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# The Messenger

## First Baptist Church

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People,  
Impact Eternity

### Sunday Worship

Classic Service 9:00 a.m.  
Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.

### Hispanic Worship

10:30 a.m.

### Connect Groups

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

### TV Schedule Cable Channel 10

### Worship Service:

Thu: 9:00 pm, Fri: Noon  
Sun: 8:00 am, Mon: Noon

### Sunrise Sunday School

Sun: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

### Spanish Sunday School

Sun: 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm

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### DECEMBER 1 Evening of Grace

6-8pm, FBC Family Life Center

### DECEMBER 4 Come As You Are

9 & 10:30am, FBC Worship Center

### DECEMBER 11-12 The Christmas Quilt

12/11 at 9 & 10:30am, 12/12 at 7:00pm  
FBC Worship Center

### DECEMBER 18 Family Pictures

Before & After Services  
Family Life Center

### Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve  
5:30PM

Christmas Day  
10:30AM

Thur Dec 1  
Daniel 5-6;  
2 Peter 2  
Bettye Gray  
Bob Hill  
Rachel Mills  
Brian Bell  
Blair Jordan  
Grant Mason  
Hailey Hawkins  
Jacob Happy

Fri Dec 2  
Daniel 7-8;  
1 John 1  
Helen Lynch  
Bobbie Morrison  
Charles Roberts  
Phillip Johnson  
Jason Lynch  
Sierra Collier  
Esmeralda Martinez  
Chance Spriggs

Sat Dec 3  
Daniel 9;  
1 John 2  
Billy Parchman  
Rosemary Liles  
Michael Allred  
Jake Keeling

### Happy Birthday!

Sun Dec 4  
Hosea 10-12;  
1 John 3  
Joanne Weiss  
Bill Perry  
Laura Barnes  
Marsa Green  
Michael Stockburger  
Nathan Lynch  
Jorge Mosley  
Grace Anne Fortner

Mon Dec 5  
Hosea 1-3;  
1 John 4  
John Bailey  
Marty Black  
Mary Jane Brooks  
Amy Swearingen  
Kristin Schnebly  
Ashlee Neal

Tue Dec 6  
Hosea 4-6;  
1 John 5  
Carol Hill  
Laura Crabtree  
Kinzee Almond  
Haylie Miller  
Jenna Thaxton

Wed Dec 7  
Hosea 7-8;  
2 John  
Jim Wilkins  
Dennis Mauk  
Paula Massanelli  
Kayla C Smith  
Kat Allen

Thur Dec 8  
Hosea 9-10;  
3 John  
Phyllis Coffman  
Bill Kee  
Kelly Thomason  
Carla Horner  
Kathryn Russell  
Patty James  
Jason Armitage  
Trey Jenkins  
Landon Parchman

Fri Dec 9  
Hosea 11-12;  
Jude  
Leona Hipperson  
Debbie Clevenger  
Maggie Huett

Sun Dec 11  
Joel 1-3;  
Revelation 2  
Jeff Taylor  
Jonathan Logan  
James Williams  
Jjesus Anaya  
Taylor Wernecke  
Lenzie Patricola

### Door Greeters - Dec 4

**9:00 a.m.** Marie Colmenero, James O'Neal, Lee & Kathryn Carson, Susan Sanders, Jerry Franks, Amy Jessen  
**10:30 a.m.** Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner

### Van Outreach Drivers

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624  
..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.....North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735  
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday . North: Jerry Sunderland, 762-3749  
..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday .....North: Bob Roling, 545-5818  
..... South: Tony Payne, 617-6459  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday .....North: Bob Roling, 545-5818  
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

### Parking Greeters

1st Sundays.....Brian Witt  
2nd Sundays .....Clyde Shirron  
3rd Sundays .....Gary Bettis  
4th Sundays .....Craig Forbes  
5th Sundays .....Jim Morgan  
Sub.....Craig Forbes

### Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of 5-9

Monday..... Bob Goodman  
Tuesday.....James Bennett  
Wednesday..... Al Blount  
Thursday ..... Alex Strawn  
Friday ..... Lance Porter

### Ushers - Dec 4

**9:00 a.m.** Milton Raabe, Pete Davenport, Carl Hawthorn  
**Every Sunday balcony:** Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Don Slaton, Tommy White, Donnie Sumpter  
**Every Sunday main floor:** Richard Hawthorn, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan

