With Dementia During the Holidays."

Register: fbcgarland.org/help-care

Contact: Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or terric@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. Please make plans to join us if you can. If not, we invite you to watch online at: fbcgarland.org/watch-live. Chef Greg will provide another delicious meal. You are welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share.

Contact: Terri Carter, 469-429-2579, or 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! This is a free event.

Register: fbcgarland.org/children

Contact: Sarah Wyatt, 469-429-2576, or sarahw@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 postmarked on or before December 31. Any gifts given through our online giving page should be completed on or before December 31 for 2025 credit.

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

Precept Study of Hebrews Parts 2 & 3

Date: Tuesday, January 6, or Wednesday, January 7

Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Location: MAC 281

Cost: \$40 total, for parts 2 & 3 workbooks

Details: This coed Precept class is a continuation of the Fall study of Hebrews, led by Gay Ritchie. It will last 16 sessions. Books can be purchased in the Church Office during the week or at the first class.

Contact: Cathy Gharis, 972-276-7194, x236, or cathyg@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. To register please visit fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry.

Contact: Cathy Gharis, 972-276-7194, x236, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org



Wednesday Bible Study Series

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. this week as Dr. Greg Ammons brings a Bible study from God's Word. You may also watch the service online at fbcgarland.org/watch-live.

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning

Sermon Series: "A New Day"

How do we respond when God does something new? Beginning January 10, we will launch a sermon series to correspond with the remainder of our time in the MAC until our new worship center is completed. This season will lead to a brand-new building which will mark a new day for First Baptist Garland. In the same way, the book of Acts marked A New Day for the people of God. Join us for the next 60 weeks as we embark on a verse-by-verse series through the book of Acts!



Wednesday Evening Fellowship Supper

Order/pay online between Thursday morning and the following Wednesday at noon. Dine in or carry out at the McDonald Activity Center, 5:00 p.m.–5:45 p.m.

fbcgarland.org/fellowship-supper



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–

Friday, December 26

Full holiday hours for the McDonald Activity Center
available at fbcgarland.org/recreation



Saturday Evening Worship Service Begins January 10

Many volunteer positions are open to staff our upcoming Saturday Evening Worship Service. Services will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Volunteer by scanning the QR code.



5 EASY WAYS TO GIVE

OFFERING PLATE

WEBSITE

CHURCH APP

TEXT

MAIL

Offering plates available with our ushers at exits each Sunday
fbcgarland.org/giving

Search for "fbc garland" in the Apple Store/Google Play

fbcgarland to 833-360-7243

Attn: Business Office 801 W Ave D, Garland, TX 75040

Sermon Notes

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Please silence electronic devices.

The Unexpected King of Christmas Matthew 2:1–18 (ESV)

A.

B.

C.

Matthew 2:1–18

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. ¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”