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# THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
From your Church Staff*

Join us for the conclusion of our 3-part celebration of Christmas on December 17. Invite cards are available now at the welcome center and in the front office. Please be on the lookout for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!



## Pastor's Message

Per our agreement with the Post Office, this is our last Messenger of 2017. I am grateful to Robin Armitage (and Vicki Kinsey in Robin's absence) and Katy Wreyford for preparing the Messen-

ger each week. I'm thankful for Billie Wilson and Jean Butler who volunteer on Wednesdays to label all the *Messengers* for those who want to receive them by mail. Though there are new modes of communication these days, the *Messenger* continues to be one of our important modes of communication and promotion, just as it has for decades.

Our worship of God in the Advent season has been meaningful, rich, and inspiring. Lee Barnett and his team of musicians have helped us worship God and connect with him in powerful ways in this season. Thanks, choir, orchestra, children's choir, tech team, and all those who participated on every level. Thanks Lee and Stephen Evans for the hard work of making this happen. Thanks also to Katy Wreyford for designing the promotion and to all of you who invited others to attend. God has used it just as you had prayed he would.

At press time we are getting closer to our **Lottie Moon International Missions Offering** goal of \$110,000. Thank you. You can continue to give toward through the rest of the month. And speaking of the rest of the month, the office will be open the last week of the year for any of you who want to come by and do year-end giving. You can also do that online. Your generosity is inspiring.

And speaking of generosity. During January, all of our Adult Connect Groups will be studying **The Money Challenge**, by Art Rainer. This book is chock full of Scriptural and practical helps to move from financial bondage to generosity. This is just what we need to grow in our discipleship in this area of our lives. You and your family will be helped in meaningful ways. You can pick up your copy of the book at church. Cost is \$5. If you can't afford it, we will provide you the book. And one copy is fine for husband and wife. Let's be praying that God grows us through this month of special study.

Thanks again for your kindness to Dayna and I during the Christmas season. Your cards, gifts, and thoughtful expressions are a blessing. We love you and are grateful for you. May your Christmas be blessed and may God do new and joyful things in your life in 2018. Merry Christmas!

Your Pastor,  
John

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Dec 14 Amos 5-7; Revelation 5 George Theriot Chelsea Almond Gretchen Cellers Pamela McGue Wanda Rice Tye Bland Earlene Arnold Elijah Adams Brenda Fouts Fri Dec 15 Amos 8-9; Revelation 6 Lane Stovall Bessie Sowell Carol Skillern Nicole Hunter Mary Leal Lee Barnett Beverly Hegwood Karen Posney Tyler Shaw Patsy Anderson Sat Dec 16 Obadiah; Revelation 7 Jon Vitro Janet Brewer Bob Goodman Wynona Gayfield Julie Nichols Annette Sepe Rhonda Hodge

Sun Dec 17 Jonah 1-4; Revelation 8 Wallace Yamauchi Amber Majors Kyle Hunt Kyle Benton Aaron Johnson Mon Dec 18 Micah 1-2; Revelation 9 Judith Batton Mary Hawthorn Elgin Hamner III Karl Young Terry Holmes Sandra Wilson Lance Porter Leigh Griffin Michael Whatley Lucy LaDuke Lee Carson Tue Dec 19 Micah 3-4; Revelation 10 Samantha Terry Ragan Roberts Regina Prothro Brenda McIntyre Dwayne Gordon Jessica Humphrey Chloe Spraggins Kim Bailey Carlton Loomis 1st Sunday..... North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624 ..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565 2nd Sunday.... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735 ..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333 3rd Sunday.... North: Missy Herron, 762-3749 ..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416 4th Sunday.... North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 ..... South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975 5th Sunday.... North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 ..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

## SERVICE TEAMS

**Door Greeters - Dec 17**  
**9:00 a.m.** Leah Avery, Mike & Betty James, Charles & Carol Hill, Jerry Franks, Clyde Shirron, Mick Skelton  
**10:30 a.m.** Charles & Carol Hill, Patti Heckmann, Tommy Hargrove, Kaye Park, Amy Jessen  
**Ushers - Dec 17**  
**9:00 a.m.** Milton Raabe, Carl Hawthorn, Jim Short  
**Every Sunday balcony:** Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke Haight, Sam Capps  
**Every Sunday main floor:** Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan, Robert McAlister, Don White, Jack Smith, Bill McIntyre  
**10:30 a.m.** A.J. Johnson, Donny Moore, Cole Eifrd  
**Every Sunday balcony:** Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan  
**Every Sunday main floor:** Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock, Tom Pullig, Bob Goodman  
**Golf Cart Drivers**  
Cart 1: Richard Beckwith, every Sunday  
Cart 2: Don Norman, 1st Sunday;  
Jamie Humble, 2nd Sunday; Dwayne Gordon, 3rd Sunday; Mickey Akins, 4th Sunday; Jimmy Schultz, 5th Sunday/Sub  
**Van Outreach Drivers**  
1st Sunday..... North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624 ..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565  
2nd Sunday.... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735 ..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333  
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**Safety Teams - Sunday Dec 17**  
**8:30 a.m.** Terry Hunter, Jon Vitro, Jimmy Schultz, Brad Buttrum, Phillip McAdams, Larry Ingram, Steven Ingram  
**10:15 a.m.** Brad Wreyford, Kelly Robbins, Mike Gregory, Jerry Thompson, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery, Dent Burks  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Jack Smith  
**Wednesday - Dec 20**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Ron Cleveland, Don Norman, Jerry Longinotti  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Herbert Gray, Jason Harris, John Smalling

