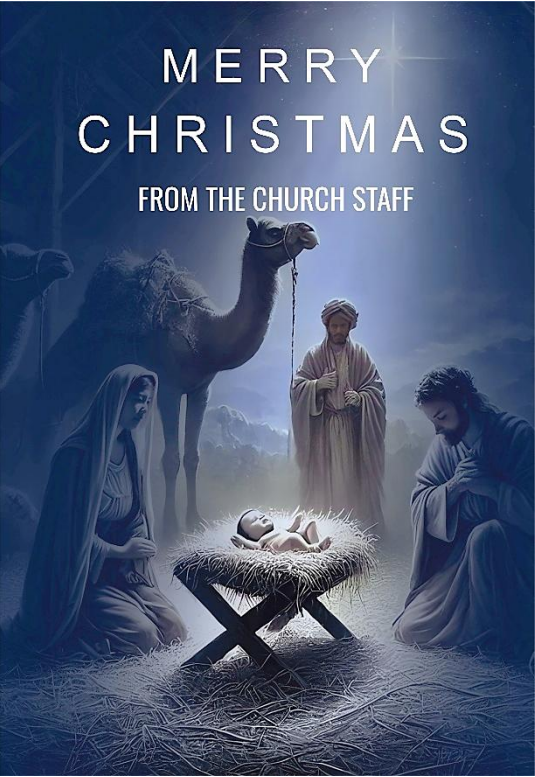


Weekly Calendar	
<b>December 28, Sunday</b>	
Early Morning (Main Bldg.).....	8:30 a.m.
Morning Worship at NorthPoint (FLC) .....	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study (Main Bldg.) .....	9:45 a.m.
Bible Study at NorthPoint (FLC) .....	10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (Main Bldg.) .....	11:00 a.m.
No Evening Activities	
<b>December 29, Monday</b>	
Church Office & Family Life Center Closed December 29-January 2	
<b>December 31, Wednesday</b>	
No Wednesday Activities	
<b>January 4, Sunday</b>	
Early Morning (Main Bldg.).....	8:30 a.m.
Morning Worship at NorthPoint (FLC) .....	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study (Main Bldg.) .....	9:45 a.m.
Bible Study at NorthPoint (FLC) .....	10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (Main Bldg.) .....	11:00 a.m.
No Evening Activities	
<b>January 5, Monday</b>	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC) .....	9:00 a.m.
Christmas Decoration Take Down.....	9:30 a.m.
<b>January 6, Tuesday</b>	
Celebrate Recovery (FLC-Loft/5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Time) .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>January 7, Wednesday</b>	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC) .....	9:00 a.m.
Discipleship Pathway Group (FH).....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal (FH) .....	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Mission Friends (3s, 4s, 5s & Kindergarten) .....	6:30 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6) .....	6:30 p.m.
The Loft @ FLC (Grades 7-12) .....	6:30 p.m.
Discipleship Pathway Groups .....	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal .....	7:30 p.m.
<b>January 9, Friday</b>	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC) .....	9:00 a.m.
<b>January 10, Saturday</b>	
Upward Games Begin	

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As we celebrate this season of joy and hope, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your love, prayers and support throughout the year. Your faith and kindness inspire us daily and help us share God’s light with our community. May your holidays be filled with peace, joy and the blessings of His grace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*The Church Staff*

### The Pastor's Corner

Merry Christmas my friends! This Sunday will be Christmas Sunday and we will celebrate, with the shepherds, the birth of our Savior! It is not that complicated. We messed up, God had a plan, Jesus was willing to pay our debt, so He came to earth in human form to die on a cross for us. God's perfect sacrificial Lamb slain once for all who will receive Him. This Sunday will be a normal Sunday morning with Sunday School and all normal services and times. The only difference is it will be a "come as you are" service, so if your family or guests show up without "church clothes" just say "Great! Wear whatever you brought. You will fit right in!" See you Sunday and Merry Christmas!

Pastor James

### Senior Adult Exercise Class

The senior adult exercise class will not meet over the Christmas holiday (December 24-January 2). Classes will resume Monday, January 5, 2026.

### Discipleship Pathway New Group

Ray Vander Laan Discipleship Series  
(Season 1)

Class begins Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
This is a video-driven study with discussion and will be offered on Wednesday night only. A sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin on Sunday.



### Christmas Holiday Hours

The church office and Family Life Center will be closed December 24 – January 2, 2026, for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen January 5, 2026, for normal business hours. There will not be a church newsletter the week of December 26-30.



### Taking Down Christmas Decorations

Monday, January 5, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

### A Word from the Pastor

Honestly, this has been a challenging last few months for me! Perhaps it's just the years catching up with me or more likely it has been that so many in our church have lost loved ones. Over the last 35 years it has been my honor to serve you. I have never had as many funerals as I have had since September. I believe that all of them were followers of Jesus and I find comfort in that, but when I look at those who have been left behind it breaks my heart especially at this time of the year. I can hear you thinking "Pastor, thanks for the depressing thoughts." That is the furthest thing from my mind. I am thinking there are a lot of folks who are hurting this Holy-day season and they could really use their friends and acquaintances here at FBC to 1) Pray for them. 2) Call and/or visit them and bring a little companionship into this season. 3) Call me crazy, but perhaps we could invite them into our homes and give them a break from the memories of the past for a little while. 4) Invite them out for a sit-down meal at a restaurant.

Church, I think there is a lot more that we could do if we just gave it a little thought. Don't forget our hurting friends this Christmas. God didn't forget us. No, He sent His only Son to save us from our sin. His sacrifice is unquantifiable. Let's try to emulate that in some small way this year as we too reach out to hurting people—real people who we already know.

Starting January 4 I will begin a new sermon series titled **A New Direction**. Over the course of this series we will deal with a variety of topics dealing with the individual, our church and even our culture. Pray for me as God leads me through the preparation for this series, that I might have a word from God for us to draw closer to Him and make us better fit to do His will in our work-a-day world. Merry Christmas one and all!

Pastor James

### Tithes

Contribution amounts are recorded for your income tax purposes only. All contributions to be credited in 2025 must be turned in to the church office or mailed and postmarked by **December 31**.



### In Case of Inclement Weather

Cancellation notification of Sunday Services: Check [www.fbccassville.org](http://www.fbccassville.org), the FBC Cassville Facebook page or FBC app.

Cancellation policy of Wednesday evening services: If Cassville schools are in session, we will have services. If schools are dismissed early or all day due to weather, we will be dismissed too.

### Upward Prayer

December 28-January 3

Pray for parents to gain wisdom and strength.



January 4-10

Pray for safety and health of all children and their families.

### New Year, New Mercies

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."

— *Lamentations 3:22-23*

As we step into 2026, we celebrate a fresh start and a faithful God. May this new year be filled with His hope, peace and purpose.

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### New Baby

Tucker Crew Griffith was born on December 19 to Rebekah and Michael Griffith. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20.75 inches long. His proud grandparents are Johnny and Jill Crawford. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Charli, Ella and Lundy and his brother Kale.

