

THE LEAF

NEWS AND NOTES FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST PARK

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday nights at FBC Forest Park are full of activity! We begin with a light meal at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. At 6:30 our kids and youth enjoy games, music, bible study, and crafts. Adults will gather in room 113 for Bible Recap as we read and discuss the New Testament.

J.O.Y. Club

At FBC Forest Park we do not have "old people." We have Just Older Youth! If you are older in years but still young at heart you are invited to meet us at **The Italian Oven** (938 Eagles Landing Pkwy, Stockbridge, GA) on **Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11:00**. We will gather for food and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

First and Foremost

Every **first Sunday** we invite you to return to the church at 4:00 for a time of prayer. Meet us in the chapel and we will guide you as you spend time in the presence of God.



Church Christmas Party

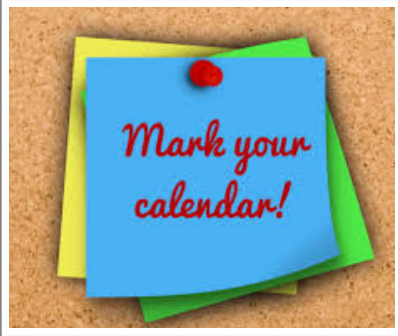
Food! Fun! Fellowship! White Elephant Gifts!

The FBC Forest Park Christmas Party is **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00** in the Fellowship Hall! This will be the last Wednesday Night gathering for 2024. We are asking everyone to bring a wrapped "**white elephant**" gift that costs **no more than \$5**. Here are some rules: Nothing alive. Nothing that used to be alive. Nothing that came out of something alive. No gifts intended to harm or embarrass. It's going to be fun!

Send Cards - Support Missions

Save money on postage. Donate that money to missions.

Christmastime means Christmas cards. Who doesn't love receiving a Christmas card? Especially from your church family! Instead of purchasing stamps to send those cards we have a mailbox in the lobby across from The Leaf where you can deliver and pickup your holiday mail. As an added bonus you can donate the money you would spend on stamps to our FAITH Commitment offering. That's a win-win!



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 18** - Church White Elephant Party
- Dec. 20** - OCC Warehouse
- Dec. 21** - Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 22** - Christmas Service
- Lord's Supper
- Jan. 3** - Un-Decorate church
- Jan. 5** - First and Foremost Prayer Service
- Jan. 5 - 25** - 21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting
- Jan. 28** - J.O.Y. Club
- Feb. 2** - First and Foremost Prayer Service
- Feb. 5** - **The Role Model Revolution begins**
- Feb. 8** - Freedom Collective Training
- Feb. 12** - Valentine's Day Dinner
- Feb. 25** - J.O.Y. Club
- Feb. 28** - D-Now Weekend
- Mar. 2** - First and Foremost Prayer Service
- Mar. 9** - Lord's Supper
- Mar. 16** - ExtraOrdinary
- Mar. 17-19** - Construction Mission Team
- Mar. 25** - J.O.Y. Club
- Mar. 26** - Church Conference

Volunteer For OCC

Serve in the Operation Christmas Child processing center!

Add some Kingdom service to your Christmas season by coming with us on **Friday, December 20** to volunteer at the Atlanta Operation Christmas Child processing center.

One of the highlights of the holiday season is when we get to further partner with Samaritan's Purse by sending a team to the Atlanta processing center to help pack Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be used to share the gospel all around the world. We have signed up for a 4 hour shift on Friday, December 20. We will meet at the church at 11:30 and hope to return by 7:00. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

Our shift is from 1:00 - 5:00. Volunteers will need to be able to stand for this period of time and be able to handle light work. The tasks are simple as we sort through the shoeboxes, add additional items as needed, and prepare the boxes to be shipped. Volunteers must pre-register online at ForestParkFirst.com. Come serve with us!

21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting

Starting 2025 with our hearts focused on God.

As we turn the calendar, we make a special effort to start the New Year by spending time with Jesus. We will begin our 21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting on **January 5th** at **First And Foremost**. This year we will be reading *Flickering Lamps* by Henry and Richard Blackaby. We will read 2 chapters each week and gather on Sundays and Wednesdays to pray and discuss what God is revealing. More information coming soon.

Christmas at FBC Forest Park

The Story Is Enough..

Sunday, December 22nd will be our special Christmas service. The morning schedule will be the same as a normal Sunday. Our worship service will begin at **10:00 in the sanctuary**. During our Christmas service we will light the final two candles of Advent, sing new and familiar songs proclaiming the arrival of Jesus, celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Christmas is always a special time and we can't wait to celebrate with you!