### WELCOME!

Welcome to the First Baptist Church of Friendsville. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us, and we trust that you will be pleased by both the spirit of the service and the warmth and friendliness of this church family.

It is our desire to exalt Jesus Christ and to meet your needs through Bibleinspired preaching, Bible-based teaching, and Christ-centered fellowship. We invite you to consider becoming a member of First Baptist Church. The guidelines below explain how you can unite with our church.

We hope that you will be blessed by participating in worship with us.

# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF FBCF

Should God lead you here, we will be happy to welcome you into our church family. If you are interested in becoming a member here at FBCF or would like to learn more about the Church, we periodically offer a "Discover FBCF" class on Sundays. For more information, or to register, call Tammie at the Church Office.

# WEEKLY REPORT OF GIVING

In an effort to keep everyone informed, we are reporting the following financial information.

#### Receipts as of December 3, 2023

YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 612,624
YTD Actual Receipts	\$ 667,362

#### Our Mission ...

Our mission is to develop passionate followers of Christ who will reach the world.

# Our Core Values ...

Wholehearted Worship, The Gospel, Authentic Community, Biblical Truth, Intentional Unity, Spiritual Growth, Traditional Family, Missional Living.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Program – "Shepherds and King	10:15 am	December 10
Business Meet	6:30 pm	December 13
Youth Christmas Pa		December 13
AWANA Sto		December 13
NO Wednesday Serv		December 20
NO Sunday Sch		December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Serv	5:00 pm	December 24
Christmas – Office Clos		December 25
Office Clos		December 26
NO Wednesday Serv		December 27
NO Sunday Sch		December 31
Men's Golf Out		March 22 – 23

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL WORKERS: DECEMBER 17: Team 4

DEACON FOR DECEMBER ... Jerry Hayes (865-228-1551)

2024 BUDGET ... Copies of the proposed 2024 Budget are available at the Welcome Center.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Proposed revisions to our Constitution & Bylaws will be recommended to be adopted/approved at our upcoming quarterly business meeting on December 13th.

Christmas Card Mailbox ... Will be in operation this year November 26 through December 10. If you would like to send a Christmas card to someone in our church family, please address your cards with the person's name and the Sunday School class and place them in the collection box in the Welcome Center. Please give generously to cover the cost for this "mail service." Your donations will be used to support our youth department. Please note that only cards addressed to ACTIVE attendees will be distributed. The Church cannot mail cards to homes of inactive or non-members.



Giving God Your Gifts

Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -- Matthew 2:11

What a gorgeous presentation those wonderful gifts must have made: gold (an acknowledgement of the baby's kingship), incense (a symbol of the child's deity), and myrrh (used for embalming; a symbol of the child's one-day sacrifice). Mary and Joseph couldn't have understood the implication of each gift at first, but they could certainly see the value. These strangers had just given them real treasures, and in, in doing so, had affirmed everything the couple had been told by the angels. When we give gifts, we offer affirmation, too! We tell the recipient, "You're worth the cost ... and much, much more."

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# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FRIENDSVILLE MY PRAYER BURDEN** Pray for Your Name Your Phone

#### PROSPECTS

Who do you know that would be a prospect for First Baptist Church?

Name		 
Address		 
City		
State	_ Zip _	 
Phone		 
Your Name Your Phone Comments		 