



# CHRISTMAS

AT FIRST SOUTHERN  
BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24TH 6PM  
1409 PALMER PARK BLVD  
COLORADO SPRINGS CO, 80909

**DECEMBER/JANUARY  
COMBO NEWSLETTER**



**WE MAKE DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW & GO**

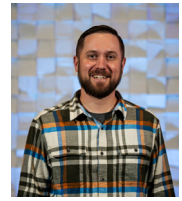
Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett

Up Coming Events as well as News and Family Celebrations



# FROM YOUR PASTOR

## HEY CHURCH!



What has God done? That can be an interesting question if you set and think about it for a moment. Sometimes it even needs a qualifier or clarification attached to it. What has God done... In your life? In your home? In your Church? In your Nation? As we take some time here at the end of the year to consider this question, another question logically flows from this. How have I praised Him for what He has done? That one can be convicting! Too often we “get over” what God has done much too quickly, when in reality we should take a page out of the Old Testament nation of Israel's playbook. We should pause, reflect, remember. We're not really into building alters, stones, or monuments in church these days, but maybe for just a moment we should raise our Ebenezer like Samuel after the Israelites had defeated the Philistines in 1 Samuel. It's purpose was to help the people remember God's help and his faithfulness for generations to come. Let's take a moment and remember together just a few of the things God has done this year:

- Lives Made New by the Gospel!

In 2024 (As of 11/24) we saw a total of 31 baptisms! That is a tremendous work of the Lord in the life of our church! God is growing his kingdom and He is using us to make disciples who worship, grow, and go. Pray with us that God will continue to do what only He can do, that we stay faithful to engage people in gospel conversations, and that we are intentional in helping these brand new believers grow in their walk with the Lord!

- New Members

In 2024 (As of 11/24) we've had 12 family units, totaling 32 people join our church! God truly is growing His church in this place! Pray with me that these new families fully integrate into the life of our church and become healthy, vibrant members who are on mission with us!

- Massive Property Projects

- Worship Center sound overhaul. Everything from the Sound Board to the Stage is new and should be operational for many years to come.

- Fire Alarm upgrade. EVERYTHING from the main control panel, smoke alarms, strobes, and pulls are brand new! Our building is now safe for the next 20 years.

- Foundation Repair. Everything with this project is now installed and wired. No more water in our church basement!

- Budget Shortfall

It appears as though for 2024 that we are going to fall short of our budget goal for the year. You may read that and think it is odd to raise an Ebenezer for something like this. I mean, isn't a budget shortfall a negative thing? On paper, yes. On the bank account, yes. But as a mark of God's help and faithfulness? He's teaching us! Molding us. Causing us as a church to rely completely on him for all things. As a church, and a people, we will one day remember this season in our church and marvel at God's faithfulness. He's never let us go or not provided for us. We must remember - God's economy is not the world's! He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and lives in a city with streets of gold. He can, and will provide. As his people, we must continue to worship by tithing. I want to challenge you - if you don't tithe, why? Trust that giving 10 percent to the Lord and living off of 90 percent that He has blessed is the best way to live! As you look to 2025 let's commit together to tithe and see what God does. We must approach this as an opportunity to learn, to pray, to grow, and trust! So, for those blessings, I will make a marker to remember God's faithfulness and blessings of this financial year.

As we remember, let's raise our Ebenezer together. Let's thank God for 2024 and look forward to what God is going to do in 2025. Let's pray together now and throughout the year that God would continue to use our church to help build His Kingdom. Let's pray that we would see more lives made new by the gospel and that we would see our Church continue to grow. Let's pray together faithfully and expectantly that He will take care of us financially. 2024 was a fantastic year, I cannot wait to see what 2025 holds as we strive to glorify God together by making disciples who worship, grow, and go.

Pastor Josh

# GIVING UPDATE



REMAIN STEADFAST IN GIVING...  
THE NEED NEVER CEASES

END OF OCTOBER GOAL \$212,957  
END OF OCTOBER ACTUAL \$169,570

ONLINE AT  
FSBC.ORG

CASH OR CHECK AS WE  
PASS THE OFFERING PLATE

CASH OR CHECK USING  
THE BOXES IN THE BACK  
OF THE ROOM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# YEAR END GIVING

REMINDER ALL GIFTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE  
CHURCH OFFICE OR POST MARKED BY DECEMBER 31  
ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE



## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Lovett ~ Health  
 Jackie Heaston ~ Move Back to Missouri  
 Mandry Family ~ Daughter-in-law  
 (Sammi) Loss of her Father & move to North  
 Carolina  
 Isabella Maestas ~ Continuing to Battle  
 Seizures  
 Sheila Willis ~ Health  
 Donny Whitlock ~ Health  
 Mike Jaumott ~ Health  
 Rosie Miller ~ Health  
 Mike Yearout ~ Health  
 Bill Mosley ~ Health  
 April Smith ~ Health & Move

Burlin Fayne ~ Health & Loss of Harriet  
 Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health  
 Fortune Family ~ Continuing to Adjust to Life  
 After the Loss of Stephannie  
 Keith Loyd ~ Health  
 Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family  
 Teresa Chambers ~ Health  
 Joseph Salmoiraghi & Family ~ Loss of  
 Joseph's Aunt  
 Anne Wade ~ Moved to Thailand For a New  
 Teaching Job at The Daniel International  
 School  
 Continue to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land



CHURCH WIDE  
**Christmas Party**  
 December 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
 Bring your favorite Christmas Treat  
 Food-Fun-Fellowship



FSBC WOMENS MINISTRY

# Oh Holy Night

DECEMBER 6TH 5-7PM - \$5 AT THE DOOR OR PAY ONLINE

*Fun Activities*      *Fellowship*      *Hot Cocoa Bar*  
 Please bring your Favorite Soup!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SOPHIA MAESTAS	12/3
NOELLE PEEK	12/7
CRAE MURRAY	12/9
LEAH TUTTLE	12/11
TIMOTHY SALMOIRAGHI	12/17
ZEKE HARGETT	12/19
CJ MURRAY	12/20
JUDY HEMENWAY	12/21
DEAN DILELLO	12/21
MARIAN ELLIS	12/22
JOSHUA SALMOIRAGHI	12/23
SCOT AUTRY	12/24
DEBORAH SALMOIRAGHI	12/28

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

IVA LUKE	1/3
FRAN WALKER	1/5
JACKIE HEASTON	1/8
SHANNON VEGA	1/10
ANDREW DENTON	1/20
JANET YOUNG	1/20
ELIJAH SALMOIRAGHI	1/20
DON WHITLOCK	1/23
CARMAN JAUMOTT	1/26
EMILY MANDRY	1/28
MARK CHAMBERS	1/29
HEATHER FAIRLEY	1/31



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Dec 1 - 2-4pm ~ Season of Giving Market

Dec 4 ~ Awana Store Night

Dec 6 - 5-7pm ~ Women's Ministry Christmas Event "Oh Holy Night"

Dec 11 ~ Awana PJ/Flannel Night

Dec 13 - 6pm ~ God's Masterpiece Christmas Party

Dec 18 - 6pm ~ Church Wide Christmas Party

*Bring Your Favorite Holiday Treat to Share*

Dec 24 - 6pm ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 25-Jan 1 ~ Church Office Closed for Christmas Break (If you need anything please feel free to reach out to Josh or Brock)

Dec 25 & Jan 1 ~ No Mid-Week Activities

Dec 29 ~ No 9am Small Groups Only 10:30am Worship Service

Jan 8 ~ All Mid-Week Activities Awana, Student Ministry & Adult Bible Studies Resume

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME HOME

**LEE FAMILY  
JUSTIN, MARIAN, LOGAN  
& SOPHIA**

**AS WELL AS  
RAY FAMILY  
LANE, EMILY, VIVIAN  
& THEODORE**



# FOR THE SPRINGS

JOIN AS WE PRAY  
FOR OUR CITY

THIS MONTH OUR PRAYER FOCUS WILL BE ON THE SECTION OF OUR CITY THAT IS HIGHLIGHTED PURPLE ON OUR MAP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH. THE BORDERS OF THE AREA ARE TO THE MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST, HWY 24 TO THE SOUTH, FILLMORE ST. TO THE NORTH AND I-25 TO THE EAST. THIS INCLUDES THE PLEASANT VALLEY, AND OLD COLORADO CITY NEIGHBORHOODS .

PLEASE PRAY WITH US LIKE THIS:

- 1) THAT GOD WOULD DO A GREAT WORK IN THIS PART OF OUR CITY.
- 2) THAT WE WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA AS GOD DOES.
- 3) THAT GOD WOULD GIVE US WISDOM ON HOW TO REACH WITH THE GOSPEL AND THE BOLDNESS TO FOLLOW THROUGH. AS YOU PRAY, REMEMBER THAT PRAYER IS MORE THAN JUST PREPARATION FOR THE WORK, PRAYER IS THE WORK.