

**January
2022**

**First Southern
Baptist Church**



The Voice!

**Our Winter
Worship & Ministry
Schedule**

Masks are strongly encouraged
if you haven't been fully
vaccinated

Sunday

9am ~ Bible Study for All Ages
10:30am ~
Worship Service
with Children's Church

Wednesday

2-6pm ~ Prayer Time
5pm ~ Fellowship Meal
6—7:30 pm ~ AWANA ~
(AWANA follows
School Calendar)
6pm ~ Youth &
God's Masterpiece Class
6pm ~ Pastors Study—
Worship Center & on
FaceBook

Thursday

11:30am ~ God's Masterpiece
Lunch Bunch

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Your Staff

**Joshua Hargett**

Senior Pastor ~ Jan 2022

**Dr. Ed Tropp**

Transitional Pastor

**Andrew Denton**

Worship Leader

Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett &  
Pastor Ed Tropp

News and Family Celebrations



**New Beginnings**  
Welcome to the  
**HARGETT'S**  
**Joshua, Nan, Micah and Ezekiel**



**Sunday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 Morning Worship -**  
**Blessed by the**  
**Preaching of**  
**Joshua Hargett**

As I write this note to you I'm finishing up my time in Arkansas and making plans to be with you all in mid-January. I cannot wait to share with each of you how the Lord has blessed the preparation for this move and how He has continually affirmed it over and over again. Through this process I've been reminded many times of the "simple" yet profound truths found in scripture. Passages like, Proverbs 3:5-6 or Joshua 1:9 have spoken volumes during this season and I've found great personal comfort and direction in Psalm 46:10-11. There it says,

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

Wow, the reminder to simply "be still" is huge in our culture and especially in my life right now! Just be still, remember who is God and rest in that. Knowing that as a follower of Jesus I have that freedom is huge, all the while the affirmation (X2!) that our God will be exalted is a fantastic statement of confidence and finality. The chapter wraps up with another reminder of His comfort; that He is with us and is our fortress. I don't know who else needs to hear that truth today, but I find it to be wonderful and just another reason I am thankful for who our great God is.

So, as our time together draws closer and closer here are a couple of things that we can be praying together for:

- 1) That the Lord would prepare our hearts for the work that is ahead. Change is hard, growth is often painful, but knowing and remembering that the glory of God going forth in our city is worth it.
- 2) That the Lord would create and maintain unity amongst the church. So often when the church is preparing to do great things for God the evil one tries to push in and divide. Let's pray together against this.
- 3) That above all else, we would keep the Gospel of Jesus and His glory as our number one and highest priority.

Finally, please remember to continue to pray for me and my family! We covet your prayers and could not go through this process without them. Please pray that the Lord will provide the perfect job for Nan, that we would have wisdom in choosing the right school for both Micah and Zeke, and that as we search for a permanent home we would listen to and trust the Lord in that process.

Thanks again, we cannot wait to be with you all in the very near future!

Josh



Again, I want to say just how thankful I am for First Southern B.C. It was a tremendous blessing for Gloria and myself to serve you these past seven months. God has abundantly blessed us during this time period and the Lord has provided for our churches greatest need. We now have a new Pastor, Josh Hargett and his wife Nan.

I am thankful for the spirit of this congregation and how you faithfully serve the Lord. You dear people, love God's Word, and you love one another. Continue to encouragement each other in this transition.

In my first newsletter last June I listed the Pastor Search Committee. They met; they served; and God blessed. Thank you again: Brock Chambers, Annie Wade, Jovalene Pemberton, Sharon Willson, Leah Wade, Craig Denton Sr. and Randy Loyd;

As we begin a new chapter in the life of First Southern Baptist, and a new year; I would like for you to remember the following areas during your prayer time each day.

