

## IN SERVICE

**Sunday**  
**December 6**

**Extended Teaching**  
**Coordinator(s)**  
Becky Wise

**10:40 a.m.**

Barbara Vincent  
Emily Rucker  
Bobbi Jo Baird  
Justin Baird  
Molly Hart  
Tyler Hart  
Jessica Braun  
Bridgit Christian

**Special Friends**

**Workshop Leaders**  
Donna Payton

**9:35 Deacons**

(1) Carroll Stine  
(6) Chris Ward

**11:00 Deacons**

(1) Bob Carter  
(2) Eric Dickerson  
(3) Tim Armstrong  
(4) Buddy Bryant  
(5) Jim Buffin

**Congregational Care**

Jamie Gardner

**Connections**

Marvin Proctor

**Elmcroft**

Buddy Bryant

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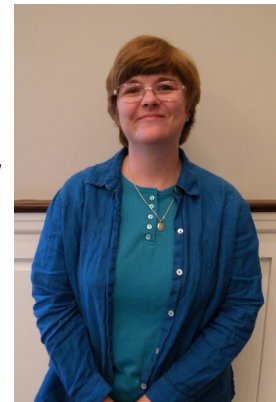
## WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Autumn &  
Dana Holt



John & April  
Mobley



Jenny  
Lundy

## YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

We hope the following information will be helpful to you as you consider the most appropriate way to make year-end charitable contribution gifts to First Baptist Church. Your 2015 year-end gift can reduce your income taxes while providing generous support to the various ministries of the church.

Gifts by Check or Cash must be given to First Baptist Church on or before Dec. 31, 2015. If mailed to First Baptist Church, you need to ensure the mailing envelope is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Dec. 31. The date written on your check has no bearing on inclusion with your 2015 contributions.

Gifts of Stock: You can avoid paying capital gains taxes on the increase in value of the stock sold. You will receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the date of the gift. Consult with your tax advisor and/or your stock broker.

Gifts from Retirement and Estate Plans such as life insurance, charitable remainders trusts, annuities, charitable lead trust, etc. can offer significant tax advantages to the donor. Please consult with your tax professional about this type of gift.

Acknowledgement of your 2015 giving contributions available January 2016.

DO NOT file your 2015 income tax return until you have received the written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. The IRS may not allow some of your contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your total contributions to the church.

Thank you for making the many ministries of our church possible in 2015. You are making an eternal difference!

## THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**December 4** **Light Up Mt. Washington** - FBC and the City of Mt. Washington - 6:00 p.m.

Live Nativity, School Choirs, FBC Worship Choir, Parade, Santa, Lions Club Fish Fry and other activities

**December 6** **Mission Emphasis Sunday** - All Worship Services - IMB Missionaries, Heather & Jack Riddle (Jim & Shelby Castlen's daughter & son-in-law)

**Missions Banquet & Auction** - Christian Life Center - Noon

**I Believe He's the Son of God** Senior Adult Choir - Coakley Chapel - 6:00 p.m.

**December 13** **Christmas Concert of Worship** - Worship Choir and Orchestra - Sanctuary - 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Cookies & Cocoa** - following our *Christmas Concert of Worship* in Fellowship Hall

**December 16** **Christmas!** Children's Choir - Sanctuary - 6:30 p.m. *Please bring non-perishable food items to be collected for Community Ministries.*

**December 24** **The Light of Christmas - Christmas Eve Services** - 4:30 & 6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

## LIGHT UP MT. WASHINGTON

First Baptist Church is partnering with our city again in 2015 to "Light Up Mt. Washington," this Friday, December 4 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This partnership assists our community to discover the meaning of the Savior's birth in the midst of holiday celebrations. We are excited to decorate our town with light as we focus on "The Light of Christmas."

The Light of the World has come! We are reassured of his coming as we read, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness... That was the true light which gives light to every man who comes into the world" (John 1:4, 5, 9). We will reflect that light by hosting several activities on this special night as a gift to our community:

- A Live Nativity • Three Choirs to Sing on the front steps of our Church: Mt. Washington Elem. School, Bullitt East High School, First Baptist Church Mt. Washington
- Seasonal Refreshments in the CLC and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus with photo opportunities for each family.
- Our Mayor will light the city's Christmas lights • Free Carriage Rides • Special Gifts Awarded • Mt. Washington Lions' Club Fish Fry

Mark your calendar to attend this wonder-filled evening as we celebrate the "Light of Christmas."

## PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD: ADVENT WEEK #2

*"In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near'"*

(Matthew 3:1-2).

Last week, Advent Week 1, we faced the reality that when Messiah comes (again), everything will change. In our culture, people generally like change, like changing to a new cell phone. Therefore we usually like the idea of things changing around us--specially when change involves getting rid of things we don't like.

