



THE OPEN DOOR

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"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8

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Adult Sunday Night Small Group Gathering

Join us for our Sunday Night Small Group Gathering Sunday, November 27 at 5:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. This will be a time for the adult small groups to share and eat together. The preschool, children, and youth small groups will continue their regular Sunday night schedule.



BEFORE THE KING

presented by

First Baptist Church
Music Ministry

December 3 and 4
6:00 pm



Church Family,

This is always such an exciting time of the year! It can also be a very busy time of year for all of us. I want to challenge you do something. Take a pen and paper and make a list of things you are thankful for this year. Don't just make the list in your head. Take a moment to get away from everybody and write down all these blessings. We can all be guilty of taking our blessings for granted. As you make this list, remember all that God has done for you and the many blessings he has given to each of us. I also want to challenge you to do this with those you are with this Thanksgiving week. When you gather with your family and friends, ask them what they're thankful for this year.

I hope you have a great week!
Evan

Give
Thanks!



CHURCH OFFICE AND CMC
CLOSED
NOVEMBER 24 & 25

Week of Prayer for International Missions

November 27 – December 4
Your prayers transform lives.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Church Goal: \$32,500

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

November 27

2 Year Olds: Josh & Lindsay Lewis
3 Year Olds: Bruce & Christy Bounds

December 4

2 Year Olds: Catherine & Lilly Hicks
3 Year Olds: Sharon McKay & Patti Robey

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 27

11 am Service – Don McKay

December 4

11 am Service – Robert Warner

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Jeff Carter	Brian Jay
Jonathan Hight	Billy Sharp
Scott Huber	Joe Wood

SANCUTAURY GREETER FOR DECEMBER

Bruce Bounds

Sanctuary Flowers

We will **NOT** make reservations for Sanctuary flowers for December. The Advent wreath will be used on the altar table.

The congregation of First Baptist Church voted unanimously on November 20, 2022 to call Austin Aultman as our Minister of Students effective December 16, 2022. He has accepted our call.



We will celebrate the First Sunday in Advent on November 27, during the Morning Worship Service.

The Candle of the Angels—OR THE HOPE CANDLE Isaiah 40:3; Luke 1:28-33; Matt 1:18-21; Luke 2:13-14 The people of Israel waited with hope for the Messiah because God had promised a Savior. The Angels announce His coming.

Christmas Card Donations Needed!



First Baptist Church is responsible for 430 tray cards for our hospital and nursing homes on Sunday, December 25 and would like to use Christmas cards. There will be a box in the side foyer of the sanctuary for you to donate these. Make sure each card has SCRIPTURE on it. You are welcome to add your own greeting in each card you bring if not volunteers will do so on December 12. Please bring by December 11.

THE AMAZING CHRISTMAS MAZE

Featuring
Our Preschool and
Children's Choirs

December 11
6:00 pm



CHRISTMAS BLESSING BOXES



We will once again prepare Christmas blessing boxes to take to some families in our community. We will pack the boxes and have a lunch on Sunday, December 18, following the morning worship service. We are asking individuals, groups, and Sunday School Classes to give toward purchasing the food for the boxes. The cost is \$40 per box.



B.A.L.L. LUNCHEON
Tuesday, December 20
12 Noon
Home of Pat Mioton

*Please bring a covered dish and join us.
All Senior Adults are invited.*



The Advent candle is a wonderful way to help Christians remember and tell the story of Jesus. Advent means, the coming of Christ. Every major religious group in the world believes that God is coming to earth someday. As Christians, we believe that He has already come once and is coming again soon. This is the story of Christmas. This is the hope by which we live. This is our confidence, that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us.

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December 4 – The Candle of the Shepherds—PEACE Colossians 3:15; Luke 8:2-20; Followers of Jesus experience His peace, even in the face of unwelcome news or tragedy. This is a suitable time to stop and thank God for His peace and for sending His Son, the Prince of Peace.

December 11 - The Candle of the Magi JOY—a good acrostic to remember is J.O.Y. (Jesus – Others – You) Just as the Magi brought gifts and worshiped the King of Kings, during the Christmas season, we give gifts to each other and corporately worship together. Matthew 2:1-12

December 18 – The Candle of Mary—LOVE Luke 1: 26-55 Mary's heart was full of love and worship throughout the first Christmas season in Bethlehem. We too can choose to love this time of year by doing acts of kindness for others, especially for those who would be unable to return the favor.

December 24 – The Candle of the Christ Child – the CHRISTMAS CANDLE Luke 2:1-7 We light this candle at FBC on Christmas eve. It reminds us of the presence of our Savior in worship. Jesus really did come to earth and lives in the hearts of all who trust Him fully.



Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry

First Baptist Church is responsible for collecting food for the Neshoba Baptist Food Pantry from December until the end of February. There will be a box in the side foyer of the sanctuary beginning December 4 for donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Church Council	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service (First Sunday of Advent)	11:00 a.m.
Preschool Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.
Children's Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Small Groups	5:00 p.m.
Adult Sunday Night Small Group Gathering	5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

NO Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	6:00 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Kid Blast	6:00 p.m.
Youth	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

BEFORE THE KING Christmas Musical.....	6:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
NO Preschool Small Groups	5:00 p.m.
NO Children's Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.
NO Youth Small Groups.....	5:00 p.m.
NO Adult Sunday Night Small Group Gathering	5:00 p.m.
BEFORE THE KING Christmas Musical.....	6:00 p.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 20, 2022

Budget.....	\$18,473.12
Wee Care	\$649.00
Parking Lot	\$100.00
Operation Christmas	\$235.00
Designated	\$17,329.01
Ruth's Promise.....	\$133.00
Office	\$2.00
Upward	\$853.00
Choir Fund	\$25.00
Christmas Blessing Box	\$170.00
Music and Choir.....	\$87.00
Budget Offering Given to Date	\$238,551.16
Under Budget.....	\$23,678.72
Wee Care Given to Date	\$1,564,528.96

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$21,852.49
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/20/22:	\$18,473.12

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Evan Humphries	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

November 20, 2022

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	26	23
Children	15	12
Youth	17	8
Adults	121	112
Total	179	155

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS

November 20, 2022

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	34	27
Children	21	15
Youth	28	9
Adults	139	84
Total	222	135