

**IN SERVICE**

**December 18**

**Extended Teaching**

**Coordinator(s)**

Rena Sharpe

**10:40 a.m.**

Libby Burbo  
Dorothy Barnett  
Desaree Waters  
Sarah DeSpain  
Dana Hinton  
Kim Phelps  
Tonya Jones  
Debbie Hinckley  
Charlie Hinckley

**9:35 Deacons**

(1) Tim Milby  
(6) Scott Christmas

**11:00 Deacons**

(1) Ray Cecil  
(3) Gerald Cox  
(4) Jackie Coy  
(5) Eric Dickerson  
(6) Mike Johnson

**Elmcroft**

Kevin Moore

**Week of**

**December 18**

**Connections**

Mitch Brooks

**Congregational Care**

Rod O'Neil

**PLEASE NOTE**

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS WOW/PARTY**

(6th-12th grades)  
Wednesday, December 14, 6:15-7:45 p.m.  
W.O.W. Room. Snacks, games, worship music and devotion. Parents, sign up to send a snack or dessert item. Contact Jason Johnson at 538-7361.

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

Our next Baptism service is scheduled for Sunday, December 18. Contact Donna in the church office at 538-7361 if you are interested or if you would like to schedule an appointment to speak with Bro. Billy.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

Every Saturday 7:00 a.m., Romans Hall. Contact Tony Stemle at 902-0249 for more information.

THE **FIRST EDITION**

DECEMBER 13, 2016

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

**WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**



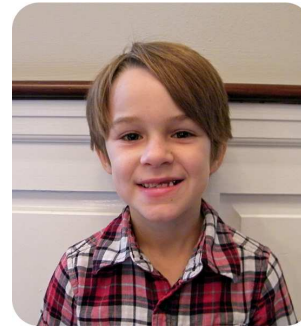
*Whitney Dye*



*Dallas & Cindy Thomas*



*Eddie Dural*



*Rhyan Ford*



*Joshua & Alicia Meredith*

**CELEBRATE THE TRUE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS THIS SEASON: HOPE, LOVE, JOY AND PEACE**

It's the most wonderful time of the year—or so the old song goes. Yet we have to admit that it doesn't always feel that way. We can all rattle off a list of the reasons why we feel a twinge of stress or sadness mixed with happiness or excitement when the carols start playing in every public setting. Hectic schedules, rampant materialism and reminders of personal wounds are just a few of the reasons.

Whether you are the person who is ready to relax and savor the season because you did all your shopping and preparations months ago (not likely) or the person who dreads the busyness, responsibilities or loneliness that steal your joy this time of year (much more likely), the Christmas season offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love and grace in the midst of real life. Christmas can still truly give us a taste of the most wonderful time of world history. Jesus—the Messiah, the Savior—came as the light into the darkness and stress and pain of the world—our world. That world then, just like our world now, including our lives, needs the light to illuminate, clarify, guide, and heal. Christ's coming brings that ultimate light and His peace, joy, and all-consuming love. Those are the true gifts of Christmas. And He is worth celebrating.

Join us for an unforgettable Advent series as we celebrate how Jesus' birth changed everything and brings us hope, love, joy, and peace even today! Check out fbcmw.org for more information and all the details.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

- Thursday, December 22** - Church Office and CLC closes at Noon
- Friday, December 23** - Church Office/CLC closed
- Saturday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Services - Sanctuary (no childcare) 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 25** - Christmas Day Services - Sanctuary 9:35/11:00 a.m. (no Sunday school/Children's services or childcare)
- Monday, December 26** - Church Office and CLC closed
- Friday, December 30** - Church office/CLC closes at Noon
- Saturday, December 31** - CLC closes at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 1** - New Year's Day Schedule - 9:35/11:00 a.m. Worship services only (no Sunday school/Children's services or childcare)
- Monday, January 2** - Church Office and CLC closed
- Wednesday, January 4** - Regular Wednesday activities resume



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**

Come celebrate the birth of Christ with the choir on Christmas Eve! If you have been a part of any church choir in the past, a former member of FBC choir, or would just like to be a part of our Christmas Eve choir, we welcome you! FBC will host two Christmas Eve services this year; at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Join us for one or both services. Songs will be familiar to you and only one rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Marc or Cindy in the church office for more information.

**LOTTIE MOON**

**YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**



**LOTTIE'S LATTE CAFE**

December 18, 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.



