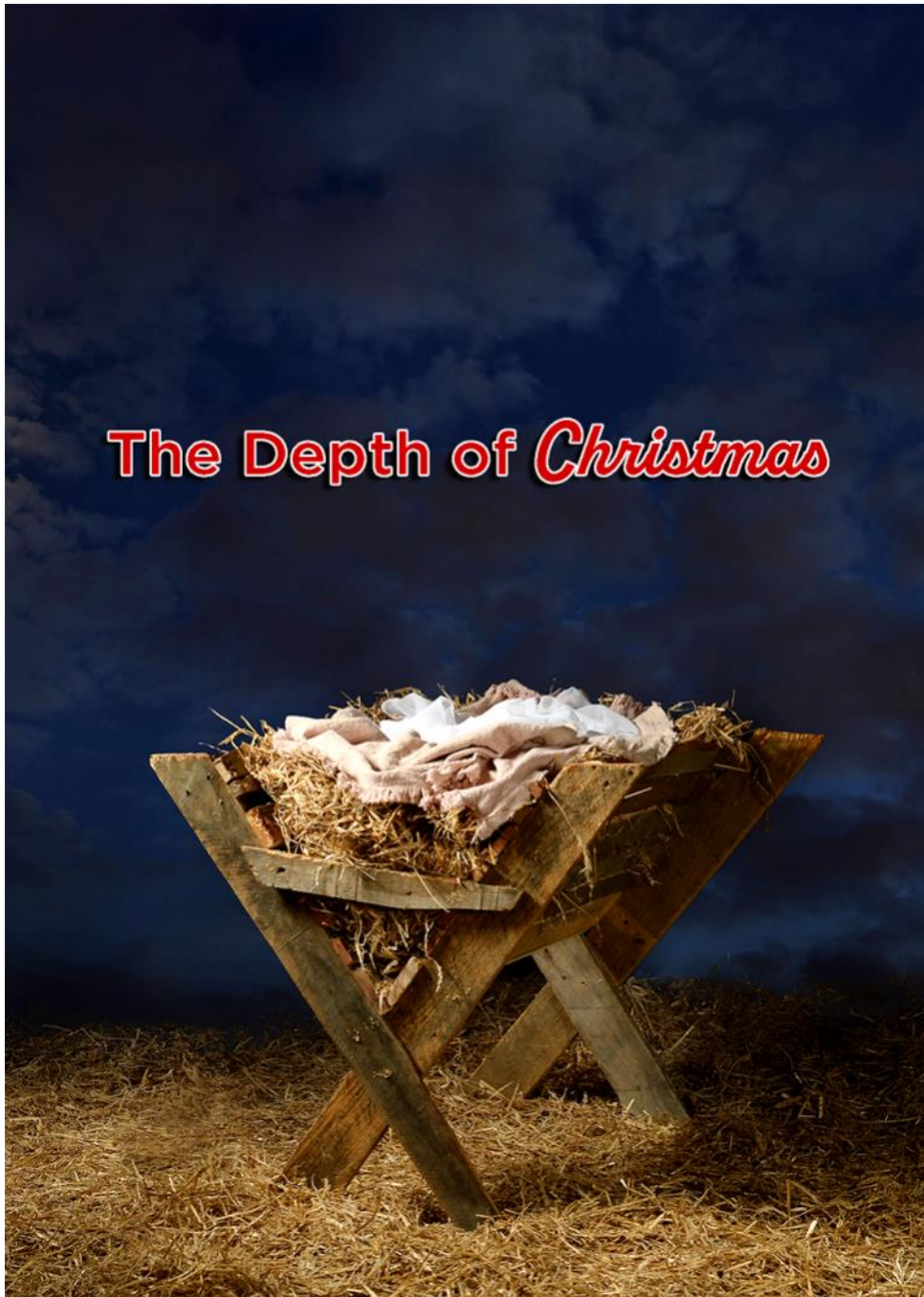


The Depth of *Christmas*



Sunday, December 22, 2024

Dr. Greg Ammons, Senior Pastor

Mark Hill, Associate Pastor,
Minister of Music and Worship



Orders of Worship

8:45 a.m. TRADITIONAL

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Kendall Kirk

PRELUDE - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Madeline Samford

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Exceeding Great Joy" Sanctuary Choir