1. Pray for Josh: Pray that the Lord will keep him and his family safe. Pray that he will be receptive to God's will and direction, as he pastors us.
2. Pray for Nan: Pray for her wisdom, health and discernment. Pray for their children, that they may adjust properly to their new lives here
3. Pray for Beverly and Andrew: as they continue their ministries.
4. Pray for our church: great things are coming. So that the Lord can maintain a sweet spirit throughout our congregation.
5. Pray for one another: continue to support and edify each other.
6. Pray for Gloria and myself: we'll still be here doing whatever God has for us to do.

Again, allow me the privilege to say:

**Be like Moses: Speak words of Blessing:** In Numbers 6:24 Moses said; *The Lord Bless you and Keep you the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.* Get creative with your language and speak words which will uplift, encourage, hearten and will bless other people. Build each other up.

**Serve:** Look for ways to serve your church and the community around you. Even tasks that promise no reward. Remember, God will reward.

**Share the Journey:** Join hands with our new pastor and seek to grow spiritually and to add to the Lord's Kingdom.

**Spread Love Everywhere:** *By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.*

**Support and Love Your New Pastor:** He needs your prayers, your encouragement and your support. Lift him up daily to the Lord and you will receive our Lord's richest blessings

Because He Lives,  
Ed Tropp

# On-Line giving is available at our Website [www.fsbc.org](http://www.fsbc.org)



## Let's Be A Praying Church!

### Every Wednesday

Please join us for

Wednesday afternoon

### Prayer Time.

30 minute time blocks on Wednesdays  
between 2-6 PM, praying in Room 103  
(the Brides Room).

You can come individually or with a friend  
or a prayer group.



**Don't Forget AWANA  
Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm.**

### January Birthdays

|                  |      |                |      |
|------------------|------|----------------|------|
| Kent Leonard     | 1/01 | Dorothy Merkle | 1/23 |
| Ethan Gilman     | 1/03 | Donny Whitlock | 1/23 |
| Aletha Mayes     | 1/05 | Gale Ross      | 1/25 |
| Fran Walker      | 1/05 | Carman Jaumott | 1/26 |
| Nancy Thomason   | 1/09 | Emily Mandry   | 1/28 |
| Andrew Denton    | 1/20 | Mark Chambers  | 1/29 |
| Craig Denton Jr. | 1/20 |                |      |
| Janet Young      | 1/20 |                |      |

## Please remember to Pray daily for

**Our (New) Pastor:** Joshua needs your prayers, your encouragement and your support. Lift Josh, Nan, Micah and Zeke up daily to the Lord and you will receive our Lord's richest blessings.

Pray for our Church family during this time.

Pray for Ed and Gloria Tropp as they continue their ministry here at FSBC.

## Praises and Prayer Requests

Josh and Nan Hargett ~ Move to Colorado & getting settled  
Yevonne Conrad ~ Sister, Anne passed away  
Teresa Chambers ~ Loss of her Mother in Michigan  
Bill Bo Mosley ~ Health  
Sunny Cabell ~ Upcoming Back Surgery  
Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Rosie's son-in-law David ~ Cancer  
Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health  
Hal Seagraves ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle's grandson Bob ~ Tumor  
Beverly Wright ~ Health  
Mary Slayter ~ Back surgery recovery  
Jeanne & Charles Ransom ~ Health  
Becky Roberts ~ Broken Collar Bone  
Our Nation and our leaders  
Our First Responders

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LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®

**Wednesday night fellowship  
meals begin again Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
at 5pm**

**Meal Prices:** FREE ~ 0-3 years of age,  
\$4 ~ 4 years - 13 years old  
\$7 ~ 14 years old - Adults  
\$22 per family

Then Join Us at: 6-7:30 PM  
for **AWANA**, Youth, &  
God's Masterpiece class  
or 6pm ~ Pastor Joshua's  
teaching

**Just a short time left to give to  
Lottie Moon Missions Offering  
Our church goal this year**

**\$5000.00**

**Received to date: \$2669.00**



**GriefShare classes  
will resume in  
March 2022  
Watch for details**

