

Please call the office with any prayer requests (803) 245-2453



Prayer Requests

Nursery Coverage

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

Jan 4	Cindy Kilgus	Julie & Paul Mitchell
Jan 11	Susan Hiers	Pam Hutto & Tonya Evans
Jan 18	Amy Smith	Allison Harper & Ann Boykin
Jan 25	Paula Lucas	Debbie Hoffman & Danette McAlhaney

• Steve Lott (friend of Dennis Hendrix) – Pancreatic and liver cancer

• Paul Nathan Davis – Cancer / surgery successful / recovering now

• Dan Moore (John Hier's cousin) – Last chemo done / going for surgical consult

• Pinckney Thompson (friend of Daniel McDaniel) – Is in remission now

• Tonya Quattlebaum (friend of Runelle Weeks) – Lung cancer (stage 4) / undergoing chemo 5 days a week

• Charlie Tice (Chassidy Stromman's uncle) – Lung cancer undergoing chemotherapy

• Brynda Jolly Becktold (Colleen Jolly's daughter) – Cancer has returned & spread to brain, lungs, spine and hips / determining treatment

• Walter Hutto (friend of Dennis Hendrix) – Bladder cancer, kidney disease and COPD

• Lynn Chitty (friend of Daniel McDaniel) – Stroke / recovering at home / doctors trying to determine cause

• Elneta Blocker – Health issues / vision problems

• Kim Compton (friend of Lois Ann Gough) – Undergoing chemotherapy

• Elizabeth Gherkins (friend of Stephanie Hutto) – In Providence Hospital

• Lee Shanks (Kelly Shank's father) – Very bad health / in Texas hospital

• Chaseylyn Grubbs (friend of Larry Long, III) – 22-month-old girl with tumor in chest affecting heart / chemo & radiation to begin

• Jimmy Wilson – In Baptist Hospital / possible stomach mass or bowel obstruction

Mission: To equip believers in loving God, serving the church and reaching the world with the gospel.

Deacon of the Week

January 4	Joe Breland	803-533-8178
January 11	Kirk Morrell	803-676-2075
January 18	Ronnie Smith	803-383-1473
January 25	Tom Cornforth	843-806-9127

Hospitality Team for January:

Jesse Black, Kim & Tommy Trantham

Prayer Chain

Dec 28–Jan 3	Joyce Dwight	803-308-7300
Jan 4–Jan 10	Hope Braxton	803-682-0064
Jan 11–Jan 17	Connie Clary	803-727-4045
Jan 18–Jan 24	Binnie Sue Bremer	803-245-5606
Jan 25–Jan 31	Paula Lucas	803-417-7109



Grow in Christ

- Robert Black Fellowship Class (60 years and above) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room SB 104
- Hutto Class (all ages) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room EB 204
- Joy Class (50 – 70+ years) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – meets in the Fellowship Hall
- Mt. Calvary Class (all ages) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room EB 101
- The Next Chapter (40 – 60 years) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room EB 206
- Young Professionals Class (20 – 30+ years) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room SB 105
- Mt. Olive Class (all ages) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room EB 205
- Living Out Biblical Womanhood (ladies all ages) / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room EB 201
- 7th – 12th grade / Sundays at 9:30 AM – Room SB 306



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Upcoming

EVENTS

- Jan 4th - Church Council Meeting
- Jan 6th - Red Cross Blood Drive
- Jan 8th - "Celebrate Recovery" Meeting
- Jan 11th - Deacon's Meeting
- Jan 12th - WMU Meeting
- Jan 20th - Women on Mission Meeting
- Jan 22nd - WATW Event
- Feb 2nd - FBC Brotherhood Meeting/Dinner



3:00 PM
1:00 PM
5:15 PM
11:30 AM
3:00 PM
7:00 PM
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

We are meeting in Room SB 113 on Sunday mornings at 9am prior to class. Please plan to join us as we pray for our classes and the attendees.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS for 4K thru 6th grade meets from 6pm – 7:30pm in the Education Building on the first floor.

