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First Baptist Church Newsletter  
January 21, 2026



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that all of you are doing well and that God has been working powerfully in each of your lives and the lives of those you love. I was blessed this past weekend to finally get to have Christmas with my side of the family. Getting to see my sister who is almost out of her chemo treatments. I have been praying a lot about her faith during this season in her life and it was great to see God has been working.

While we were visiting with those of my family that were able to come home to celebrate a very late Christmas (I have two sisters that live farther away that we were unable to see). Conversation eventually came up about some of the events that have been taking place in Minnesota. Talking about such things can be a bit of a landmine field this day and age, but when it comes to my children, I feel even more motivated to speak truth. My heart landed on a quite famous passage in the book of Romans. Romans itself being seen by many heavy hitters of Christianity such as Augustine, Luther, and John Wesley as the most significant of the epistles.

Romans 13:1 says, *“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”* That can be a hard pill to swallow. Especially if “your guy” didn’t win an election, but ultimately, we are supposed to respect those who are in positions of authority and abide by their rules. We as Christians should be the most law-abiding citizens amongst any nation around the globe. Of course, there is a caveat. That we obey God first and foremost. Hence, why in some nations Christians are persecuted for their continued belief in God despite what their government might say. Rules and laws are in place so that mankind doesn’t go amok and run wild. I hope and pray this continues to be and will always be a nation where we can worship God freely and that each and every one of us can be excellent examples of God’s people.

God Bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Many thanks for the variety of items I received in the Christmas Gift Bag. It was very kind for the FBC family to include me on the list. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Melanie Shady

A huge thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decoration! It was very much appreciated.

Helen

### Annual Report for 2025

We are now compiling the Annual Report for 2025. Please turn in board and officer reports to the church office at your earliest convenience.

Our first Communion service of the year will be held on Sunday, February 1. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we are reminded of His love and sacrifice. Communion will be celebrated every other month throughout the year. We look forward to sharing this time together.



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

*- Romans 15:13*

### Teachers for Sunday Sunday, January 25, 2026

**Kids' Time**  
Deb Klopfenstein &  
Hunter Zoll



**LOL**  
Judy Wanner

## New Directory In Progress

We are in the process of updating our church directory and would appreciate your help. Please complete the insert found on the back tables and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Thank you!



We're Updating  
Our Church Directory

Cruz has offered to take family or couple photos for anyone who needs a picture for the directory.

### Stewardship

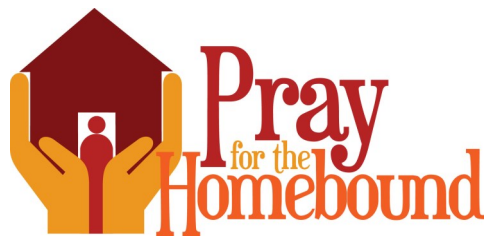
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General Budget	\$276.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Winter Jam	\$90.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$406.00</b>



Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles



Christian Care

Bob Hiester

Bob & Judy Grove

Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick

Melanie Shady

Sandy Langel

Earl Brickley

At Their Home

Don Reeves

Ted Ellis

River Terrace

Karen West

Mary Bishop

Carolyn McBride

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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