**Welcome Center Guides**  
**8:30 a.m. PS Ctr: Even Weeks:** OPEN  
**Odd Weeks:** Kim Miller, Al & Susan Blount  
**FH Ctr: Even Months:** David & Gigi Bird  
**Odd Months:** Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram  
**Foyer Welc Ctr:** 1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford  
2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis  
3rd Sunday: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins  
4th/5th Sunday: Kelly & Vickie Robbins

**10 a.m. PS Ctr 1st Sun:** Ed & Whitney Argueta  
**2nd Sun:** Travis & Lauren Warren  
**3rd Sun:** Jake & Sarah Bird  
**4th & 5th Sun:** Jay & Jennifer Winters  
**FH Ctr: Even Months:** Betty James, Joy Scallion  
**Odd Months:** Leo & Voni Ensz  
**2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months:** Vaughn & Stephanie Treadaway  
**Odd Months:** Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris

**Deacon Hospital Visitation**  
**Dec 18-22**  
Monday..... Jim Bledsoe  
Tuesday..... James Bennett  
Wednesday..... Jack Porter  
Thursday..... Adam DeLee  
Friday..... Tom Pullig

## ATTENDANCE

December 10, 2017	
Homebound TV Class	*80
9:00 Connect Group	571
10:30 Connect Group	409
<b>Total Connect Groups</b>	<b>980</b>
Worship Attendance 9:00	642
Worship Attendance 10:30	999
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>1,641</b>

\*Average

# Education / Outreach Ministry

## Opportunities Starting in January

Jan. 7 – DivorceCare, Sun. at 9am. Invite someone needing it  
 Jan. 7-28 - The Money Challenge in Adult Connect Groups  
 Jan. 10 – Financial Peace University, Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
 Jan. 10 – The Life of C.S. Lewis, Wednesday s at 6pm  
 Jan. 17 – Legacy Journey, Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
 Jan. 17 – Wallace's Men's Group-33 the Series, Wed. 5:45pm

### The Money Challenge

Start off the New Year in a Connect Group. Trust your Shepard on this! And participate with a cheerful spirit. Anticipate the Lord teaching you something new about being a good steward and learn ways to mentor younger people. Books have been delivered to Connect Group rooms. They are FREE! But, if you want to make a donation; they are \$5. John crafted lesson guides for Teachers! They will be emailed this week and a hard copy available in the records tub.

#### If you come Early...

**On Sunday**, If you come early before 8:30am, please come through the office door. Door Greeters and Safety Team will be in place to let you in at 8:30am and following.

**On Wednesday evening**, if you come early before 4:00pm, please come through the Family Life Center door. (the Fellowship Hall door will be open at 3:30pm for those who come for the 4pm prayer meeting) **Thanks for your understanding as we provide a safe environment.**

### Read Your Bible Through in 2018!

We have One Year Bibles that would be a good tool to help you be in God's Word throughout the year. And if you already have one it could be a good Christmas gift idea. One of the things I like about using it is the variety of daily readings. It shows an Old testament reading, a New Testament reading and then part of a Psalm and Proverb every day. We will sell them at our bulk cost of \$12 in the foyer on Sundays after worship. Please let me know if you would like to help sell them at the table behind the welcome center on Sundays.

