

## IN SERVICE

### December 11

#### Extended Teaching

#### Coordinator(s)

Jennifer Porter

#### 10:40 a.m.

Sylvia Waddle  
Tony Stemle  
Wendy Chisolm  
Angela Gonterman  
Jessica Braun  
Kim Phelps  
Scott Hatfield  
Brooke Hatfield  
Darla Smith

#### 9:35 Deacons

(1) Jeff Wright  
(6) Mitch Brooks

#### 11:00 Deacons

(1) Harry Rucker  
(3) George Maddox  
(4) Buddy Bryant  
(5) Bob Carter  
(6) Marvin Proctor

#### Elmcroft

Sandy McCoy

#### Week of

#### December 11

#### Connections

Nate Fulghum

#### Congregational Care

Tim Milby

## PLEASE NOTE

### BUS ASSISTANT(S) NEEDED

Our Bus Ministry is in urgent need of bus assistant(s) on Sunday mornings. This person assists with elderly folks and those in wheel chairs. This can ONLY be done if our bus driver has an assistant on the bus. Times needed are 8:30-9:35 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m.

**With enough volunteers a rotation schedule can be set up.** Please pray about this decision and call the church office at 538-7361 if you can help.

### 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.

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DECEMBER 6, 2016

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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

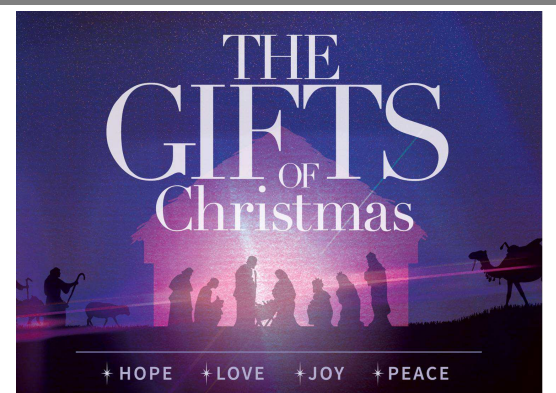
It's the most wonderful time of the year—or so the old song goes. Yet we have to admit that it doesn't always feel that way. We can all rattle off a list of the reasons why we feel a twinge of stress or sadness mixed with happiness or excitement when the carols start playing in every public setting.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

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 11	<i>Christmas Concert of Worship</i> - 6:00 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra - Sanctuary
December 24	Christmas Eve Services – 4:30 & 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
December 25	Christmas – 9:35 & 11:00 a.m. Worship services only <i>No Sunday school, no children's services, no childcare</i>
Advent Sundays – December 11 & 18	
January 1	New Year Schedule – 9:35 & 11:00 a.m. Worship services only <i>No Sunday school, no children's services, no childcare</i>



## 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 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 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!

## LOTTIE MOON

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

December 4-11 is the week of prayer for IMB Missions. Look for LMCO envelopes in the sanctuary pews. 100% of your gifts help send and sustain IMB Missionaries. Thank you in advance for your prayers and gifts. **FBC GOAL - \$25,000 NATIONAL GOAL - \$155,000,000**

### LOTTIE'S LATTE CAFE

December 11 and 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.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### LOCK-IN GRADES 1-5

Friday, December 9, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Christian Life Center. 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) or call the church office by December 7.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. Billy Compton  
Pastor

Dr. Marc Brown  
Worship  
Arts

John Tappan  
Education  
Administration

Cameron Ford  
Young Adults  
Missions  
Pastoral Care

Jason Johnson  
Students

Jennifer Harris  
Preschool  
Children

Jake Lynch  
Outreach  
Assimilation  
Activities

Dr. Jim Castlen  
Senior Adults

Adrian Mathenia  
Associate  
Worship Leader

SUPPORT STAFF

Melissa Laytham  
Financial Administrator

Donna Lieber  
Church/Pastor's Ministry Assist.

Cindy Cecil  
Staff Ministry Assistant

Penny Franklin  
CLC Ministry Assistant

Cheryl Hall  
Receptionist

Brenda Sapp  
Mother's Day Out Director

Carolyn Saunders  
Performing Arts Center  
Administrator

Lloyd Dooley  
Media/AV Specialist

Steve Middleton  
Sue Robinson  
Greg Burbo  
Custodians

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday - December 11**

7:00 - 8:00 Prayer Time - C205  
8:15 Morning Worship/No childcare  
9:00 - 11:00 Library open  
9:00 - 12:00 Lottie Café - Welcome Cntr.  
9:35 Bible Study - all ages  
9:35 Morning Worship  
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)  
10:50 Bible Study - all ages  
11:00 Morning Worship  
1:15 Deacons Meeting - Coakley Chapel  
4:30 Choir/Orchestra Sound Check  
6:00 Christmas Concert of Worship

**Monday - December 12**

9:30 Mother's Day Out (M-TH)  
3:00 Impact/Afterschool (M-F)  
7:30 One Accord Rehearsal

**Tuesday - December 13**

5:30 Aerobics - CLC  
6:30 No Orchestra Rehearsal

**Wednesday - December 14**

3:30 Library  
4:45 Fellowship Meal  
5:00 Handbells Rehearsal  
6:00 Last Women's Bible Study-Res. Jan. 4  
6:15 Prayer Mtg/Bible Study - Coakley  
6:15 Youth Christmas Party-(Gr. 6-12)  
7:00 No Worship Choir

**Thursday December 15**

9:30 Last MDO - Resumes January 4  
9:30 Grace Notes - Elmcroft  
5:30 Aerobics

**Friday - December 16**

9:00 Mom's Connect - CLC Gym  
3:30 Last Impact - Resumes January 4  
5:30 Sunrise Boys Home

**Saturday - December 17**

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Updated Monday, Dec. 5**

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

**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

BODY LIFE

**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.**

THANK YOU

A thank you card has been received from  
Marvin & Eula Proctor. The card is posted  
on our church office bulletin board.

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.

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LONGER TAKING CLOTHING  
DONATIONS.

**DIRECTORY APP NOW  
AVAILABLE**

Put Our Church Directory  
on Your Smartphone!  
Directory updated weekly.  
Email Cheryl at  
[chall@fbcmw.org](mailto:chall@fbcmw.org) to receive download  
instructions and your family access code.



**CHRISTMAS TUNES  
WFBR FM**

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



MEN'S MINISTRY

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Weekly Wednesday Bible Study**

6:00-7:30 p.m., Fireside Room, Book of Romans.  
**Last meeting is December 14.** Resumes January 4, 2017

**"Pursued" Retreat**

April 20-22, 2017, Wooded Glen Retreat & Conference Center, Henry Co., IN.  
Cost \$250; \$25 non-refundable deposit due now. Contact Connie Slater at  
744-7248 for more information.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Our closing policy during inclement weather is as follows:

Sundays – Our goal is to hold services even when the  
weather is bad, except for unusual weather conditions  
such as ice. If necessary, we may alter the Sunday  
morning schedule to allow for one Bible study hour and one worship hour; or  
for one worship hour only. Any schedule change will be publicized through  
local television stations, our radio station WFBR 95.3 FM, our church  
Facebook page, website, and email lists.



Weekdays – When Bullitt County schools are closed due to inclement  
weather, the church office and CLC will open at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays – When Bullitt County schools are closed due to inclement  
weather, there will be no Wednesday evening activities, including prayer  
meeting.

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.



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Mother's Day Out:  
502.538.3633

Online:  
[www.fbcmw.org](http://www.fbcmw.org)

On the air:  
WFBR 95.3 FM

SAVE THE DATE

**SPECIAL CALLED  
BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTER**

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