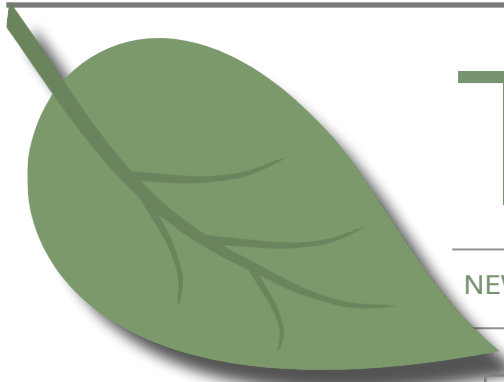




THE LEAF

NEWS AND NOTES FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST PARK

We Are Together

Church Family,

The announcement about the church closing on December 22 was a shock to us all. I know two things to be true.

1. God is with us.
2. We are in this together.

Together, we must pray and seek the Lord, and encourage each other to be obedient to Him. I know everyone has questions and we are working hard to answer those questions. My door is always open to you and I am always available to you and your family. My cell phone number is **404-660-0780**. I want you to feel free to come to me with anything. You know me. I don't do secrets! I will answer every question I can.

I love you and our church family. I am committed to walking through this with you and making sure this situation is handled with wisdom and integrity.

- Elliott Yancey - Pastor

Church Conference

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Church Conference

Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

God has put us in a position where we are closing a church and growing the Kingdom at the same time. On **Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00** we will gather in the **gym** to discuss what God is doing through this situation. We know all you have many questions about the closing of the church. We will listen and do our best to answer those questions during this meeting.

In addition, we will voting to establish a 7 member "Legacy Board", led by the trustees, who will be responsible for managing the closure of our church. They will be tasked with making all of the decisions about the assets of the church and where those assets are invested in the Kingdom. We expect this process to take a year or more.

This Legacy Board will have two goals:

1. Make sure the process of closing the church is handled with integrity and transparency.
2. Kingdom Giving. Distribute as many resources (money and assets) to Christ-centered ministries/organizations as possible.



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 10** - Church Conference
- Dec. 13** - Operation Christmas Child Warehouse
- Dec. 17** - White Elephant Party
- Dec. 21** - Christmas Service
- Lord's Supper
- Dec. 25** - Christmas Day
- Dec. 28** - Attend worship at First Baptist Church Jonesboro
- Dec. 31** - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1** - New Year's Day
- Jan. 2** - Un-decorate the church
- Jan. 4** - Attend worship at Salem Baptist Church (McDonough)
- Jan. 27** - J.O.Y. Club at Chili's on Mt. Zion Pkwy

Serve in the OCC Warehouse

Come pack boxes with us on December 13!

Sign up to serve in Operation Christmas Child Atlanta Processing Center on **Saturday, December 13th**. We will **meet at the church at 12:00** and head to the Atlanta Processing Center to help sort and pack shoeboxes. We will volunteer in the warehouse from 2:00 - 6:00 and **return to the church about 8:00**.

We have **10 spots available**. You can sign up on our website at ForestParkFirst.com. Each person must register and fill out a waiver. Lunch will be provided on the way to the processing center.

Sign up now and join us in serving Operation Christmas Child!

White Elephant Party

A fun family tradition at FBC Forest Park!

For the last few years we have enjoyed gathering as a church family for a White Elephant Party. A white elephant gift is a joke gift that costs no more than \$5. We will have games, food, fellowship, and enjoy trading these funny gifts with each other. Don't miss **Wednesday, December 17**. It's sure to be a night filled with fun and laughter.