John the Baptist's message, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near"* is not directed at other people, he is talking to us. Repenting is when we change the direction we are going, by turning around and going the opposite direction. Sometimes this change of direction is metaphoric, but sometimes it is literal.

In Matthew's account, John the Baptist also said:

*"...who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance...the axe is already at the root of the trees and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire"*

(Matthew 3:7-10).

In the Bible, repenting (turn-around) is for those who have literally or figuratively walked away from God to indulge their own passions or follow their own idea of success. In his CD entitled, *Turn Around*, Blues and Gospel artist Johnny Lang tells how he turned back toward God after a time in his life devoted to following his own pride and passions. In Matthew chapter 3, John the Baptist points out that those who spend a lot of time at church may also need repentance. He reminds us that religious activity or Christian family heritage is not what God finds pleasing.

*"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people"*

(Jeremiah 31:31-33).

The new law God writes on our hearts is *Emmanuel, God with us*. God's story and your relationship with his son, Jesus, must be more than a possession; they should determine your identity. This week ask God to show you the things in your life that need repentance. Turn away from yourself and turn to Jesus, in whom our lives can produce good fruit that pleases God and encourages those around us.

**This year, FBC will focus on Advent in our worship services each week through December 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Marc is writing about the specific focus each week. Please join your church family as we watch and prepare for Messiah's coming.**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday - December 6**

7:00 - 8:00 Prayer Time - C205  
8:15 Morning Worship/No childcare  
9:00 - 12:15 Lottie Café  
9:00 - 11:00 Library open  
9:35 Bible Study - all ages  
9:35 Morning Worship  
10:45 Sunday School Too (B- PS2)  
Sproutlets  
(Ages 3-5 by Oct. 1st 2015)  
First Kids Live (Grades 1-5)  
10:50 Bible Study - all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship/Children sing  
12:00 Mission Banquet - CLC  
4:00 Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 Senior Adult Choir Program

**Monday - December 7**

9:00 Crochet Class - Craft Room  
9:30 Mother's Day Out (M-TH)  
3:00 Impact/Afterschool (M-F)  
7:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra Reh.  
8:00 Ladies Ensemble

**Tuesday - December 8**

5:30 Aerobics - CLC  
6:30 Orchestra Rehearsal

**Tuesday - Dec. 8 cont.**

7:00 Mothers Day Out Program-Sanc.  
7:30 Praise Band

**Wednesday - December 9**

3:00 Library; 4:45 Fellowship Meal  
5:00 Handbells  
6:00 Preschool Choir  
**6:00-7:00 Children's Choir**  
6:00 Women's Bible Study-last mtg.  
6:15 Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - Ckly.  
6:15 Praise Team  
6:15 Youth WOW (Grades 6-12)  
6:45 Mission Friends last mtg. 2015  
6:45 NO RA's/GA's  
7:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra Reh.

**Thursday - December 10**

5:30 Aerobics - CLC  
7:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra Reh.

**Friday - December 11**

9:00 Mom's Connect - CLC  
6:00 Children's Lock-In - CLC

**Saturday - December 12**

7:00 Men's Bible Study - Romans Hall  
9:00 Aerobics; 11:00 CLC Closed

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATION AND BANQUET**

This Sunday, Dec. 6 - Join us for our Mission Sunday Celebration in all three morning worship services and stay for the banquet immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service in the CLC. Walk-In's welcome. \$12 adults/\$6 elem. school age/\$3 preschool; \$36 max BAKED GOODS Silent Auction. You are welcome to submit an item. Fill out a description sheet as you deliver for set up that Sunday between 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. LIVE Auction will include: 1) Condo in Williamsburg, VA during spring break 2) Country ham donated/prepared by Johnny Wigginton 3) Prime parking space for one year 4) Staff (service, dinner, teaching a craft, all to be determined) All proceeds from the auction and banquet will benefit FBCMW missions.

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

What are your plans for Christmas spending this year? Our missionaries will spend \$50 or less for a gift. Some will spend nothing. Some will receive nothing. The money we give to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions pays salaries for our career missionaries. Those who are called to serve and receive no salary, receive supplies and some of their expenses. As you are shopping this year, consider the most expensive gift you plan to give. Challenge yourself to give \$1 more than you spend on that gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Let's join with other churches across the nation to continue answering the call to give. Every dollar donated to the offering goes directly to help fund our missionaries who share the love of Jesus all over the world. By giving to the offering, each of us plays a key role in the work God is doing to expand His kingdom. What will be your part? FBC Goal \$25,000 National Goal \$175 million

**SAVE THE DATE for Women on Mission Events**

**Dec. 1:** Heather Riddle (Jim & Shelby Castlen's daughter) will speak in Coakley Chapel, 11:00 a.m. about their first term as missionaries in N Africa.