**10:30 a.m.** Jason Williams, Glen McClain, Kelly Robbins

**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

### Safety Teams - Sunday Dec 4

**8:30 a.m.** Brad Phillips, Robert Davis, Doug Co-nine, Frankie Moore, Mitchell Mote, Larry Ingram  
**10:15 a.m.** Mike Rottinghaus, Todd Willis, Mike Griffith, Ian Thomas, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Bill Walker

### Wednesday - Dec 7

**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Herb Mansbridge, Pat Moseley, Billy Skipper  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Richard Braley, Milton Raabe, Herbert Gray

### Welcome Center Guides December 8:30 a.m.

**PS Ctr:** Kim Miller, Susan Blount, Brad Wreyford, Josh & Katy Wesson  
**FH Ctr:** David & Gigi Bird  
**Foyer Welc Ctr:** Robert & Cindy Davis

### 10:00 a.m.

**PS Ctr:** Jake & Sarah Bird, Travis & Lauren Warren  
**FH Ctr:** Betty James, Bettye Olver  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Welc Ctr:** Vaughn & Stephanie Treadway

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance ..... November 27, 2016

Homebound TV Class.....\*80

9:00 Connect Group ..... 421

10:30 Connect Group ..... 384

Total Connect Groups .....805

Worship Attendance 9:00 ..... 487

Worship Attendance 10:30 ..... 582

Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 .....\*39

Total Worship .....1108

Children's Worship .....\*52

### Pastor's Message

**Connect for Christmas** is our December *More Than a Face* outreach effort.

The idea is to invite your friends who don't know Jesus or who don't attend church to join you for Connect Group and for one of our special Christmas presentations. Getting them to visit a Connect Group should increase our opportunity to get them connected with people. It will also give them a chance to see how Christians live in a small group—how prayer and Scripture and ministry is vital to growing in our faith. Who are you going to invite?

The first opportunity is this Sunday, December 4. **Our children will be presenting Come As You Are.** This is a great gospel message presented through the eyes of children and their leaders. Perhaps you could invite neighbors who have children to come see the program and visit your connect group. I will also be preaching a brief gospel message around the “come as you are” theme.


**For this Sunday and for the next we will conclude the service by turning in response cards.** We want everyone—even our most faithful members—to complete a card that you can put in the offering plate at the end of the service. When you do the card, you are modeling for our guests the importance of taking a moment and providing information. These cards will enable us to follow up with those who are making spiritual decisions.

**We will discuss the 2017 Proposed Budget on Wednesday night, December 7, at 4:00 and 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** You should receive the budget in the mail this week. We will vote on the budget without discussion in our Sunday morning services on December 18.

Advent is here! God is going to move among us. It's going to be good. See you Sunday.

Your Pastor,



BUDGET REPORT	
	
<b>Ministry Fund</b> (11-27-16) Weekly Receipts \$47,179 Online Giving \$ 2,467 Total Given \$49,646	
<b>All In Fund</b> Weekly Receipts: (11-27-16) \$11,539 Balance of loan: (11-1-16) \$2,824,741	

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.



### Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, December 3, 2016**  
**8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**  
 God continues to bless our efforts in Africa. Our final prayer breakfast of 2016 will feature the medical team that recently returned. You will not want to miss hearing about this trip and our plans for the future with some potential new opportunities.



**ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**IT ALL STARTS WITH A GIFT**  
**AND LIVES ARE CHANGED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**  
 Please join the Angel Tree children and their families for dinner, Wednesday night, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Following dinner there will be a short Christmas program in the Worship Center where you will be able to meet the children and their families. Let's welcome them to our church and give them **THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!**



Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to Les & Pam Warren and family in the death of his mother, Jeanne Warren; Rick & Lowella Cherry and family in the death of her sister, Sara Beth; David & Gigi Bird and family in the death of his father; and the family of Inez Cortez Reynolds. God bless and comfort you;



A thank you note has been received from the Krause Family. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

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



**UPWARD BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS**  
 We need to fill a few more coaching vacancies before we can complete the player drafts. We also need another 10 volunteers to serve as referees. Practices and games begin in January. Please see Blake or Ashley Buttrum, Julie Smith, or Wallace to-



day for more information or to get on board.  
**We are in the process of proofing the draft. We expect to have team information ready on Monday, December 5.**

**We have a few more vacancies in each division!**  
 We are sitting at 116 players on 18 different teams! Sign up today to claim one of the few remaining vacancies!



- **Kindergarten Coed:** 6 teams **(9 vacancies)**
- **1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls:** 6 teams **(8 vacancies)**
- **1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys:** 6 teams **(5 vacancies)**




**It's time to get on board for this coming Upward season!** We need you to serve in some capacity. Look below for the opportunities to serve, then let Wallace know asap! Thank you for helping invest in the children and families of our community as we seek to impact eternity!

