

Pelham Vision 2022



First Baptist Church Pelham

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From Pastor Daven Watkins

Dear FBC Pelham Faith Family,

Happy New Year!!! A new year brings new opportunities, new mercies, new challenges, and new blessings. I am excited about our January sermon series entitled Mission Unstoppable. Over the first five weeks of the year we will examine our mission statement here at FBC Pelham and discover that we are part of something that is truly unstoppable! We will kick off the New Year with a Women's Luncheon and a Man-Up Event on Sunday, January 9; Wednesday Night Activities will resume on January 12; D-Groups will begin on January 16; and we will host our Mission Sunday on January 30 where you will have the opportunity to meet some of our mission partners and hear about upcoming mission trips in 2022. I am looking forward to a new year of significant growth and discipleship. Before looking too far ahead, let's look back and praise the LORD for these 71 people that the LORD added to this faith family in 2021. You are here on purpose and for a purpose! To God be the glory for the GREAT things He has done and promises to continue to do in and through His people! I love you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Daven

Our Purpose Statement—First Baptist Church Pelham is a Christ-centered faith family that exists to *make disciples for a global impact* by enjoying God through worship and prayer; by equipping disciples through teaching and serving; and by engaging the world through missions and evangelism.

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Upcoming Events

Jan 2	Ordination Service Sam Tatum @ 5:00
Jan 9	Women's Luncheon Man-Up
Jan 11	Senior Luncheon
Jan 16	Student/Parent Luncheon
Jan 23	Children/Family Luncheon
Jan 30	Mission Sunday

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Worship Ministry- Brett Fuller

I want to express my sincere and deep appreciation to the entire Worship & Media Ministry for their hard work and dedication, as we presented a “Christmas Worship Experience” on December 8. Every aspect of the program from the music, the soloist, the preschool & children’s choir, to the Live-stream elements, sound & lights, all reflect a multi-faceted ministry that works tirelessly to lead our church body! We are blessed here at First Baptist Pelham with an incredible Worship & Media Ministry team!

We will soon begin rehearsals for the New Year. Holy Week & Easter Sunday will be here before we know it! Now is a perfect time to get involved in the Worship & Media Ministry. All Wednesday night activities begin on January 12, and I would love to invite you to join us!

All you have to do is show up at 6:15pm & we’ll take care of the rest!

As we step into 2022, it’s my hope and prayer that we will look upon the horizon before us with a great sense of expectation, as we boldly meet the new day! May the words of Psalm 40 encourage you as we gather for worship in the New Year!!

Brett

3. *He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.*
4. *Blessed is the man who makes the
LORD his trust,*
9. *I have told the glad news of
salvation in the great
congregation;*

*Behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.*

*10. I have not hidden your
deliverance within my heart; I
have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation; I have not
concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness from the
great congregation.*

(Verses From Psalm 40)



Kids Ministry—Jonathan Williams

January 2022 starts off a busy year with the following activities:

Parents, please mark your calendars for January 9th and 16th for Sundays that a notary will be available to notarize new Medical Release/Photo Waivers for 2022. All children 1st through 5th grades will require a current form signed and a copy of their current insurance card in order to take part in any off-campus activities. This allows for FBCP to make decisions for your child in case of injury or emergency. The notary will be available in the Children’s Welcome area before and after each service on both Sundays. (Note: Forms must be signed in front of the

notary so do NOT sign beforehand.)

On Wednesday, January 12th all Wednesday evening activities will resume at 6:15 P.M. Then on Sunday, January 16th all Sunday evening activities will resume at 5:00 P.M.

Then on January 17th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will take our 1st through 5th graders to DEFY Trampoline and Recreation Center. We will leave the church at 12:45 and will return at 4:15. The cost will be \$20 per jumper.

You can register your child/children by sending an email to lbentley@fbcpelham.org or an envelope will be available in the Welcome Center in the children’s area to register and drop your check or cash into and drop into the green forms box.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT MEDICAL RELEASE/PHOTO WAIVER ON RECORD.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Senior Adult Ministry- Dr. Randy Atkinson

AS WE BEGIN 2022 . . .

I can't go forward without thanking God for this past year. 2021 is still a year filled with crises, questions and challenges. Yet we have found much more freedom and health and enjoyed many wonderful times together. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness. I thank you also for your prayer, encouragement and participation.

