

**WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

December 16, 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 Sherilyn Imboden

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: *Joy*  
*Candle Lighters: Dane & Anna Grupe & Josh Boxdorfer*  
*Choral Response: Light The Light, The Fire Of Life*

Kid's Hand Bell Choir *Silent Night*  
*(Children ages 4 – 5th grade are dismissed to Children's Worship)*

\*Praise & Worship Praise Team

Morning Prayer Pastor

Anthem *Not An Ordinary Baby* Chancel Choir

Offering Invitation & Prayer of Dedication Kevin Weber

Offertory

\*Hymn *Joy To The World!* #146

Message "In Your Dreams" Rev. Brent Meyer  
 Text: Matthew 1:18 - 25

\*Song of Invitation *It's About The Cross* Praise Band

Closing Thoughts

\*Benediction Song *Greatest Story Ever Told*

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand CCLI Lic. #148055

**CHURCH TITHES & OFFERINGS:**

Received Sunday, December 9, 2018 - \$4,302.53;  
 Sunday School - \$15.33; HVAC Sanctuary - \$2,500.00  
 Backpack - \$33.00; Food Basket - \$50.00; Church Bus - \$25.00  
 Foundation - \$2,500.00; RMMO - \$100.00

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**

No Sunday School/Kid's Christmas Party.....10:45 a.m.  
 Business Meeting Today .....11:00 a.m.  
 Caroling.....4:00 p.m.  
 Fusion Christmas Party.....6:00 p.m.  
 Boy Scouts.MC.....Monday @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Chess Club .....Tuesday @ 6-9 p.m.  
 Cub Scouts FH.....Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Prayer Group.....Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.  
 Diaconate Meeting.....Wednesday @ 3:30 p.m.  
 Choir Practice.....Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.  
 Deliver Food Baskets.....Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.  
 Christmas Cantata.....Next Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**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

**LOST AND FOUND**

We have found the following in the old kitchen: Jackson Hole ball cap, black apron, orange & gray scarf & multiple DVD's of "High School Musical". Please come to the office if any of these items are yours!!

### **BUSINESS MEETING TODAY**

The final business meeting of the year will be held today 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!

### **CAROLING PARTY TONIGHT**

Come join us tonight as we celebrate the birth of Christ in song with our shut-ins and folks from the church who are experiencing challenges in their lives (health issues, bereavements, etc.). We'll meet at the east entrance of the church at 4:00 p.m. Come join us!

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS – MAIL BOXES**

If you are still looking to purchase Christmas Cards, the supply from the ABW has been replenished and they are available in the Gathering Place today 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. If you wish to send cards to **military folks** on our prayer list – their addresses are on the mail box table.

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA NEXT SUNDAY**

The Chancel Choir is excited to share the music they've been preparing for the 2018 cantata, set for December 23<sup>rd</sup> during the worship hour. They have four amazing anthems, which will be woven into an original drama from the pen of Pastor Brent titled "Breaking News" – live coverage of the events in Bethlehem from JNN, the Jerusalem News Network. Don't miss it!

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Bring your family and friends and join us for a candlelight service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. It will feature scripture readings, meditations, soloists, anthems from our Chancel Choir, the singing of our favorite carols and the lighting of the Christ Candle.

### **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