**REQUIRED VOLUNTEERS**  
 Prayer Team: 100  
 Kindergarten Coed: **2 more** head coaches/assistants  
 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls: **2 more** head coaches/assistants  
 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys: **1 more** head coach/assistant  
 Referees: 12  
 Scoreboard & Concessions: to be determined  
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*Until we all fall down, Wallace*

**Join us for Sunday morning fellowship in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups.** Here's the rotation schedule:

	<b>Dec 4: C, D, E</b>	Jan 1 : O, P, Q, R
	Dec 11: F, G, H	Jan 8: S, T, U
	Dec 18: I, J, K, L	Jan 15: V, W, X, Y, Z
	Dec 25: M, N	Jan 22: A, B

**Education & Outreach Ministry**  
**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**  
 A MINISTRY OF GRIEF SHARE  
**VIDEO / DISCUSSION / SUPPORT GROUP**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6PM IN ROOM 126**  
**FACILITATORS: NEAL AND RHONDA HARRINGTON. JOIN US OR INVITE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO COME!**



*We bring our year-long Evangelistic Initiative to a crescendo in December as we invite people to Connect for Christmas!*

**Connect for Christmas**

**A Christmas Strategy to Propel Prospects toward Connect Groups!**  
**Don't just count on your email news, personally Invite "More than a Face" Friends and other prospects! Invite prospects, members and in-service members to your Christmas Parties! Invitation Cards are available in the foyer.**  
**Dec. 4 – Invite to Children's Christmas Music & Connect Group**  
**Dec. 11 & 12 – Invite to Adult Christmas Music & Connect Group**  
**Dec. 18 – Invite to A Family Christmas & Final Connect Group of 2016**  
**Dec. 24 – Invite to Christmas Eve Service & Jan. 8 Connect Group**  
**Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 – No Connect Groups, 10:30 Service only.**  
**Engage New Year's resolution-makers with a Connect Group Jan 8.**

**Parking Lot Progress**

New light poles and LED lights have been installed in our new lots. The existing lots were relit with LED lights to match; to save money in the long run. We are hoping and praying for the curbing contractor to start real soon. When that is done we can pave and stripe. Then we will finish the landscaping and fitness trail around the property.

**Thank YOU!!!**  
**Fellowship Supper Kitchen Helpers**  
 We appreciate your service every week! You help make this a ministry to help people participate in Wednesday activities. You create an atmosphere for Fellowship, Outreach and Ministry to others. Thank you for your super service to the Lord, our church and our community! Thanks to Jack Irwin our Super Supper Cook! Well Done everyone! Their Christmas Party will be Sunday Dec. 4 at Noon in the FLC.  
**Love, Danny**

**Special Called Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 4:00 & 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall**  
 The Purpose is to discuss the 2017 Proposed Budget and elect Committees and Ministry Teams. The Budget will then be voted on without discussion on Sunday, Dec. 18 in the 9:00 & 10:30am Worship Services.

**LOTTIE MOON**  
**Christmas card mailbox**  
 Located in the church foyer behind the Welcome Center  
 Lottie Moon donations can be dropped in the mail slot on the front of the box.



**First Baptist Quilters**  
 Meet on the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month,  
 9 AM til Noon in Room #3023 (3rd floor).  
 We are quilting Quilts of Honor, to be presented to wounded soldiers. Anyone is invited to join! If interested, contact Marilyn Morgan at 520-4105, Henrietta Norman at 627-4618 or Cheryl Nichols at 622-9002.

**Women's Ministry Prayer Group**  
 We meet once a month in the Prayer Room (220).  
 All women are welcome to join us as we meet this month.  
 9:45-11:00 a.m., **WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER**

**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 9th lasting 10 weeks. Cost : \$50.00 includes your books bring your \$50 payment to the first class.  
 Instructor: Dr. Harold Elder Course: Introduction to Christian Ethics  
 Deadline to register: December 16, 2016  
 Registration: call the CBA office, 501-778-5463 or 1-800-798-5463; email your name, address, phone number, and course title to [brenda@cbabenton.com](mailto:brenda@cbabenton.com) or go online at [www.cbabenton.com](http://www.cbabenton.com) and look for the reservations tab.

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu November**  
 (soup, salad, and fries always served)  
 30th: Pork Loin, Dressing, Yams, Green Peas, Hamburger, Cake