The first and most critical big event of 2022 is our MISSION TRIP. The dates are March 26—April 1. I would ask you to pray about participating. Accommodations are comfortable, work load is flexible, cost is minimal and rewards are tremendous. We need Senior Adult participation, but there is a real

need for younger ages to join us to help shoulder the load and keep the projects on track. Spend some time in prayer and as the Lord leads and provides, plan to join us in New Orleans for Mission Lab this year.

JANUARY—We will meet at 11:00 AM on January 11 for a "bring the soup or sandwich" meal and in house program. It's all pot luck, bring what you can to round out the menu. If you bring it, we will share it!

FEBRUARY—We are changing the week to accommodate other uses of the Annex and changing the time to allow those who work or are occupied during the day to join us. The date is February 15 and the time is 6:00 PM.

More details to come later. Pray for me as I pray for you and call on me when I can serve you or your family.

Bro. Randy

January 11 @ 11:00 AM

in the Annex



Seniors' Luncheon



Dear Precious Church Family,
Thank you, thank you, thank you for your love and support to the Shaw family in the death of our sweet "Mrs. Mary"! The celebration of her life will be treasured always in our hearts.
Your prayers, memorial gifts in her

honor, food, cards, visits and deeds of mercy to us have humbled and blessed us. We are all looking forward to "some sweet day" when we will see her again. May God richly bless you!

Bro. Mike and the Shaw Family

Recreation and Outreach- Donnie Sisk



Games will continue in January (8, 15, 22, 29), and end in February (5 & 12). I hope you add Sunday, February 12th to your calendar and make plans to join us for our Upward Celebration Sunday.



tailgating from 4:00-6:00 and worship beginning at 6:00 PM.

We will welcome Matt Kelley from Equip Ministries as our speaker.

Our next Man-Up event is Sunday, January 9 with

You will not want to miss this exciting evening of food, fellowship and great worship. Plus we will have the opportunity to sign up for the spring semester D-Group Classes.

Donnie

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Counselor's Corner—Linda Story & Melanie Howard

Jeremiah 18

4. *But the vessel that he was shaping from the clay became flawed in his hand; so he formed it into another vessel, as it seemed best for him to do.*

12. *But they will reply, 'It is hopeless. We will follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'*

I've often heard people say, "I'm just clay in the potter's hand". The image that often comes to mind is God molding and shaping us and working to make us better. I never really thought much about that process; nor did I see it as anything more than a gentle process. In reality, the process of molding and shaping is not a gentle process and depends a great deal on how malleable the object is. If the object wants to act according to its

nature, rather than conforming to the ways of the potter, it will continue to be smashed on the potters' wheel until the object follows the path desired by the potter.

Jeremiah 18:12 points out that the people of Judah didn't want to follow the potter's direction but rather wanted to follow their own plans. People today are no different. Sometimes we are worried and give it over to God only to take it back and devise our own plans. Or we might become easily frustrated and lose patience. We can see from the scripture that molding and shaping is not likely to occur until we are willing to change. Change is not easy and is many times awkward and uncomfortable. We will go out of our way most times to avoid

discomfort. While it is our nature to avoid discomfort, I believe that there are times when we must learn to tolerate discomfort in order to grow.

Change comes in many forms and circumstances and includes being more patient and understanding, listening more, overcoming an addiction, exercising, praying, reading the scriptures, managing anger and stress, being more tolerant and less frustrated, showing mercy, forgiving and mending strained relationships. The list goes on. How does God want you to change? Are you willing to be changed or are you like the inhabitants of Judah who say, "*There is no hope: but we will walk after our own plan*"?

Linda Story

Women's Ministry

The Ladies Prayer Retreat 2021 was such a blessing. Thank you to all of the ladies who shared their hearts with us and to Jerra Dooley and the praise team for leading in worship. I also want to thank the Women's Ministry Leadership team for all of their hard work making this day very special to our ladies.

The Women's Ministry Leadership team is beginning to work on the schedule for next year. We would love to hear from you with your ideas for events, retreat speakers, etc. We want to reach all ages of ladies in our church. If you

have an idea, please send it to mariancarter444@gmail.com.

We also have an opening on the Leadership team for the leader of the Decorating Committee. If you are interested in this position, please contact me at mariancarter444@gmail.com.

Marian Carter

WMU

WMU will be meeting Monday, January 10, 2022 in the Quad Room, at 10:00 a.m. Our program will be presented by Sam Neugent, representing E3 Ministries.

Also, our special monthly project will be collecting all sizes of infant diapers and gift cards for the Sav-A-Life ministry.

We will have a potluck Brunch/Baby Shower so please bring your favorite brunch food to share. See you at the WMU meeting, ladies!