

# WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2, 2018

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, then join us for coffee and conversation in the Gathering Place following worship. We are so glad to have you!

## Morning Worship Service

Prelude		Sherry Williams
Call to Worship		
The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: <i>Hope</i>		
<i>Candle Lighters: Terri Curry &amp; Tanith Welsh</i>		
<i>Choral Response: Light The Light, The Fire Of Life</i>		
*Praise & Worship		Praise Team
Morning Prayer		Pastor
Anthem	<i>Covered</i>	Chancel Choir
Offering Invitation & Prayer of Dedication		Kevin Weber
Offertory		
An Invitation to the Kid's Christmas Program		Avney Herring
*Hymn	<i>Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus</i>	#135
	<i>(Children ages 4 – 5th grade are dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Message	"A People Prepared For The Lord"	
	Text Luke 1:11 – 17	Rev. Brent Meyer
*Song of Invitation	<i>Christmas Offering</i>	Praise Team
Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
Diaconate Fund Offering		
Closing Thoughts		
*Benediction Song	<i>Blest Be The Tie That Binds</i>	
*Postlude		
*Please Stand		CCLI Lic. #148055

## CHURCH TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Received Sunday, November 25, 2018 - \$2,818.54;  
Sunday School - \$21.50; Donation for Tim Buis - \$100.00  
OCC Bake Sale - \$25.00; Cookbook/Clock Tower - \$30.00  
Love Gift - \$11.00; World Mission Offering - \$15.00

The Nursery is available for infants through 3 year olds during the Worship Service each Sunday. You may take your child prior to the service or at any time during the service. The Nursery is also available during the Sunday School hour for infants through 2 year olds. Three year olds may attend the Pre K – 5 Sunday School Class.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School.....	10:45 a.m.
Nominating Team.....	11:45 a.m.
Fusion Tonight .....	6:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts FH.....	Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts.MC.....	Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
Chess Club .....	Tuesday @ 6-9 p.m.
Prayer Group.....	Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.
Kids Choir.....	Wednesday @ 3:30 p.m.
Choir Practice.....	Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Kids Choir .....	Friday @ 3:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts Fireside Room.....	Saturday @ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Kids Choir Program.....	Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.
OCC Bake Sale.....	Next Sunday

## ATTENDANCE FOLDERS

Our attendance sheets are located in the black folders, one folder for each section of pews. We invite the persons in the front and middle of the pews to sign and begin passing the folders during the worship service each week. When you add your name, please update any contact information that has changed. Thank you!

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes we have been using this year can be used until you run out. We have a few extra on hand, but if you will be needing a new box before the end of 2019, please let the office know

### **KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SATURDAY**

You're all invited to the FBC Kids Choir production of "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night" which will be held this Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This is the story of a family running in so many directions that they almost miss the peace of Christ in the midst of Christmas craziness. Don't miss it! You are sure to be blessed! A punch-and-cookie reception will follow the performance in the Fellowship Hall.

### **OCC BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the OCC Bake Sale following worship in *The Gathering Place*. This is the last bake sale of 2018 and the proceeds will be the start-up funds for OCC 2019!! If you would like to bring something for the sale, please contact JoAnn Cooper @ (618) 946-7700.

### **COOKIE EXCHANGE DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

FBC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Exchange will take place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Participants are asked to bring 6 dozen of "one" type of cookie, candy or bar. Everyone will exchange different types of cookies and take home a variety. A soup, salad and sandwich luncheon will be provided. **RSVP to Jenna Busch @ (618) 581-3086 or the church office at (618) 639-3602.** This will be a wonderful time of fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

### **BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

The final business meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. Reports from the Nominating and Finance Teams will be shared, along with important updates from the Youth and Children's Ministries Director Search Committee. Plan now to attend!

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS – MAIL BOXES**

If you are still looking to purchase Christmas Cards, the supply from the ABW is being replenished and will be available for you to purchase next Sunday for \$3.50 per box. AND don't forget you can pass your Christmas cards on to your church family by using the mail boxes on the table at the entrance to the Gathering Place.

### **OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Brent Meyer, Pastor

Judi Poppe & Sherilyn Imboden, Church Secretaries

Scott Quiller, Custodian    Cindy Minor, Choir Director

Sherilyn Imboden, Organist

Office Hours: Tues. – Fri. 9:00 – 3:30: Closed for lunch 12:00 – 12:30



## Christmas Food Baskets

Every year, with your generous support, our Mission Team & Diaconate distributes food baskets to some of our members and friends. It is time again to bring in your donations to the church where boxes are available at all entrances now through December 19<sup>th</sup>, with distribution on Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All types of non-perishables are needed including cereals, boxed meals and side dishes, noodles & spaghetti, soups, canned fruits, vegetables, fish and meats, as well as paper products and toiletries such as soaps, toothpaste, etc. PLEASE bring only current purchases as items with expired dates cannot be used.

Tim & Kaye Buis are coordinating the baskets again this year. If you have questions you may speak to them or call the church office. If you prefer to donate money to help with the purchase of perishables, you may give your donation to Tim or Kaye, bring it to the church office or place it in an offering plate and mark it "Food Baskets".

Make *your* Christmas brighter and more meaningful this year by sharing with those in need!

### Items needed for the Christmas Food Baskets to be distributed by the Diaconate:

Canned vegetables- corn, peas, green beans,  
Potatoes, carrots  
Canned fruit  
Canned tuna and chicken  
Pasta and pasta sauce  
Soups  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Breakfast Cereal  
Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Hamburger or Tuna helper  
Applesauce  
Stuffing mix  
Canned Pasta  
Ramen noodles  
Box potatoes  
Rice  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Flour  
Sugar  
Kleenex  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper