

# Message Notes

**God With Us**  
**Prepare for His Presence**  
Luke 3:1-18; John 3:30

**Main Idea: Prepare the way for Jesus instead of getting in the way.**

**1. Point to Jesus instead of yourself.**

- Seek significance over status.
- Seek to influence not impress.

**2. Practice removing obstacles to Jesus.**

- Explain the gospel clearly and simply.  
*"Make his paths straight..."*  
*"...and the crooked shall become straight..."*
- Apply the gospel universally.  
*"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill made low..."*
- Live out the gospel with integrity.  
*"...and the rough ways smooth..."*

**3. Proclaim the good news about Emmanuel.**

- We are more precious to God than we can imagine.
- We are less alone than we feel.

## Giving

You may place your offerings in one of the black boxes located near the four entrances of the Sanctuary before or after Sunday morning worship. You can also mail your gifts, bring them by the church office or give online securely through our church website.



*December 4th, 2022*

*Call To Worship - FBC Choir*

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*Welcome and Prayer*

*Greeting*

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*O Come, All Ye Faithful #145*

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #124*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel #123*

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*Prayer*

*Sermon - Pastor Greg Lewis*

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*Time of Response - The Savior Is Waiting*

*Announcements*

*Jesus, Messiah*

## I'm New

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. Please take a moment and fill out a "Let's Connect Card" from the pew holder and drop it in one of the black boxes by the door on your way out. Our staff and welcome team would be glad to help you with any questions you may have.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Week of Prayer for International Missions  
Dec 4th- Dec 11th, 2022

Our Goal: \$6000

Pray for our Southern Baptist Missionaries around the world and ask God how much he would have you give to support their efforts to share the gospel with all nations. Think of it as a birthday gift to Jesus!

## Vertical Students

Wednesdays  
MS 5:30-7p. HS 6:30-7:45p  
Current MS series: Ezra  
Current HS series: Ezra



## Email Newsletter

Sign up to receive Pastor Greg's email newsletter by emailing him at [lewis892@gmail.com](mailto:lewis892@gmail.com) or by going to our church website [www.fbcgoldthwaite.com](http://www.fbcgoldthwaite.com) and sign up on the right hand side of our home page.

## Upcoming Events

Dec 11 - Cantata 7pm  
Dec 14 - Cantata 7pm  
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 6:30p  
Dec 25 - Worship only 10a, No Sunday School

## FBC Scholarship

FBC Goldthwaite Scholarship Application: Please go to [www.fbcgoldthwaite.com/scholarship-application/](http://www.fbcgoldthwaite.com/scholarship-application/) to fill out an application for the 2023 Spring Semester. The scholarship is available to FBC Goldthwaite members who will be pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applications are due by end of day, Dec 11th.

## Church Communications

Have you ever heard about a friend who had a surgery or death in the family, but you didn't find out until later? When a need arises in our church family, we can't respond if we don't know about it. Please help us out by contacting the church office (325-648-3369) when you or someone you know has a need or prayer request (surgery, illness, death in the family, crisis, etc.). If the office is closed, you can leave a voicemail or you can call or text the church staff. We want to pray for you and minister to you when possible. Thanks!

### Contact Information

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