Meet on the 3rd floor of the Sanctuary Building from 6pm – 7pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Budget and Attendance

Line	Date	7-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec
1	Weekly Budget Required	\$ 12,577.03	\$ 12,577.03	\$ 12,577.03	\$ 12,577.03
2	Weekly Budget Received	\$ 16,369.00	\$ 10,539.80	\$ 15,940.82	\$ 10,369.55
3	Family Life Center Gift	\$ 249.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,050.00
4	Building Fund Gift	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
5	Mission Fund Gift	\$ 3,853.00	\$ 1,674.22	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,143.95
7	Lottie Moon	\$ 1,386.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 125.00
8	YTD Received	\$ 669,132.65	\$ 691,100.65	\$ 706,348.92	\$ 723,204.74
9	YTD Expenses	\$ 798,948.21	\$ 806,545.43	\$ 832,088.66	\$ 837,203.08
10	YTD Balance	\$ (129,815.56)	\$ (115,444.78)	\$ (125,739.74)	\$ (113,998.34)
11	Worship Attendance	183	197	216	177
12	SS Attendance	92	116	96	97

Come join us prior to bible study on Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall from 5 - 6pm for a meal. Let the office know by Monday the number of plates you will need. \$6 – attending church / \$20 – family meal

Jan 7th - ***There will be no meal tonight***

Jan 14th - Baked BBQ chicken, green beans, mac & cheese and a roll

Jan 21st - French dip sandwiches w/au jus, cole slaw and french fries

Jan 28th - Stir-fry chicken & veggies with rice



Is there something hindering your walk with God?

Celebrate Recovery is for anyone struggling with:

- Hurts & wounds
- Pride, guilt, shame
- Anger & resentment
- Broken relationships
- Fear & anxiety
- And more...

Bamberg First Baptist Church
Thursdays | Starting January 8
5:15 PM | Adult One Classroom
(Under the Sanctuary)

So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free. -John 8:36

Daniella McMillan

General Fund

Ricky Pinson

Murdell Sandifer

Carl & Tammy Royer

Mission Fund

LaVerne DeRienzo

Billy & Runelle Weeks

Lottie Moon

WMU

Claudia Sandifer

Ralph & Dianne Morrell

Marie McCollum

Donna Tant

Lottie Moon

Ralph & Dianne Morrell

Randy Bunch

General Fund

Karla Bunch's work team at SRNS

George Folk

Mission Fund

LaVerne DeRienzo

Ralph & Dianne Morrell

Lottie Moon

Hope Braxton

Claudia Sandifer

Ralph & Dianne Morrell

Colleen Jolly

Bubba & Nannette Davis

Patti Jeffcoat

General Fund

Tom & Sharon Cornforth

Dolores Bunch

General Fund

Murdell Sandifer

Patricia Izlar

Karla Bunch's work team at SRNS

Mission Fund

LaVerne DeRienzo

Billy & Runelle Weeks

Lottie Moon

Claudia Sandifer

Ralph & Dianne Morrell

Family Life Center

Colleen Jolly

In Honor Of:

Eddie & Vicki Folk

General Fund

Gale Bonds

To: Members of First Baptist Church

**Subject: Business Items for Review and
Upcoming Congregational Vote**

Please review the attached materials in preparation for the upcoming church business to be discussed and voted on later this month.

- The LRP letter regarding the re-form of the "Family Life Center Planning Committee" is attached for your review. A ballot vote will be conducted for the members designated to serve.
- Also attached are the Quarterly Committee Reports. These reports will be presented for review and voted on by a show of hands.
- On December 7, 2025, Patti Smith came forward for church membership candidacy. Her letter of transfer has been received, and she is confirmed to be in good standing with her previous church, Sharon Woods Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. A vote to accept Patti Smith into membership will be by a show of hands.
- Additionally, Tony Kinsey and Emma Brown have been nominated to serve as Nominating Committee representatives for the 2028 term. They are being recommended to serve by the deacons. This vote will be conducted by ballot.

Discussion on all business items listed above will take place following the service on January 18, 2026, with voting scheduled for January 25, 2026.

Please review all attached documents before the discussion date. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the church office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued service to our church.

Warm Regards,
Lauren Lott, Administrative Assistant

Re-form the "Family Life Center Planning Committee"

The Long-Range Planning Committee (LRP) will re-form the "Family Life Center Planning Committee" (FLCPC) that was established on June 19, 2011, to advance the project's vision and plan.

The FLCPC will be composed of representatives from the following church committees/groups/teams: Benevolence, Building & Grounds, Children & Youth, Discipleship, Finance, Personnel, Security, Social, Sunday School, and Technology.

Additionally, representatives from the LRP and Deacons are being appointed. All appointed representatives are expected to commit to a five-year term to ensure project continuity.

