

## Pastoral Staff

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"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Tim 5:17



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Hope for Everyone Series  
Hope for the Religious, John 3:1-18

Dr. Brian Stowe  
December 15, 2024

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ vv 1-13.
    - A. Religion left him unsatisfied.
      1. His \_\_\_\_\_ was not enough.
      2. His \_\_\_\_\_ were not enough.
      3. His \_\_\_\_\_ was not enough.
    - B. Being religious is not equivalent to being a Christian.
  2. His \_\_\_\_\_ vv 14-16.
    - A. Nicodemus' decision hinged on his belief in the One that would die for him - Jesus. John 3:16 it's all God.
      1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ . God so LOVED the world. . . .
      2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ . God gave His only begotten Son.
      3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ . "Whoever believes in Me will not perish but will have eternal life."
    - B. Deliberation and dreaming are not the same as decision. The only way belief impacts your life is when you decide to trust Christ alone who was given for you to save your soul.
  3. His \_\_\_\_\_ John 7:50; 19:39.
    - A. Nicodemus spoke up for Jesus John 7:50.
    - B. Nicodemus chose the crucified Jesus over a dead religion John 19:39.
- One step further**
- In my walk with Christ I will**
1. Believe and receive.
  2. Ask Him to stir in me a renewed awe and thankfulness for coming to this earth and giving His life for me.
  3. Delight in Him because He saved me, not because He granted every wish I have.
- In my walk with others I will**
4. Share my story with someone this week.
  5. Live in such a way that people know Christ is the One I love and serve.

## Our Pastor



Dr. Brian Stowe came to First Baptist in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children: Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth. Pastor Brian earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

12.15.2024

# HOPE

for Everyone

Leading people beyond "just good enough" to experience L.I.F.E. in Christ.

**Christmas Celebration**  
featuring the First Baptist  
worship team, choir & orchestra  
Sunday, December 22  
9 & 10:30 AM

**Christmas Eve**  
Tuesday, December 24  
3:30 & 5 PM

**Special Service**  
Sunday, December 29  
10:30 AM only

**HOPE**  
*for Everyone*

**the Light OF CHRISTMAS**

**Drive-in Light Show**  
*featuring great music and a message of hope*  
Nightly through January 5 | 6 - 10 PM

**Lottie Moon**

Lottie Moon — the namesake of Southern Baptists' international missions offering — has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

Learn more about this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at [imb.org/lottie-moon](http://imb.org/lottie-moon).

For more info on upcoming events,  
please visit: [FBCPC.com/events](http://FBCPC.com/events)



**Part-Time Ministry Assistant** First Baptist Church Plant City is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Ministry Assistant for Discipleship. This vital role supports the Discipleship Pastor and plays a key part in advancing our mission to make disciples. This person will provide administrative, organizational, and operational support for discipleship-related programs, helping ensure that our discipleship pathways run smoothly. For more information please visit [fbcpc.com/employment](http://fbcpc.com/employment).

**Rooted** is a 10-week small group discipleship opportunity beginning January 8 that will help you grow in your faith and understanding of Scripture in community with other believers. Register at [fbcpc.com/dp](http://fbcpc.com/dp).

**Vitals**

IN MEMORY OF:

**ED DaSILVA**

Boots & Hazel Adcock

**MARGARET WATSON**

Boots & Hazel Adcock

**HERB PADGETT**

Ben & Martha Wright

**JEAN SELF**

Rolly Rollyson

Sarah Mott

**WINFRED HARRELL**

Carol Smith

Kelly Villanueva

Rolly Rollyson

Lisa Hardee

Peter Brouwer

Paul Patounis

Bill & Diane Morrow

Elizabeth Wineinger

Michael Lewis

Sarah Mott

Dale & Sheila Lewis

Laura & Hope Storter

Taryn & Marcus Couch

Bettye Jean Manee

Ben & Martha Wright

Boots & Hazel Adcock

Larry & Gayleen Scott

Eleanor Poppell

FSU Phi Mu

David & Betsy Sparkman

Dennis & Pat Carr

Nathan & Kathleen Kilton

**BECKY McINTOSH**

David & Carole Cruzado

Bill & Diane Morrow

Susan Eddlemon

Sue Harrell

Ben & Martha Wright

Sarah Mott

Bettye Jean Manee

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Eleanor Poppell

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**Giving**

**STATISTICS (12.08.2024)**

Budget Rec'd: \$ 104,679.51

Budget Req'd: \$ 102,711.00

To Date Budget Rec'd: \$ 928,807.17

To Date Budget Req'd: \$ 1,027,110.00

Building Debt: \$ 365,145.22

**IT'S TIME**

IT'S TIME RECEIPTS: \$ 41,868.00

Pledges: \$ 5,009,529.00

Receipts to Date: \$ 2,290,168.61



*Our love for God shows in many ways, including how we use the resources He has given us.* You can give in the receptacles at each Worship Center entrance, on the church website ([FBCPC.com](http://FBCPC.com)), or through the church app ([FBCPC.com/Get-App](http://FBCPC.com/Get-App)).

**This Week**

**SUNDAY 12.15**

8, 9 & 10:30 AM | Small Groups

9 & 10:30 AM | Worship Service

6 PM | College & Young Pro Christmas

Party | [fbcpc.com/calendar](http://fbcpc.com/calendar)

**TUESDAY 12.17**

8 AM | Seniors in Motion | The Commons

6 PM | The Hill | The Landing

**WEDNESDAY 12.18**

5 PM | Kids Choir | 200

6 PM

Preschool

Awana | The Commons

Student Ministry | The Landing

6:15 PM

Core Beliefs: Hebrews | 113-114

How to Pray Class | 109

Women's Bible Study | 111-112

Men's Ministry | Mod 2

Spiritual Disciplines | Mod 7

Orchestra Rehearsal | Mod 1

6:30 PM

Worship Choir Rehearsal | Worship Center

**THURSDAY 12.19**

8 AM | Seniors in Motion | The Commons

6:30 PM | English Bible Study\* | (John Foxx)



\* = 105 E. Baker St. (El Aposento Alto)

**MINISTERIO HISPANO**

105 E. Baker St. (El Aposento Alto)

**LOS DOMINGOS:**

9 AM | Servicio en Español

11 AM | Escuela Dominical

**LOS MIERCOLES:**

6:15 PM | Estudio Biblico en Español

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