

January
2023

First Southern
Baptist Church



Our Winter
Worship & Ministry
Schedule

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

Wednesday
6—7:30 pm~ AWANA ~
(AWANA— begins Sept 7th
follows School Calendar)
6pm ~ Youth,
Pastor Josh's Study—
Worship Center

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Your Staff  
Senior Pastor ~  
Joshua Hargett

Music Leader  
Brennan Ward

Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett  
And Brennan Ward

News and Family Celebrations




Pastor Josh

Hey Church!  
As you're reading this the Holidays have passed and we're all waiting for spring to arrive and with it warmth and new growth. I always like to take the opportunity at the end and beginning of the year to reflect on what God has done and pray for what He is going to do in the coming year. Let's take just a moment and remember what he has done in the life of our church in 2022.  
On the physical side of things the Lord allowed us to accomplished many, many large scale projects. Some of these included:  
- A massive church wide clean out headed up by our transportation and properties team and our student ministry.  
- The re-seating and opening back up of our balcony.  
- The replacement of the ally fence.  
- The re-sealing of the entire ally drive and parking area.  
- The repairing of the concrete near the ally side main entrance and the concrete near the ally side single door.  
- The replacing of all of the car-stops in the ally parking area.  
- The repairing of the concrete on the Palmer Park side main entry steps.  
- A significant remodel to our baptistry area to make it much more clean and functional.  
- The repairing and refinishing of our stage.  
- The addition of acoustic panels in our worship center to aid with the quality of sound.  
- The addition of a SDI/HDMI cable run from our sound booth to stage to enable the ability to hard wire additional monitors on stage.  
- The cleaning out and remodel of the Mission House.  
- A brand new Kids Ministry check in station.  
  
This was us, as a church, doing the very best we can to be good stewards of the physical space that God has given us and to then utilize that space to the best of our ability to glorify him and reach our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2022 our church also brought in an entirely new staff. God has provided a fantastic staff team to lead our church into the future. In case you haven't gotten to meet them, they are -  
  
Brennan Ward - Worship Leader  
-Started on September 18th  
Brock Chambers - Office Manager  
- Started on November 28th  
  
Please take time to get to know these guys and pray for them and their families! Making the jump into ministry is a tough task that God has called them into. Let's do our very best to make them feel welcome and supported! As God has provided physical change and staff change to our church, more important than any of that is the spiritual change and growth that God has caused! Let's celebrate together what God has done in 2022:  
  
- Our "Young Families" small group was relaunched with brand new leadership and God has tremendously blessed with numerous new families.  
- Our "Young Adult" class was officially launched and is creating a fun environment for spiritual growth and community to happen!  
- In January 2023 we will see a brand new Kids Ministry small group open! God has given growth and it's time to split our age groups!  
- God has led 11 brand new families to join our fellowship in 2022!  
- We got to celebrate 8 lives made new by the Gospel and celebrate that with Baptism in 2022.  
  
Praise the Lord, that is a tremendous amount of growth and change that He caused in 2022! And while this is something to celebrate and praise the Lord for, this is not a reason or time to become comfortable to complacent! I've said it before, but I believe that God desires to see a healthy, vibrant church gathering right here in the heart of the Springs. This isn't going to be easy, comfortable or convenient but if we'll continue to stay humble, seek the Lord and pray for his blessing, I believe that we've only seen the beginning of what God has planned for this place. So, what does 2023 hold? You'll hear much, much more in the days and weeks to come, but a couple of things that God is leading us toward include:  
  
- A renewed focus and vision for why we do what we do. The what is easy - we make disciples who worship, grow and go. But the why is what motivates and drives everything! We do these things because the Glory of God compels us to! Our God is indeed glorious, and we must proclaim this and allow it to motivate us in our mission.  
  
- A complete re-writing and re-working of our constitution and by-laws. What we currently operate under isn't bad, but it is antiquated and not the most functional form of governance for a church of our size and our current situation. Pray for wisdom as we strive to bring our church up to date and make it more functional in many ways.  
  