### Sign Up for CRASE Training

**CRASE** is an acronym for:  
Civilian Response Active Shooter Events.

Our local police provide this **FREE** training. It is the same training as our local schools have had. We have been working toward this for a couple of years for our church. So, it is not in response to the Las Vegas shooting or the recent shooting in the church near Nashville. However, it is a very timely situation. Officers Jjesus Anaya and Kirk Zaner are members of our church, and will do the training. We set the date for **Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00pm**. This will include staff, preschool staff, Safety Team, Door Greeters, Welcome Center Guides, Ushers and anyone else interested. We will share more info as the time gets closer. In the meantime, save the date please. Since we will have a large group, the police have asked that we limit participation to our church. Other churches can schedule the training with the local police. **We need reservations to adequately prepare. Please sign the list at the Welcome Center or call the office to add your name.**

*Love, Danny*

### Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups/resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)

**We're continuing to recruit volunteers to serve in game day positions.** Job descriptions and registration are available at [www.fbcrecreation.com](http://www.fbcrecreation.com) or contact Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith to volunteer



**Prayer Partners:** unlimited  
**Greeters:** unlimited  
**Referees:** 10 required / 5 vacancies  
**Concessions:** 10 required / 5 vacancies  
**Clock monitors:** 4 required / 3 vacancies

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### Men's & Women's Basketball

Tuesday nights  
 January 16-March 13, 2018

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### 33 THE SERIES

**33 The Series** continues this January as we trek through Volume 2: A Man and His Story.

This volume provides men with a biblical perspective of their "story", equipping us to embrace how our past has affected our present and prepares us to deal with whatever the future may hold. No big deal if you missed Volume 1 last fall. Each volume of the six-volume gospel-centered video series stands alone but together, presents the timeless truths of Authentic Manhood in a powerfully engaging way. Bring a friend or group of friends and let's grow together.

**Volume 2 – A Man and His Story**  
**Wednesdays, January 17-February 21, 2018**

**5:45-7:00 pm, Room 3025**

**Wallace Yamauchi, facilitator**

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### Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships

**Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym**



We invite **everyone** to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Find someone you don't know and introduce yourself! They will surely be grateful! And just a reminder for church members, please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

**Dec 17: M, N** Jan 14: A, B  
**Dec 24: O, P, Q, R** (No snacks needed) Jan 21: C, D, E  
 Jan 28: F, G, H  
**Dec 31: S, T, U** Feb 4: I, J, K, L  
*Until we all fall down, Wallace*

### Seminary Extension Class

For ministers who want to earn an accredited Bachelor Degree in Bible, Theology or Pastoral Ministries and for laypersons who would like to sharpen their Biblical skills. Mondays 6 p.m. @ FBC, starting January 8th lasting 10 weeks. Cost : \$50.00 includes your books bring your \$50 payment to the first class.

Instructor: Dr. Harold Elder Course: 1 & 2 Thessalonians  
 Deadline to register: December 18, 2017  
 Registration: call the CBA office, 501-778-5463 or 1-800-798-5463; email your name, address, phone number, and course title to [brenda@cabenton.com](mailto:brenda@cabenton.com) or go online at [www.cabenton.com](http://www.cabenton.com) and look for the reservations tab.



Fresh poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services on December 24. If you would like one placed in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Pam Warren at 520-8202 by December 21. Cost is \$15.