**Feb. 6:** A "Welcome Home" and Appreciation Luncheon will be held at Twelve Oaks Club House, 12:00 noon, to honor Jennifer & David Hoglen for their 25 years of service with the International Mission Board. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**, details coming soon.

**PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Sun., Dec. 6, Pres. Choirs sing at the end of the 9:35 & beginning of 11 a.m. service. Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:35 & 11:00 a.m. Children's Choir sing during the worship service.

**LOTTIE'S LATTE CAFE** - December 6, 13, 20, 9:00-12:15 a.m.

Welcome Center. Coffee, Hot Chocolate and baked goodies. Crafts made by G.A.'s. (Girls in Action). Proceeds to benefit the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**COMMUNITY PRISON MINISTRY-CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT**

Filled stockings due to the church office by December 8. If you have questions about this project, contact Barbara Wright at 396-0138 or the church office at 538-7361.

**SEWING STITCHES OF LOVE** - Thanks to all who participated in this project.

In September, our FBC ladies were hard at work, sewing dresses for girls, shorts for boys, and crocheting wash mitts, all to be used in 382 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. In October, 50 dresses and shorts were sent to Haiti with a mission group. Anyone wishing to be part of this ongoing sewing project is welcome. All skill levels appreciated: cutting, sewing, ironing, etc. We'll have another 'sewing day' at FBC in April and/or projects can be worked on at home any time. For more information contact Donna Harlow at 502-396-8397.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Updated Monday, Nov. 30**

**Baptist Hlth:** Hannah Moore, Ray Wiley (Don's father), Joseph Flaherty (Dorothy's husband)

**Oaklawn:** Juliette Heun

**Eastern Star Home:** Evelyn Proctor

**Forest Springs:** Tom Jasper

**Glen Ridge:** Betty Jane Lutes

**Green Meadows:** Ralph Lutes, Mary E. Moore, Paul Roby, Fran Stamper, Ruth Walls

**Cincinnati Hlthcr:** Betty Wilkins

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Carolyn Key & family in the loss of her brother, John Parsons; to Donnie Metcalf & family in the loss of his aunt, Elizabeth Hendrick, and to Ann Pigram & family in the loss of her aunt, Fredia Hourigan.

THANK YOU

A thank you card has been received from Marilyn Metcalf and it is posted on the church office bulletin board.

**Praise the Lord! FBCMW collected 874 shoeboxes!!!**

We pray God use these boxes to touch little lives for Jesus. The boxes are going to Africa (Botswana, Rwanda and South Sudan), South America (Columbia), Europe (Ukraine).



OPPORTUNITIES

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Lock-IN for Grades 1-5**

Friday, December 11, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Christian Life Center. We will have games, crafts, pizza, a movie, etc...

So we can be prepared for all the fun, please RSVP by emailing Jennifer Harris at [jharris@fbcmw.org](mailto:jharris@fbcmw.org) by December 9.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES & COCOA FELLOWSHIP**

On Sunday, December 13 after our 6 p.m. Christmas Concert of Worship everyone is welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of Christmas Cheer. Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies (and the recipe) to share.

We will provide copies. Cocoa, coffee, and hot tea will be provided. Please call **Janice Cozine at 538-6023 or Cindy Cecil at 538-7361. office** to reserve space for your cookies.

**PEOPLES BANK MT. WASHINGTON PICK-A-TREE STAR**

Pick-a-Tree Star names still available at Peoples Bank of Mt. Washington's main branch. There are 39 children remaining in need. Please return your gift unwrapped in a black garbage bag with the identification number of your child on the outside. Deadline is Dec. 9. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks payable to: Peoples Bank Mt. Washington; write Pick A Tree Star on memo line. This program helps those in our own community who may not be able to celebrate Christmas without your help.

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Now enrolling for the Winter Semester. Classes begin Monday, January 4. Contact Carolyn Saunders at 538-0688 for details.



BODY LIFE

Attendance totals & financial figures for Nov. 29 will be listed in the next First Edition dated, Dec. 8 and the next Western Recorder dated Dec. 15.

**November 22, 2015**

**Financial information not available to the general public.**

Financial Statements are available in hard copy format in a box outside Melissa Laytham's office.

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, December 13  
1:00 p.m., Craft Room

**STAFF ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!**

Jason Johnson - December 29  
Student Minister - 7 years

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday**  
Widowed/Homebound

Linn Ireland & Arlene Romine (3)  
Betty Lutes (17), Ike Norris (18)  
Bruce Clark & Wanda Walker (20)  
Adelyn Dickey (28)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Please remember our homebound on your Christmas card list. Call the church office for names & addresses.

**VA HOSPITAL VETERANS**

For anyone who would like to send Christmas cards to our Veterans in the VA Hospital in Louisville, please drop the unstamped cards by the church office to be delivered.

**CHRISTMAS TUNES** - WFBR FM Reach 95.3 is airing Christmas tunes.