Laura Settles, Soloist
Hunter Merriman, Drums

WELCOME AND PRAYER Dr. Greg Ammons, Senior Pastor

Celebration of Advent "Love"

"The First Noel"

"Away in a Manger"

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

PRAYER Dennis Neal, Executive Pastor

"All Is Well" Sanctuary Choir

Zoe Thrasher, soloist

MESSAGE Pastor

Accompanists Richard Ponder, Organ; Georgia Kornegay, Piano

11:15 a.m. CONTEMPORARY BLEND

WELCOME AND PRAYER Pastor

Celebration of Advent "Love"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Away in a Manger"

"Is He Worthy"

PRAYER Dane Hernandez, Minister of Young Adults and Assimilation

"What Child Is This"

MESSAGE Pastor



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.

Welcome, Guests! We'd Like To Hear From You.

Please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a gift from FBCG. Let us know about your visit by scanning the QR code at right or texting "[connect2us](#)" to [77411](#).



**Financial Giving Since New Fiscal Year
Through Week 11**

Budget Required	\$1,428,308
Budget Received	\$1,422,898
Legacy Offering Received To Date	\$5,916,415

Winter DivorceCare Classes

Start Date: Sunday, January 12
Time: 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Location: Main 153/157
Cost: \$20 for materials
Details: Healing from divorce is not easy. In DivorceCare groups, people going through separation and divorce find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. For information and to preregister please visit fbcgarland.org/winter-2025-adult-discipleship-classes
Contact: Cathy Gharis 972-276-7194, x236, or cathyg@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

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, sahrutha@fbcgarland.org



Jack E. Schmid Institute Spring Semester

Date: Tuesdays, beginning January 21, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$200/semester
Details: Perhaps you've wondered if God has a special ministry calling for you. Regardless of your age, younger or older, you are invited and encouraged to enroll in The Institute. We will help you decide what special vocational work God may have for you if help is needed. To apply for the Jack E. Schmid Institute, please scan the QR code. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 7.
Contact: Shannon Fears, 972-276-7194, x225, or shannonf@fbcgarland.org



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.



Books: **Thursday, January 16**

Book pick-up & refreshments in MAC 281, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (come and go)

Location: McDonald Activity Center, 2nd floor

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

FBCG Music Academy

Date: Beginning January 27

Details: We are excited to introduce our new Music Academy! Are music lessons on your New Year's resolution list? We are offering voice, guitar, and piano lessons at reasonable rates. Visit fbcgarland.org/music-academy for more information.

Contact: Clay Mobley, 972-276-7194, x 294, or claym@fbcgarland.org

Holiday Schedule

Church Office

Closes at Noon on Tuesday, December 24–Friday, January 3

McDonald Activity Center

Open Thursday, December 26, 8:00 a.m.–2 p.m.

Friday, December 27, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monday, December 30, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Thursday, January 2, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Friday, January 3, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

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 for 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.



**Wednesday Night Bible Study & Fellowship Supper
Resume on January 8**

THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN. BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME
Immanuel
ISAIAH 7:14

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)
Speaker: Jordan Whittington, lead pastor at FBC Farmers Branch
Details: Join us for an inspiring weekend filled with discipleship, fellowship, service, and fun!
Register: Visit fbcgarland.org/young-adults (Registration ends January 3)
Contact: Dane Hernandez, 972-276-7194, x248, or daneh@fbcgarland.org



Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Date: Saturday, January 11
Time: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Location: Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W Ave. F, Garland, 75040
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



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: Visit fbcgarland.org/about-upward-sports.
Contact: Amber Bryant, 972-276-7194, x282, or amberb@fbcgarland.org



5 EASY WAYS TO GIVE

OFFERING PLATE	Offering plates available with our ushers at exits each Sunday
WEBSITE	fbcgarland.org/giving
CHURCH APP	Search for “fbc garland” in the Apple Store/Google Play
TEXT	fbcgarland to 833-360-7243
MAIL	Attn: Business Office 801 W Ave D, Garland, TX 75040

PRAYER REQUESTS

For membership or spiritual decisions, please text “decision” to 77411 or “pray4me” for prayer.

Sermon Notes

Dr. Greg Ammons, Senior Pastor

Please silence electronic devices.

The Depth of Christmas

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

Romans 5:12–21 (ESV)

Romans 5:12–21

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.