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The Angels' Song in Three Words

On the very first Christmas Eve, frightened shepherds were suddenly surrounded by light and music. A choir of angels filled the night sky, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14, KJV).

Nineteenth-century pastor Charles Kingsley reflected on how those three simple words — glory, peace, and good will — still capture the meaning of Jesus' birth and the hope it brings.

Glory. God's glory isn't shown in dazzling displays of power but in humility and mercy. The baby in the manger revealed God's greatness by stooping low, forgiving, and showing love.

Peace. True peace is more than the absence of conflict. It comes when we follow God's example of selflessness, giving up pride and selfish ambition to live in harmony with one another.

Good will. God's good will toward us is a gift that transforms our lives. Through Jesus, God invites us out of selfishness and sin into a life marked by love, kindness, and community.

The angels' song wasn't meant only for shepherds long ago. It still sings to us today, calling each of us to live in glory, peace, and good will.



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**Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services
on live stream or watch it later on YouTube!**

The Scroll

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Dawson, Georgia

To worship God, love others, and share Jesus.

December 2025

From the Pastor's Heart

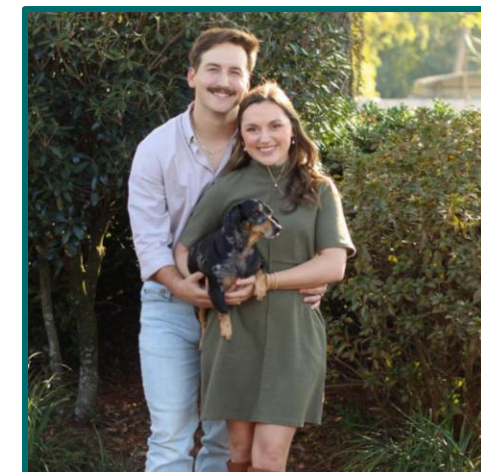
Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, the last couple of months have contained very significant dates for me. The first was in October, which marked the 6th Pastor Appreciation Month that I have been here at FBC Dawson. I want you to know how much it meant to me that you even remembered that it was Pastor Appreciation Month, much less giving me a gift for it. I never keep track of when Pastor Appreciation Month rolls around because I consider it an honor and privilege to serve here as pastor. I do not feel I am owed any special recognition for that calling. So, thank you for the recognition and for the restaurant gift cards. Feeding a family of five isn't cheap and so those gift cards are well appreciated!

The second, was in November where I reached my 40th birthday and officially hit "middle aged". So many of you took part in Annette's "40 cards for your 40th birthday" surprise that I actually received almost double the 40 birthday cards! It really meant a lot to me going through all those cards from people from all different stages of my life—many from right now. I was—and still am—very blown away by it all. It is an odd feeling hitting 40 and to be honest, I don't think I have slowed down to let it sink in, but I am very thankful the Lord has me here to live my 40th year with you.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Currie

P.S. In case you missed it, we have a new Youth Director!!! Dustin Aspinwall and his wonderful wife, Rachel, will be moving here in January to join us here at FBC Dawson.



Upcoming Events

Summerhill Association Dawson Backpack Distribution Event



Summerhill's Dawson Christmas Backpack Distribution event will be **Saturday, December 6**. We need volunteers to help set up prior to the event. The event will be from 10:00 am–12:00 pm at the old Lillie Cooper School gym at 1051 August Street NE in Dawson. More information to come.

Connect Christmas Party

Young adults are invited to our Connect Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 7**, at 6:00 pm at the Spoon's house! We'll have our Christmas party with our Dirty Santa/White Elephant gift exchange. We ask that each person brings a wrapped gift with a limit of \$25. Bring your favorite finger foods or desserts. Childcare will be available for kids in the Fellowship Hall, so please come and enjoy some fun and laughs.



Deacons' Widows and Widowers Banquet



The Deacons will be hosting their annual Widows and Widowers Banquet on **Monday, December 15**, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be on the lookout for your invite in the mail. Please RSVP to the church office or sign up on the sheet if you plan to attend by **Monday, December 8**.

Christmas Caroling Trip

Join us for our Christmas Caroling Trip on **Wednesday, December 10**, where we'll go to various houses of our shut-ins to help spread Christmas cheer! We'll leave at 6:15 pm following supper.



Youth Fantasy in Lights Trip

The Youth will be taking a trip to Callaway Gardens on **Thursday, December 11**, to take in the Fantasy in Lights display on a trolley. We will leave the church at 4:00 pm. Tickets cost \$25 per person. Dinner will be provided. The deadline for sign-ups and ticket payments is **Wednesday, December 3**.

OCC Processing Center Trip



If you signed up to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Atlanta, GA, we'll be going on **Saturday, December 13**, and work the 1:00–5:00 pm shift. We will leave the church at 8:00 am. We will eat lunch before beginning our shift.

Joint Christmas Cantata - FBC Dawson & Dawson Methodist



You're invited to a joint Christmas Cantata with the Dawson Methodist and FBC Dawson Choirs on **Sunday, December 14**, hosted at Dawson Methodist Church at 11:00 am. Both Children's Choirs will also be performing during this program. **Please note that our Sunday School will be pushed back to 9:30 am for December 14 only due to the later service start time.**

Christmas Eve Silent Lord's Supper Service

Our annual Christmas Eve Silent Lord's Supper Service will be **Wednesday, December 24**, at 5:30 pm. Please join us for this very special time that our church celebrates each year.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2025

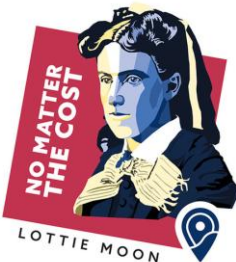


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 Lottie Moon Offering Starts Connect	8	9 Senior Adult Christmas Lunch at Blackbeard's	10 Christmas Caroling Trip 6:15 pm	11 Youth Fantasy in Lights Trip 4:00 pm	12	13 OCC Processing Center Trip
14 Christmas Cantata at Dawson Methodist 11:00 am SS at 9:30 am No Evening Study	15	16 No Sr. Adult Bible Study	17 Christmas Parties 6:15 pm	18 Food Box Ministry	19	20
21 No Evening Study	22	23 Office Closed No Morning Activities	24 Office Closed No Reg. Activities Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm	25 Office Closed	26	27
28 No Evening Study	29	30 No Sr. Adult Bible Study	31 Office Closed No Evening Activities	1 Office Closed		



The Scroll Deadline for January

If you have an article or addition for *The Scroll* newsletter for January, it is due to the church office by **Monday, December 15**. Putting things in *The Scroll* is a great way to get news, updates, announcements, and other information that is pertinent to the church body out to them. Feel free to take advantage of this important communication tool.



Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
CHURCH GOAL: \$5,000

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lainey Brown	2 Ann Garland	3 Church Christmas Decorating 6:15 pm 	4 Judi Miller	5 Joy Chambless	6 Summerhill Backpack Dist. at Lillie Cooper 10:00 am–12:00 pm Bonnie Davis
7 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Begins Connect Christmas Party 6:00 pm Hillary Jones	8 Lilly Masters	9 Senior Adult Lunch at Blackbeard's	10  Christmas Caroling Trip 6:15 pm Bonnie Riehl	11  Youth Fantasy in Lights Trip 4:00 pm Mike Barry	12	13 OCC Processing Center Trip 8:00 am
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21  No Evening Study	22	23 Office Closed No Morning Activities	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Office Closed No Regular Activities Silent Lord's Supper 5:30 pm	25 MERRY Christmas Office Closed	26	27
28 No Evening Study	29	30 No Senior Adult Bible Study Linda Banks	31  New Year's Eve Office Closed			

EVENTS

Christmas Caroling Trip
December 10 at 6:15 pm



Joint Christmas Cantata
December 14 at 10:30 am
at Dawson Methodist Church



Christmas Eve Silent
Lord's Supper
December 24 at 5:30 pm

