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First Family Christmas

Presented by the Music Ministry of FBC Garland

Date: Sunday, December 8

Time: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Location: Worship Center

Details: Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with our Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Children's Choirs, Youth Choirs, Spanish Language Choir and Living Sacrifice Ensemble.

Register: Visit fbcgarland.org/music to register or for more information.

Contact: Tamara Palmer, 972-276-7194, x241, or tamarap@fbcgarland.org



Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering: December 1-8



Daily mission stories are located on our website at fbcgarland.org/missions, which will have a specific emphasis about International

Missions, and the work being done through the International Mission Board. If you would like to make an offering, please designate it on your envelope or online for Lottie Moon at fbcgarland.org/giving. 100% of the offering goes to support missionaries. Read more about the IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/ For questions, please contact Teresa Brown, 972-276-7194, x288, or teresab@fbcgarland.org. *Prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center.*

Ukrainian Refugee Christmas

This month, members of FBCG will travel to Poland and Czechia to minister to Ukrainian refugee children. Our team will present Christmas gifts to more than 850 refugee orphans and children. Your donation of \$20 will bring Christmas to one child. You may give by check or online at fbcgarland.org/giving. If donating by check, please write *Ukrainian Refugee Ministry* in the memo area. If donating online, type *Ukrainian Refugee Ministry* in the Other (optional) space. *Thank you for your support!*

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Livestream: fbcgarland.org/watch-live

Join us in the Worship Center for a powerful message from Pastor Greg and an observance of the Lord's Supper.

Childcare available for children ages 3 and under during both services.

Holiday Schedule

Church Office

Closed Wednesday, December 25–Friday, January 3

McDonald Activity Center

Open Thursday, December 26–

Friday, December 27, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Women's Christmas Luncheon and Vendor Alley

Date: Thursday, December 5
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$12
Details: Dr. Sue Edwards will give a message entitled, "Oust Christmas Angst: Rest in God's Shadowed Shelter."
Register: fbcgarland.org/womens-ministry The deadline is December 2 at noon. Childcare is available for children ages newborn–5 years.
Shopping: Visit our Vendor Alley beginning at 10:30 a.m. to shop in the MAC lobby before and after the luncheon for handmade jewelry, ornaments, baked goods, embroidery, and much more.
Contact: Sarah Ruth Arden, sarahrutha@fbcgarland.org



Pacesetters

Date: Monday, December 16
Time: 11:30 a.m. (12:15 p.m. online)
Location: MAC Fellowship Hall
Details: We welcome back Alfred Lee. Alfred began studying music at 8 years old and has performed around the world. He has received many accolades, but gives the glory to God alone. Chef Greg will provide lunch, and you can bring a dessert to share. If you can't join us in person, we invite you to watch online by visiting fbcgarland.org/watch-live.
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org



Year-End Giving

As we come to the end of 2024, we appreciate the fact that many of you consider year-end gifts to the ministries of FBC Garland. It is our policy, consistent with IRS regulations, that all gifts must be either received or postmarked by December 31 to receive credit in 2024. All year-end gifts not given in the regular offering by Sunday, December 29, need to be mailed to the church at 801 W Ave D, Garland, TX 75040 and postmarked on or before December 31. Any gifts given through our online giving page should be completed on or before December 31 for 2024 credit.



Rooted Young Adults UpperRoom Worship Night

Bring a friend!