### November 19 to December 16



**CHURCH GOAL:**  
**\$110,000**

**Given to Date:**  
**\$71,486**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Sun Dec 24</u>	<u>Fri Dec 29</u>	<u>Wed Jan 3 cont</u>
<u>Haggai 1-2:</u>	<u>Zechariah 12-14</u>	<u>Juan Argueta</u>
<u>Revelation 15</u>	<u>Revelation 20</u>	<u>Matthew Mangan</u>
<u>Miriam Woosley</u>	<u>Dennis Stokes</u>	<u>Camryn Willis</u>
<u>James Mills</u>	<u>John Schrader</u>	<u>Lauren Slaton</u>
<u>Kathy McCutcheon</u>	<u>Les Warren</u>	<u>Haley Golden</u>
<u>Dillon Green</u>	<u>Heather Neal</u>	<u>Matthew Malloy</u>
<u>Mon Dec 25</u>	<u>Skylar Wood</u>	<u>Thur Jan 4</u>
<u>Zechariah 1-3:</u>	<u>Freddy Hall</u>	<u>Genesis 9-11:</u>
<u>Revelation 16</u>	<u>Shirley Hawley</u>	<u>Matthew 3</u>
<u>Gary Beckwith</u>	<u>Sat Dec 30</u>	<u>Sandra Jones</u>
<u>Carolyn Stokes</u>	<u>Malachi 1-2:</u>	<u>Margaret Dickerson</u>
<u>Dennis Reynolds</u>	<u>Revelation 21</u>	<u>Henry Brunson</u>
<u>Karen Jarvey</u>	<u>Toni Scott</u>	<u>Bettye Olver</u>
<u>Walcie Wilhelm</u>	<u>Gary McKuin</u>	<u>Jim Gerren</u>
<u>Lisa Telle</u>	<u>Amy Porter</u>	<u>Fri Jan 5</u>
<u>Tue Dec 26</u>	<u>Libby Hightower</u>	<u>Genesis 12-14:</u>
<u>Zechariah 4-5:</u>	<u>Sun Dec 31</u>	<u>Matthew 4:1-11</u>
<u>Revelation 17</u>	<u>Malachi 3-4:</u>	<u>Holly Twyford</u>
<u>Cody Almond</u>	<u>Revelation 22</u>	<u>Carol Boatright</u>
<u>Denver Davidson</u>	<u>Corol Morris</u>	<u>Jerry Franks</u>
<u>Luke Gammill</u>	<u>Mike Green</u>	<u>Andrew Montgomery</u>
<u>Wed Dec 27</u>	<u>Zachary Ritter</u>	<u>Peggy Stratton</u>
<u>Zechariah 6-8:</u>	<u>Hilaria Rojo</u>	<u>Dino Lenox</u>
<u>Revelation 18</u>	<u>Mon Jan 1</u>	<u>Brad Jent</u>
<u>Fran Lindsey</u>	<u>Genesis 1-3:</u>	<u>Evelyn Beckwith</u>
<u>Cameron Witt</u>	<u>Matthew 1</u>	<u>Sat Jan 6</u>
<u>Jimmy Sample</u>	<u>Trevor Sutterfield</u>	<u>Genesis 15-17:</u>
<u>Van Wright</u>	<u>Dawn Rose</u>	<u>Matthew 4:12-25</u>
<u>Cindy Windle</u>	<u>Ashley Sprague</u>	<u>Kimberly Skaggs</u>
<u>Michael McFarlin</u>	<u>Tue Jan 2</u>	<u>Price White</u>
<u>Thur Dec 28</u>	<u>Genesis 4-6:</u>	<u>Ken Carpenter</u>
<u>Zechariah 9-11:</u>	<u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>	<u>BJ Saunders</u>
<u>Revelation 19</u>	<u>Ian Hollis</u>	<u>Nan Sanders</u>
<u>Tim Lynch</u>	<u>Jim Bledsoe</u>	<u>Norman Wolf</u>
<u>Susan Ritter</u>	<u>Sue Vaughn</u>	<u>Sun Jan 7</u>
<u>Paul Russell</u>	<u>Floy Haller</u>	<u>Genesis 18-19:</u>
<u>Kristen Olson</u>	<u>Taylor Willis</u>	<u>Matthew 5:1-16</u>
<u>Billie Carvin</u>	<u>Bruce Buttrum</u>	<u>Robert Bridges</u>
<u>Clay Arnold</u>	<u>Melissa Hatfield</u>	<u>Ryan Viscardis</u>
<u>Ashley Arnold</u>	<u>Wed Jan 3</u>	<u>Jordan McInvale</u>
<u>Brittan Upton</u>	<u>Genesis 7-8;</u>	<u>Jerry Jones</u>
<u>Paige Hines</u>	<u>Matthew 2:13-23</u>	<u>Bill Garner</u>
<u>Rebecca Johnson</u>	<u>Lloyd Kuhn</u>	<u>Vicki Green</u>
<u>Tony Anderson</u>	<u>Molissa Jordan</u>	<u>Andrew Mangan</u>
<u>Kay Cox</u>	<u>Kay Cox</u>	<u>Cayden Jackson</u>

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, [firsthotsprings.com](http://firsthotsprings.com), and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

### BUDGET REPORT

<b>Ministry Fund</b> (12-10-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$58,481
Online Giving	\$11,742
Total Given	\$70,223

### All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (12-10-17) \$10,201  
 Balance of loan: (11-30-17) \$2,035,268

### GROUPS & CLASSES

#### Comfort in Christ

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR 2017

A candle lighting service in memory of our loved ones for this year.

December 14 at 2 o'clock, 3rd floor balcony foyer  
 Contact Rhonda Frederick 538-3911

### SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean Thomson and family in the death of her husband, Erv Thomson. May God bless and comfort you.

### ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Wallace Yamauchi** on his 22nd anniversary as Past Minister to Students/Youth and current Fitness and Recreation Minsiter. Your service to the Lord and First Baptist Church is greatly appreciated.

We're getting ready to start "The Money Challenge" on January 7! Along with this 4-week sermon series and the accompanying book, we want help you cultivate a life of generosity with a 30-day challenge. Sign up by texting the phrase 30DAYMC to 40650. You'll receive a text from us each morning with one idea or action step to discover God's kingdom-building plan



Sunday, December 24  
 10:30 am & 5:30 pm  
 Candle Light Christmas Eve communion service

Sunday, December 31  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 Connect Groups will not meet.

### Wednesday Night Supper December

13th: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Corn Dog, Fries, Cake  
 20th: Church-wide Angel Tree Party / Christmas Dinner (Ham and sides)  
 27th: No Meal or Activities  
 Jan 3: No Meal or Activities