- A renewed focus on reaching our city with the Gospel! Beginning in January you'll see some new focuses begin to emerge as we strive to keep our city at the forefront of everything that we do.  
  
- We'll begin formal conversations as a church about rebranding and renaming our gathering. This has been a part of the conversation for over a year, and now is the time to capitalize on celebrating our legacy and building toward a legacy that will last another 70 years.  
  
God is doing tremendous things in this place and I have no doubt that He will continue to bless the work if we will stay humble, work hard and allow our church to be consumed and compelled by His glory. The work will be hard, but as we say so often in our gatherings, a unified church with a clear vision forward is a powerful weapon in the hands of a mighty God.  
Please continue to pray for my family as we continue to settle into a new city, a new church, new jobs and new schools. Pray that we remain faithful to what God has called us to and that as a family we would continue to seek the Lord, His provision and His guidance. It is a privilege to be your pastor and I am excited to see how the Lord uses our church in 2023 to make disciples who worship, grow and go.  
  
Pastor Josh

Hey everyone!

Hey everyone! Hope everyone had a great Christmas!! As we head into the new year, I wanted to encourage you with some things that have been on my mind. The first would be that I would focus on why God has brought my wife and I to the Springs, and what He needs us to do here. And I'd encourage you to also ask God and focus on why He has you where you are today because He can use you in incredible ways wherever you are. Another thing that I have on my mind is how I can worship Him more. And I'm not just talking about worshipping Him on a Sunday morning, even though that is super important, I'm talking about my daily life. I want to be able to say what Paul says in 2 Timothy 4:7 where Paul says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." And I think a great way to do that, is to have a lifestyle of worship. So constantly praying, reading daily, sharing the gospel, and even tuning the radio and worshipping in the car or wherever I am. And I'd encourage you to seek the same, and to ask God for the desire to worship Him more. And as we go into this next year, don't forget Whose you are, and why you're here.

Thanks everyone!  
Brennan Ward



January Birthdays

Ethan Gilman1/3

Cristi Dozeman1/4

Fran Walker1/5

Nancy Thomason1/9

Andrew Denton1/20

Janet Young1/20

Dorothy Merkle1/23

Donny Whitlock1/23

Chad Privette1/26

Carman Jaumott1/23

Emily Mandry1/28

Mark Chambers1/29

Praises and Prayer Requests

Brennan and Hannah ~ Settling into their new home and jobs

Margaret Lovett ~ recovering from Back Surgery

Donny Whitlock ~ Health

Rosie Miller ~ Health

Bill Bo Mosley ~ Health

Sunny Cabell ~ Back Surgery

Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health

Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health

Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health

Dorothy Merkle ~ Health

Beverly Wright ~ Health

Jeanne & Charles Ransom ~ Health

Dave & Karen May ~ Health & recent move

Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family

Mark Chambers ~ Hip replacement

Chambers family ~ Beverly's Aunt passing away


Beverly ~ Adjusting to retirement

Morningstar/Nikki Abbett-Webb ~ Health

Ukraine ~ Peace in their country

Betsy Wade ~ Hip replacement

It is time once again for  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!  
REACHING THE NATIONS TOGETHER.  
Our Goal this year is \$5000.00  
Received to date:  
\$4505



Important Dates for JANUARY

Dec 21 ~ No Wednesday Night Service, No AWANA

Dec 24 ~ 5pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Dec 25 ~ 11 am Morning Worship Service ~ No Sunday School


Dec 28 ~ No Wednesday Night Service, No AWANA

January 1 ~ New Years Day ~ 11am Service ~ No Sunday School

January 4 ~ All Wednesday Night Activities begin at 6PM

January 8 ~ Regular SS and Worship times

Wednesdays, 6-7:30PM



AWANA  
Begins again  
January 4 @ 6 PM

Dear church family we have so many reasons to Thank you and the Lord for our church.  
You gave generously for our staff Christmas bonuses and I thank you all. Also again last Thursday you all stepped up and provided a wonderful family meal for us after the service for my Aunt.

Thank you for your loving on our family.

Beverly and Mark Chambers

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Website [www.fsbc.org](http://www.fsbc.org)