Date: Friday, December 6
Time: 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Location: Room 350
Details: Join us for a powerful and uplifting evening at our UpperRoom Worship Night! This month's topic is "My Identity in Christ: Running from Addiction to Christ." *There's no cost and no need to RSVP to attend.*
Contact: Dane Hernandez, 972-276-7194, x248, or daneh@fbcgarland.org

Surviving the Holidays

Date: Sunday, December 1
Time: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Location: Parlor and on Zoom (**Contact Terri for link**)
Details: When grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. If this is where you find yourself this Christmas, join us for our "Surviving the Holidays" seminar. Participants learn how to prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

Memory Support Group

Date: Monday, December 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Parlor
Details: A support and education group to assist those who care for individuals affected by memory loss. This month our topic will be "Holiday Traditions, How Have Yours Changed?"
Register: fbcgarland.org/help-care
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

Family Nativity Night

Date: Wednesday, December 18
Time: 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Location: 2nd Floor–Kids Zone
Details: Your family is invited to join us for a night of adventure through the Luke 2 Christmas story. Bible characters will guide us as we enjoy hot chocolate, games, activities, and more.
Register: fbcgarland.org/children Deadline December 15
Contact: Sarah Wyatt, 972-276-7194, x235, or sarahw@fbcgarland.org



Rooted in Service

Rooted Young Adults Discipleship Weekend

Date: January 3-5

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Room 350

Cost: \$30 (includes t-shirt, food, and lodging)

Details: Join us for an inspiring weekend filled with discipleship, fellowship, service, and fun! This event is designed to help you grow deeper in your faith while serving others for the glory of God. Come ready to learn, serve, and create memories.

Register: Visit fbcgarland.org/young-adults (Registration ends January 3)

Contact: Dane Hernandez, 972-276-7194, x248, or daneh@fbcgarland.org



New Members:

New Members

11/3/24

Sunday School

Alondra Rodriguez

Jesus Rodriguez

Baptism

Sharon Vincent

New Members

11/10/24

Statement

Barbara Burton

New Members

11/17/24

Sunday School

Ricardo Torres

New Members

11/24/24

Sunday School

Janice Tonroy

Larry Tonroy

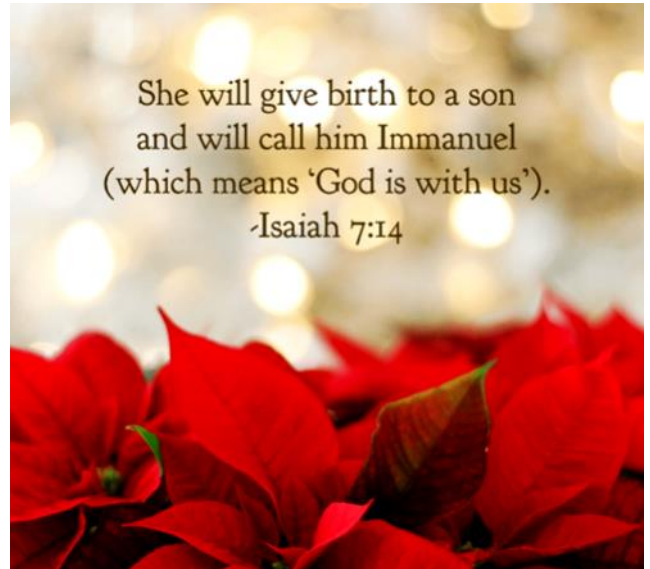


Congratulations to:

Mary Garrett on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Ayla Elizabeth Nezhad.

She will give birth to a son
and will call him Immanuel
(which means 'God is with us').

-Isaiah 7:14



Brother Greg, Lisa, Camden, and First Baptist Church express sympathy to:

The family and friends of Karen Bender.

Dianne and Jimmy Hall in the loss of Jimmy's sister,
Becky Beavers.

Duane Barringer in the loss of his wife, Shirley Barringer.

The family and friends of Ed Balka.

DiscipleNow Weekend Registration

For Students in Grades 6–12


Date: January 17–19, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. on Friday–12:30 p.m. on Sunday

Location: First Baptist Garland & Host Homes

Cost: \$85

Register: fbcgarland.org/students Deadline December 8

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Stewardship				
Annual Goal	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000
Budget Req. TD	\$649,231	\$779,350	\$908,923	\$1,038,769
Given This Year	\$690,482	\$787,794	\$896,605	\$985,458