The names of the individuals representing the respective committees/groups/teams are shown below:

Building & Grounds: Danny McAlhaney & Charlie Lucas

Finance: Kay Clary & David Hutto

Benevolence: Kay Maxwell

Children & Youth: Cori Groff

Discipleship: Sarah Catherine Williams

Personnel: Bubba Davis

Social: Jamie Williams

Sunday School: Mark Kinard

Technology: Randon Sandifer

LRP: Katie Ehrhardt

Security: Jacob Stroman

Deacon: Kirk Morrell

**Bamberg First Baptist Church
Committee Quarterly Reports
Quarter: Fourth Quarter 2025 (October–December)**

Baptismal Committee

During this quarter, one baptism service was held on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Four individuals—Caylee Loadholt, Ashlyn Kindsey, Kaden Edgeman, and Braley Shuler – were baptized by Donnie Groff. The baptism pool functioned properly on the day of the service. The Baptism Committee also completed painting of the baptism pool during the quarter. During this process, it was noted that the pool was retaining some water. Following the completion of the painting, the committee expressed interest in purchasing a baptism chair/bench to better support both baptism candidates and those administering the baptisms. The Baptism Committee maintains a standing schedule of one baptism service per quarter unless an alternate date is requested. Baptisms are scheduled for the second Sunday of the third month of each quarter. The next scheduled baptism will be held on March 8, 2026.

Benevolence Committee

Four requests were received but did not meet the established requirements. One anonymous church member received \$100.00 in assistance for utility expenses. All required documentation was provided, and the request was approved as this individual had not made a prior request during the current chairman's term. The Benevolence Fund is maintained as a line item within the Mission Fund Account. If additional benevolence requests are approved, the Benevolence Team will notify the Deacons accordingly.

Brotherhood

The Bamberg First Baptist Church Brotherhood hosted a Brotherhood Supper in the fellowship hall. Brother Paul Mitchell delivered the message and attendance totaled 32. The Bamberg–Barnwell Brotherhood Associational Meeting was at Seven Pines Baptist Church. Twelve brothers from Bamberg First Baptist Church were in attendance.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee met three times during the quarter. Topics discussed included:

1. Electronic Signatures and Accountability

A new accountability process will be implemented to accommodate increased use of automatic drafts. The church treasurer will prepare a weekly transaction register listing all checks and electronic drafts, which will be reviewed and signed by the Budget and Finance Chair. This protocol will be incorporated into the 2026 Budget & Finance Implementation Plan.

2. Training Initiatives

New financial procedures are being developed, including: Submission of timesheets for certain work, Mileage reimbursement in place of gas receipts and Compensation planning. Training for these initiatives will begin in Q1 2026.

3. External Audit

An external audit is currently underway, conducted by McGregor & Company, LLP of Barnwell. All requested documentation has been provided, with plans to complete the audit by January 15, 2026.

4. 2026 Budget Approval – The 2026 budget approval process was completed during the quarter. The committee expressed appreciation to all individuals who contributed to its development.

<u>Budget Summary</u>				
<u>Receipts thru</u>			<u>12/28/2025</u>	
General Fund			\$611,810.24	
Designated			\$ 143,182.35	
Total Receipts			\$754,992.59	
<u>Fund Balances Thru</u>				<u>12/30/2025</u>
Funds	End of 2024	Income 2025	Expenses 2025	Balance
Building Fund	\$ 42,524.73	\$ 12,627.74	\$ 35,688.76	\$ 19,463.71
Family Life Center	\$ 17,041.17	\$ 30,397.50		\$ 47,438.67
Mission Fund	\$ 13,306.94	\$ 29,230.74	\$ 26,779.27	\$ 15,758.41
Lottie Moon		\$ 4,896.00	\$ 4,956.00	\$ (60.00)
Designated Balance	\$ 72,872.84	\$ 77,151.98	\$ 67,424.03	\$ 82,600.79
		Current Quick Book Balance	Designated Balance	
General Fund Balance	\$ 248,891.54	\$ 265,080.16	\$ 82,600.79	\$ 182,479.37
<u>Other Balances:</u>				
Family Life Center	Date		Maturity Date	Balance
CD Home Federal	3/3/2025		3/3/2026	\$ 42,256.16
CD South State Bank	9/12/2025		3/6/2026	\$ 131,420.20
Sadie Cooner				
CD Home Federal	8/18/2025		8/18/2026	\$ 20,534.61
Putnam Investment	9/30/2025			\$ 206,096.00
Total				\$ 400,306.97

Buildings and Grounds

During the past quarter, the Building and Grounds Committee began reviewing church power usage to identify potential reductions in monthly utility costs. The Robert Black Fellowship Classroom, located below the sanctuary, was painted. The existing lights in this room are scheduled to be replaced with LED lighting in January. The baptistry area was painted. One sanctuary HVAC unit was repaired. The outside condenser and compressor were replaced. Members are asked to report maintenance needs as they are identified.