**FBC GOAL - \$25,000 NATIONAL GOAL - \$155 Million GIVEN TO DATE - \$5,334.54**

(The numbers above are taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report, a summary of Southern Baptist work overseas in 2013. For up-to-date statistics, go to [public.lmb.org/globalresearch](http://public.lmb.org/globalresearch).)

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. Billy Compton  
Pastor  
Dr. Marc Brown  
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John Tappan  
Education Administration  
Cameron Ford  
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Jake Lynch  
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On the air: WFBR 95.3 FM

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday - December 18**

7:00 - 8:00 Prayer Time - C205  
8:15 Morning Worship/No childcare  
Lord's Supper  
9:00 - 11:00 Library open  
9:00 - 12:00 Lottie Café - Welcome Cntr.  
9:35 Bible Study - all ages  
9:35 Morning Worship/Lord's Supper  
10:45 Women Pray - FSR  
10:45 Sunday School Too (B- PS2)  
Sproutlets  
(Ages 3-5 by Aug. 1, 2016)  
First Kids Live (Grades 1-5)  
11:00 Bible Study - all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship/Lord's Super

**Monday - December 19**

9:30 No Mother's Day Out (M-TH)  
3:00 No Impact/Afterschool (M-F)  
7:30 No One Accord Rehearsal

**Tuesday - December 20**

5:30 Aerobics - CLC  
6:30 Orchestra Rehearsal

**Wednesday - December 21**

3:30 Library  
4:45 Fellowship Meal  
5:00 Handbells Rehearsal  
6:15 Business Mtg/Prayer Mtg. - Coakley  
7:00 Worship Choir

**Thursday December 22**

10:00 No Grace Notes - resume Fall 2017  
12:00 Church Office/CLC Closes  
5:30 Aerobics

**Friday - December 23**

Church office/CLC closed

**Saturday - December 24**

CLC Closed  
7:00 Men's Bible Study - Romans Hall



The Church Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed New Year.

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 2016 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 December 31, 2016. If mailed to First Baptist Church, you need to ensure the mailing envelope is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before December 31. The date written on your check has no bearing on inclusion with your 2016 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 remainder trusts, annuities, charitable lead trusts, etc. can offer significant tax advantages to the donor. Please consult with your tax professional about this type of gift.

Acknowledgement of your 2016 giving contributions available January 2017.

DO NOT file your 2016 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 2016. You are making an eternal difference!

CAUTION, SPEED BUMPS AHEAD!

Drive carefully. New speed bumps have been installed in our Welcome Center drive.

Thanks Phillip Barnhouse for being the first to try them out.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Updated Monday, Dec. 12**

**Baptist Health:** Alice Staples, Remi Whitaker (Harry & Emily Rucker's granddaughter)

**Oaklawn Rehab:** Wanetta Childers

**Elmcroft:** Shirley Bristow, Nancy Greenwell, Tom and Verneasa Jasper, Dean and Velma Keen

**Green Meadows:** Betty Lutes, Mary E. Moore, Paul Roby, Ruth Walls

**Eastern Star:** Evelyn Proctor, Helen Holt

**Windsor Gardens:** Herb Offutt

**Cincinnati Hlthcr:** Betty Wilkins

THANK YOU

A thank you card has been received from Marty Goff, Marvin & Eula Proctor, Simon Yeung, and Franklin Graham/Samaritans Purse. The cards are posted on our church office bulletin board.

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Mickenna & Riley Harthum in the loss of their grandfather, Ken Harthum.

OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**FREE CLOTHES CLOSET**

Bethel United Methodist Church  
3rd Tuesday each month  
9:00 a.m.-Noon and 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
7357 Hwy. 44 East, Mt. Washington,  
just past Highland Springs.  
Contact Theresa Bishop at  
502-904-9555 with any questions.

PLEASE TAKE CLOTHING DONATIONS TO BETHEL.

\*FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS NO LONGER TAKING CLOTHING DONATIONS.

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Now enrolling for the Winter Semester. Classes begin Monday, January 9. Contact Carolyn Saunders at 538-0688 for details.



BODY LIFE

Financials are posted a week later due to the Western Recorder's submission deadline requirement.

	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
Bible Study	503	545
A.M Worship Total	750	848

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

Financial information not available to the general public.

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, December 21, 6:15 p.m., Coakley Chapel  
The Nominating Committee will give a report.

**CHRISTMAS TUNES WFBR FM**

Reach 95.3 is airing Christmas tunes through New Year's Day.

