



# First Baptist Idalou

## January 2022



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2022! Where did 2021 go?! As we transition into a new year, here is what I am praying for each one of you.

- 1) You will feel led by the Holy Spirit to do something in obedience to God's Word you haven't done before.
- 2) You will experience a victory that only God could provide.
- 3) You will God bless our church with many baptisms and people surrendering to the will of God.

With all the obstacles that we face, I am ready to see God move. The truth is, that must begin in my own life. As I reflect on a passing year, I find myself asking:

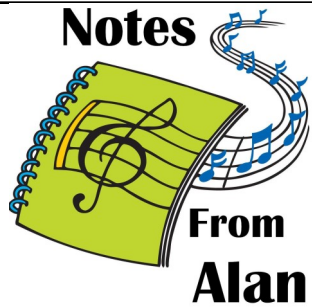
- ♦ Did I make the most of the opportunities God gave me in 2021?
- ♦ Was I obedient to God's moving in my life?
- ♦ Did I live with joy for the work ahead of me?

My desire for 2022 is that we would love Christ and take seriously his commands. And as we do that, let's plan to have a huge praise celebration in December 2022 where we celebrate how God has worked in our homes, our church, and our community!!

Pastor Chris



## Notes



### “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!” Psalm 96:1

As we welcome 2022, I want to say thank you for all your cards and expressions of love you’ve shown me since I arrived in November and throughout the month of December! December was an amazing month with my new church family. Thank you for making our December services such wonderful celebrations of our Savior’s Birth!

To everyone who made cookies for our community outreach project, thank you! Thank You! THANK YOU! We were able to send cookie trays to all the school campuses, the administrative offices, the field house, Idalou City Services, Post Office, Our Banks and the Gin! Your generosity and response to this outreach project was amazing!

I’d like to begin Easter Music this month! If you’d like to sing in our Easter presentation “Is He Worthy?” please join us for a listening party/fellowship meal on **Saturday, January 22 @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall** (We will serve Lasagna, bread sticks, salad, dessert, and tea/water). We will start with a meal then sing through the musical together. Regular rehearsals will begin on Sunday afternoon, January 23 @ 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary Choir loft. I hope you will join us as we prepare for this wonderful Easter Celebration!

Our God is awesome and I look forward to the great things He has in store for First Baptist Idalou as we serve Him together!

Singing His Praises!  
Alan



As this year comes to an end, we reflect on the many things that God has done in our youth ministry here in Idalou. We have enjoyed times at camp and Disciple Now, along with gathering together weekly. We have seen God change lives and have seen students choosing to follow Christ for the first time. In 2022, we are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for our students. We are beginning a new leadership team in our youth ministry, challenging students to take ownership in their faith and to step out in leadership roles in our youth group, church, and community. Please pray for these students as they choose to take this next step in their spiritual journey. We are also looking forward to camps and mission trip this summer, along with Disciple Now and other retreats throughout the year.

Our Preteen ministry is also growing and we are excited about new opportunities for these students. We will be having monthly events centered around the Gospel and empowering these students to live out their faith. We are also planning a Tween Scene event, a mini-DNow experience designed for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with other possible summer events.

As always, our ministry focus is to teach and empower students to Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples. Thank you for your support this past year. We can’t wait to serve along side you this coming year!

Efrain

Dear First Baptist Church,

Your church is such a blessing to Texas Baptists and the Kingdom. We are so thankful for you. Please know that we're praying for you and your church to continue to be a blessing to your community and those you serve.

Joyfully,  
Emily Hamby & the Evangelism Team



Dear Church Family,

Long over due thanks for prayers, cards, & food during my back surgery. Prayers to an Awesome God kept me alive. Thank you Chris, Efrain, & Carol Pruitt for the visits, which lifted my spirit so much. I still have away to go but I'm getting there!

God Bless,  
Jesse & Vicki Collins and Kim Walker

First Baptist Church,

What a delightful bag of goodies! Nothing says Christmas better than red and white candy canes and peppermint. Not only are they decorative, but they're tasty too. The hand sanitizer is definitely a sign of the times and most useful. The ideal size is perfect for the care. A bottle of syrup and the package of buttermilk pancake mix are the perfect breakfast for someone who doesn't enjoy cooking. Thank you all who contributed to this delightful treat.

The Sages

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Christmas love offering and gifts, they are much appreciated! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to serving along side all of you in 2022.

Many Blessings!  
Mary McKinnon

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the love offering. But even more, for your love and prayers this past year. We don't know what the future holds, but are confident in the One who does.

God Bless You.  
Vestal & Carol Jean



### "Is He Worthy?"

If you would like to join the praise team and sing in our Easter presentation Please join them for a listening party/fellowship meal Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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I hope you will join us as we prepare for this wonderful Easter Celebration!

January is a  
Texas Girls & Boys Ranch  
"GIVE ME 5"



month.



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MORNING WORSHIP (FIRST SERVICE) 8:30 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:35 A.M.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP (SECOND SERVICE) 10:45 A.M.**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

**FBC IDALOU STAFF**

Chris Riley	Pastor
Efrain Gonzalez	Minister of Students
Alan Fruge	Associate Pastor of Worship
Vestal Blakely	Minister of Senior Adults
Mary McKinnon	Administrative Assistant



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**First Baptist ~ January Birthdays**

1/1 Conner Neff	1/17 Carrie Hiebert
1/3 Jesse Collins Garry Rowland	1/18 Donna Flemins Mark McMillian
1/4 Ashley Ables	1/19 Jan Sage
1/5 Carol Dawson	1/21 Kelsey Collins Emmy Craig Cassidy McKinnon Hailey McKinnon
1/8 Allen Polk	
1/9 Doris McDonald	
1/10 Robert Gibson	1/25 Kari Bryant Kelly Chancy Michael Wood
1/12 Bay Smith	1/26 Angela Cook
1/13 Kristi Perkins Philip Thornton	1/28 Jody Rowland
1/14 Beverly Adkins	1/30 Kelly Jack Harold Rogers
1/16 Kim Bristo Blake Truett	