Children & Youth Ministry

Children's Ministry activities included Wednesday night programming (6:00–7:30 p.m.), Sunday School, Children's Church, nursery care, and Christmas caroling to shut-ins. Two volunteer meetings were held in October, focusing on commitments and background checks. Youth Ministry activities included Wednesday night and Sunday night services, Sunday School, FCA meetings on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and participation in flock sermons and renewal nights.

Discipleship

The Discipleship Team reviewed and discussed the church's Purpose Statement, clarifying key language and refining team goals and objectives. The team approved support for the launch of Celebrate Recovery, with the first twelve-step study group beginning January 8, 2026. Leaders will be identified from this group to facilitate future studies, with plans to open the program to the community in Fall 2026. Additionally, the team is developing a list of Points of Contact (POCs) to serve alongside other ministry teams, ensuring discipleship remains central to all ministries at FBC. A representative was also selected to serve on the Family Life Center Subgroup.

Hospitality Team

Seventeen visitors were recognized during the quarter. Team members and church staff followed up with visitors to thank them for attending, address questions, and receive prayer requests. Total visitors for the year reached thirty. Visitor information was shared with Sunday School leadership and the Discipleship Team for continued engagement. Several visitors from previous quarters are now designated as Regular Attendees and have been assigned deacons. Others have expressed interest in church membership and plan to meet with the pastor. First Quarter 2026 Serving Teams: **January:** Jessi Black, Kim & Tommy Trantham; **February:** Faren Stroman, Jamie Brabham; **March:** Ashley Zeigler, Paul & Julie Mitchell.

New leadership for 2026 includes Jamie Brabham (Chair), Stephanie Hutto (Vice Chair), and Renee Jeffcoat (Recorder). Membership records continue to be maintained in SubSplash, with updates planned for early 2026.

Social Committee

Homecoming (Nov 9): Served approximately 200 people / Funeral – Deloris Bunch: Served 40 Funeral – Daniella McMillan: Served 75

Sunday School Committee

The average attendance for Sunday School was: October - 98, November - 102 and December - 106. The Sunday School Committee hosted a lunch for teachers and their families. 2026 leadership, teacher training, and promotion dates have been set.

Technology Team

During the quarter, the Technology Team focused on improving system security and enhancing meeting-room technology. Installed Norton antivirus protection on all Windows-based computers to improve security and protect church systems from malware and viruses. Installed an Apple TV in the conference room to support wireless screen sharing and improve presentations during meetings and training. Projects and initiatives have been outlined for 2026.

Transportation Committee

Both vans were detailed. New tires were installed on the cargo trailer, and a new spare tire was purchased.

Ushering Committee

Ushers assisted with the distribution and collection of ballots, worship materials, and offerings, provided greeting services, and distributed candles for the Candlelight Service.

Wheelchair Ramp Task Team

The team met three times and completed construction of two wheelchair ramps – one from new materials and one from a metal ramp. One ramp was disassembled at the Deloris Bunch residence. Storage improvements and trailer repairs are planned for 2026. Currently active ramps include: Bamberg: 28, Ehrhardt: 2, Denmark: 1, Cope: 1 and Branchville: 1

WMU

WMU established two new mission groups and completed two major mission projects: Delivery of 40 backpacks to Appalachia / Delivery of 25 prisoner bags to state prisons. Leader training was also conducted during the quarter.

Women at the Well Ministry

Activities included leadership meetings, event evaluations, attendance at the Brandon Lake concert, continued Secret Vessels prayer initiative, and a year-end luncheon.

2026 Bamberg FBC Year Calendar

January (1st Quarter)

4th- Church Council (4th Quarter Reports) **3 PM**
6th- Red Cross Blood Drive **1-6 PM**
7th- Wednesday Night Kids & Youth **6-7:30 PM**
11th- Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
11th- Youth **6 PM**
12th- WMU **3 PM**
14th- Wednesday Night Kids & Youth **6-7:30 PM**
20th- Women on Mission **7PM**
21st- Wednesday Night Kids & Youth **6-7:30 PM**
22nd- WATW Psalm 23 Immersive Night
25th- Youth **6 PM**
25th- Sunday School Teacher Training
28th- Wednesday Night Kids & Youth **6- 7:30 PM**

February

1st- FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**
1st- DFMP Team 3, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 1, **4 PM**
2nd- Brotherhood Fellowship **7 PM**
4th- Wednesday Night Kids & Youth **6-7:30 PM**
5th- Youth Girls Sadie & LO Worship Conference **3 PM**
8th- DFMP Team 2, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 4, **4 PM**
8th- FLOCK Gatherings
8th- Youth **6 PM**
9th- WMU **3 PM**
11th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
15th- WMU Focus Sunday
15th- FLOCK Gatherings
17th- BBBA Brotherhood at Bamberg FBC **6:30 PM**
22nd- Communion
22nd- FLOCK Gatherings
22nd- Youth **6 PM**
24th- Women on Mission **7 PM**
25th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**

