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GRACE Women's Ministry

Bible Studies & Ministries

Date: Thursdays, January 23–April 10
Time: Bible Studies: 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Refreshments & Prayer: 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Ministries: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: McDonald Activity Center, 2nd floor

Books: **Thursday, January 16**

Book pick-up & refreshments
MAC 281, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 (come and go)
Details: *1 & 2 Thessalonians: Discovering Hope in a Promised Future* by Dr. Sue Edwards—led by Carol Duke, \$12
Genesis: A Promise... The Blessings—led by Beverly Turner, \$13
Where Do We Go From Here? by Dr. David Jeremiah—led by Nancy Larkin, \$10

Mi Experiencia con Dios by Henry Blackaby & others—led by Lucy Salazar
The Ministries offered are Prayer Blankets, Yarn Crafters, *Sonshine* Ministry, & *Take Care* Ministry.

Register: Childcare is available. For more information and to register online, please visit fbcgarland.org/grace

Contact: Sarah Ruth Arden, sarahrutha@fbcgarland.org



Reality Apologetics Conference For Students in Grades 6–12

Date: February 21–22 (Not overnight)
Time: 4:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. on Friday
and 7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. on Saturday

Location: Cottonwood Creek Church in Allen (We will travel by bus.)

Cost: \$65 (Dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday are provided.)

Details: At this year's Reality Student Apologetics Conference, we'll meet the challenges raised against God's Word. We'll answer the critics and respond to the attacks. We'll build a foundation for why we can trust the Bible. The confidence of Jesus can be ours as we respond to the world's challenges when we declare, "It Is Written."

Register: Registration is limited to the first 50 students who register. The last day to register is February 16. Please visit fbcgarland.org/students to register.

Contact: Alyson Davidson, 972-276-7194, x284, or alysond@fbcgarland.org



Precept Study of Daniel

Date: Tuesday, January 14, or Wednesday, January 15
Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Location: MAC 281

Cost: \$20 for Part 1 book (Part 2 book will be sold towards the end of Part 1)

Details: This coed Precept class is led by Gay Ritchie, and will be in two parts. Part 1 will last 8 sessions, and Part 2 will last 10 sessions. Books can be purchased in the Church Office during the week or at the first class.

Contact: Cathy Gharis, 972-276-7194, x236, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org

Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Date: Saturday, January 11
Time: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Location: Granger Rec Center, 1310 W Ave. F, Garland
Details: Join us as we pray and fellowship over breakfast. Our theme this year is "Men of Commitment." Visit fbcgarland.org/mens-ministry for details.
Contact: Cathy Gharis, 972-276-7194, x236, or cathyg@fbcgarland.org



New FBCG Music Academy

Date: Beginning January 27
Details: Are music lessons on your New Year's resolution list? We are offering voice, guitar, and piano lessons at reasonable rates. Interest forms are due January 3. For more information, please visit fbcgarland.org/music-academy.
Contact: Clay Mobley, 972-276-7194, x 294, or claym@fbcgarland.org



Pacesetters

Date: Monday, January 20
Time: 11:30 a.m. (12:15 p.m. online)
Location: MAC Fellowship Hall
Details: Join us as we begin a New Year together. Chef Greg will provide lunch, and you can bring a dessert to share. You may also watch online at fbcgarland.org/watch-live.
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

Upward Soccer

For Boys and Girls in Grades K–8
Date: Evaluations begin in late February
Location: Bob Couch Sports Complex
Details: Our upcoming season of Upward Soccer runs March 3–May 3.
Register: fbcgarland.org/about-upward-sports.
Contact: Amber Bryant, 972-276-7194, x282, or amberb@fbcgarland.org



2024 Contribution Statements

Members may access their own contribution statements by logging in to *First Focus*. An email will be sent to contributors with a valid email address when statements are ready to be printed. Statements for contributors with no valid email address on file or who have requested a printed copy of their statement will be mailed by January 31, 2025. For questions, contact Connie Roberts at 972-276-7194, x222 or connier@fbcgarland.org.

