

# **piedmont FIRST BAPTIST**



**December 3, 2023**

## **WELCOME TO PIEDMONT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Thank you for joining our worship service today. Here at the PFBC, you will find a place to explore God's Word, serve the Lord and worship in ways that make a difference in our community and our world. Our church ministries are designed to praise Jesus Christ, build up families, and make an impact on our culture through the teaching and preaching of God's Holy Word, the Bible.**

**To our visitors...we extend a warm welcome because we are glad you're here with us. First-time visitors please stop by our Welcome Center by the Main Entrance to receive information about our church and a gift to show our appreciation for your attendance.**

**Bro. Michael Ingram**



**WELCOME**  
*We're Glad You're Here*

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Lead Pastor - Michael Ingram      Music and Senior Adult Pastor - Joe Wingard**

**Children's Director - Nellie Law      Preschool Director - Kim Ivey**

# Opportunities for Worship

## SUNDAY, December 3rd

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY, December 6th

Children's Choir 5:00 p.m.  
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Youth 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 6:45 p.m.

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MISSION BOARD

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
**December 3 - 10, 2023**  
**PFBC GOAL**  
**\$5,000**



## *Birthdays*

December 5 Frankie Maddox  
December 7 Tashia Blackerby  
December 8 Susan Wiggins  
December 10 Amanda Harrell

Attendance  
Week of November 26, 2023

## Attendance:

Sunday School	143
Sunday Morning/On Campus	153
Estimated Online	32
Sunday Evening - No service	
Wednesday Evening - 11/29	95

## POINSETTIA SALE

*If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or in Honor of a loved one or a friend, please contact the Church Office. The cost of the poinsettias are \$10.00. You will need to pick them up on Sunday, Dec. 24th after the service*  
*Thank you.*



## Deacons on Call

Chad Harper  
256-770-5199  
Craig Parris  
256-282-9707

## DECEMBER EVENTS

<b>December 4th</b>	<b>Piedmont Christmas Parade</b>	<b>4:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Come ride The Piedmont First Baptist Church Jesus Express</b>		
<b>To help decorate the float, contact Nellie Law</b>		
<b>December 8th &amp; 9th Parables dress rehearsal</b>		
<b>December 10th</b>	<b>Deacon's meeting and breakfast</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
<b>December 10th</b>	<b>Children's Musical</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>December 12th</b>	<b>Sunshine Club meeting</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>December 15th</b>	<b>Christmas break for Preschool begins</b>	
<b>December 17th</b>	<b>Christmas Contata</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>December 27th</b>	<b>No Wednesday night service</b>	

## THANK YOU NOTES

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, and blessings you've done for our family in the last few months and in the death of my Mama. We love you all so much.

Linda and Buddy Bell

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and your encouraging get-well cards.

Love you,  
Jackie Parker

PFBC Family,  
Thank you for the cards, prayers and meals after my surgery.

In Him,  
Shell Goulding

PFBC Family,  
I would like to thank the church staff and members for welcoming me into your lives and making me feel so at home. It is with a heavy heart that I must resign my position as Secretary, effective December 1st. Please pray for me as I take on a new full-time position in Gadsden as a tax preparer. I will never forget the kindness you have shown me.

Betsy Upchurch

FBC Preschool is having breakfast with Santa in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. on December 8th



CHRISTMAS  
COOKIE

DECORATING

December 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Contact Brenda Ingram

for more  
Information.

# SERMON NOTES

Bro. Michael Ingram

## **Hope in the Waiting**

**Isaiah 40:31; Romans 8:24-25**

*“Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush rather than a last-minute rush.”* Anonymous

**Advent is defined as arrival. It is significant in this season of waiting and anticipation.**

## **A Nation Waiting for the Messiah**

**Advent for the Christian is about Hope and Fulfillment**

- **Romans 15:13**

**Finding Hope as We Wait**

- **James 5:7-8**