March

1st- 8th- Week of Prayer for North American Missions
1st- FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**
4th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
5th- WATW Prayer and Worship Night **6 PM**
8th- Annie Armstrong Mission Offering
8th- Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
8th- FLOCK Gatherings
8th- Youth **6 PM**
9th- WMU **3 PM**
11th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
15th- FLOCK Gatherings
17th- Women on Missions **7 PM**
18th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
22nd- FLOCK Gatherings
22nd- Youth **6PM**
24th- Red Cross Blood Drive **1-6 PM**
25th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
29th- Church Council (1st Quarter Reports) **3 PM**
29th- FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**

April (2nd Quarter)

1st- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
5th- Easter Sunday/Communion
12th- DFMP Team 2, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 4, **4 PM**
12th- FLOCK Gatherings
12th- Youth **6 PM**
13th- WMU **3 PM**
15th- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
17th-19th- WATW Snowbird Women's Retreat
19th- FLOCK Gatherings
19th- DFMP Team 1, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 3, **4 PM**
19th- Youth **6 PM**
21st- Women on Mission **7 PM**
22nd- Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth **6-7:30PM**
26th- FLOCK Gatherings

May

3rd- Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
3rd- Youth **6 PM**
4th- Brotherhood Fellowship **7 PM**
6th- Last Wednesday Night Classes for Kids & Youth for school year **6-7:30PM**

10th- Mother's Day
11th- WMU **3 PM**
17th- Graduate Recognition
19th- BBBA Brotherhood **6 PM**
31st- VBS **5:30-8 PM**

June

1st- 4th- VBS **5:30-8 PM**
7th- Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
15th- 19th- SummerSalt
15th- WMU, Out to Eat
16th- Red Cross Blood Drive **1- 6 PM**
16th- Women on Mission **7 PM**
21st- Father's Day
22nd- 26th- Gold Voyagers Bahamas Cruise
28th- Church Council (2nd Quarter Reports) **3 PM**

July (3rd Quarter)

6th- 9th- KidSalt
12th- Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
13th- WMU **3 PM**
21st- 31st – Kenya Mission Trip
21st – Women on Mission **7 PM**

August

2nd– Sunday School Promotion
3rd– Brotherhood Fellowship **7 PM**
9th– DFMP Team 4, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 2, **4 PM**
10th– WMU **12 PM** Covered Dish Meal
11th– Red Cross Blood Drive **1- 6 PM**
16th– DFMP Team 3, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 1, **4 PM**
18th– BBBA Brotherhood **6 PM**
18th– Women on Mission **7 PM**
20th– WATW Service Project Night **6 PM**
30th– Communion/Deacon Election

September

6th– 13th– Week of Prayer for State Missions
13th– Janie Chapman State Missions Offering
13th– Deacon installation/ordination
13th– Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
13th– FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**
14th– WMU **3 PM**
15th– Women on Mission **7 PM**
20th– FLOCK Gatherings
27th– FLOCK Gatherings
27th– Church Council (3rd Quarter Reports) **3 PM**
Nominating Committee report submitted and approved by Deacons.

October (4th Quarter)

4th– FLOCK Gatherings
11th– DFMP Team 4, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 2, **4 PM**
11th– FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**
12th– WMU **3 PM**
18th– DFMP Team 3, **3 PM** / DFMP Team 1, **4 PM**
18th– FLOCK Gatherings
20th– Women on Mission **7 PM**
23rd–24th– WATW Women Conference
25th– FLOCK Gatherings
25th– Sunday School Teacher Training
Nominating Committee report approved by the Church.

November

1st– Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
1st– FLOCK Gatherings
2nd– Brotherhood Fellowship **7 PM**
8th– 154th Homecoming
8th– FLOCK Sermon **6 PM**
9th– WMU **3 PM**
15th– FLOCK Gatherings
17th– BBBA Brotherhood **6 PM**
17th– Women on Mission **7 PM**
22nd– FLOCK Gatherings
24th– Red Cross Blood Drive **1-6 PM**
29th– FLOCK Gatherings
29th– 30th – Week of Prayer for International Missions

December

1st– 6th– Week of Prayer for International Missions
6th– Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
13th– Deacon's Meeting **11:30 AM**
13th– WATW Secret Vessel Day Trip
14th– WMU **12 PM** Covered Dish Meal
15th– Women on Mission **7 PM**
24th– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion **5:30 pm**
25th– Christmas Day