Jack E. Schmid Institute Spring Semester

Date: Tuesdays, beginning January 21
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: McDonald Activity Center
Cost: \$200/semester
Details: Perhaps you've wondered if God has a ministry calling for you. Regardless of your age, you are invited and encouraged to enroll in The Institute. We'll help you decide what vocational work God may have for you if needed.
Apply: fbcgarland.org/theinstitute Deadline: January 7
Contact: Shannon Fears, 972-276-7194, x225, or shannonf@fbcgarland.org



Memory Support Group

Date: Monday, January 27
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 "What does a New Year's resolution look like to you as a caregiver?"
Register: fbcgarland.org/help-care
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

GriefShare

Date: Beginning Sunday, February 1
Time: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Location: Parlor and on Zoom (Contact Terri for link)
Details: It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you have lost a loved one, we are here to walk with you through this difficult time. Join us for this weekly study.
Register: fbcgarland.org/griefshare
Contact: Terri Carter, 972-276-7194, x239, or terric@fbcgarland.org

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Date: Tuesdays, January 14–March 11
Time: 6:45 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Location: Parlor
Cost: \$25 (includes online access to videos for sessions)
Details: Join us for this 9-week Bible study, *Sermon on the Mount*, by Jen Wilkin, led by Nancy McCord & Cindy Kelley.
Register: fbcgarland.org/tuesday-evening-bible-study
Contact: Sarah Ruth Arden, sarahrutha@fbcgarland.org



Rooted in Service: Rooted Young Adults Discipleship Weekend

Date: Friday, January 3–Sunday, January 5

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Room 350

Speaker: Jordan Whittington, lead pastor at FBC Farmers Branch, is a graduate of The University of Alabama and received his Masters of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL. He is married to Carlin and they have one son—Cooper.

Details: Grow deeper in your faith while serving others. We will have engaging discipleship sessions, meaningful group discussions, impactful service projects, and plenty of fun! Come ready to learn, serve, and create memories. To register, please visit fbcgarland.org/young-adults. Registration is open through January 3.

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

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



New Members:

New Members

12/1/24

Sunday School

Bessy Urrutia

Baptism

Lucas DeGrand

New Members

12/8/24

No new members

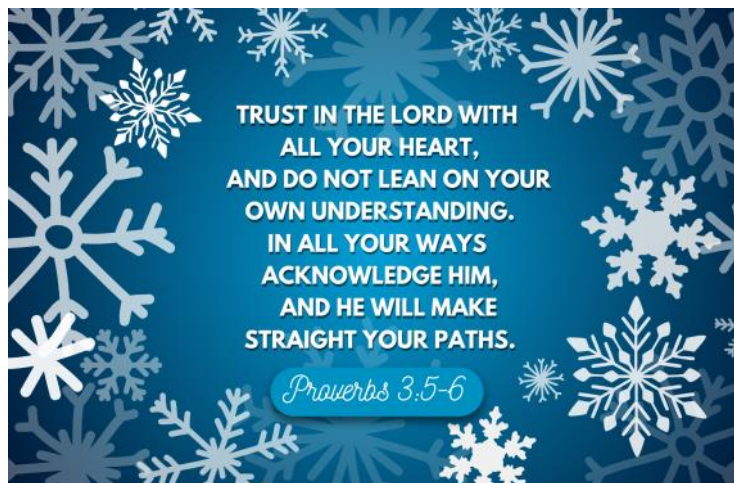
New Members

12/15/24

Letter

Jerry Piland

Kathy Piland



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

Kim, Joshua, and Troy Prestenberg; Michael, David, and Johnathon Prestenberg in the loss of Troy's mother, Katherine Starnes.

Salomon Tristan in the loss of his wife, Susan Tristan.

Gloria and Steve Booth in the loss of Gloria's mother, Vivian Schoenstein.

Beverly and John Combs; Emily Combs, Jennifer Combs; and Sandra and Ted Wommack in the loss of Beverly's father, Joe Thomas.



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FIRST FOCUS ONLINE COMMUNITY?

Find out more: fbcgarland.org/online-community

FIRST BAPTIST GARLAND	12/1/24 Week 9	12/8/24 Week 10	12/15/24 Week 11	12/22/24 Week 12
Stewardship				
Annual Goal	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000	\$6,752,000
Budget Req. TD	\$1,168,615	\$1,298,462	\$1,428,308	\$1,558,154
Given This Year	\$1,164,026	\$1,296,240	\$1,422,898	\$1,588,301