

# WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 23, 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
Call To Worship	<i>It's Christmas</i>	Chancel Choir
The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: <i>Love</i> <i>Candle Lighters: Craig, Debbi and Robert Beene</i> <i>Choral Response: Light The Light, The Fire Of Life</i>		
*Hymn	<i>Angels From The Realms Of Glory</i>	#174
Morning Prayer		Pastor
*Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	#171
Children's Message		Ellen Schaefer
<i>(there is <b>no</b> Children's Worship today)</i>		
*Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> <i>(stanzas 1, 3 &amp; 4)</i>	#173
Offering Invitation & Prayer of Dedication		Kevin Weber
Offertory		Marilyn Bowers & Sherilyn Imboden
Cantata	<i>"Breaking News"</i> <i>An Original Drama by Rev. Brent Meyer</i> <i>Featuring Brett Beauchamp, Dave Busch &amp; Pastor Brent</i> <i>with the choral anthems "The Shepherds Found A Lamb",</i> <i>"Come Make A Place" and "Carolyn' Reel"</i> <i>Directed by Cindy Minor</i>	
Closing Thoughts		
A Word From The Trustees		

\*Benediction Song      *Greatest Story Ever Told*

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand

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## CHURCH TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Received Sunday, December 16, 2018 - \$3,878.27;  
HVAC Sanctuary - \$650.00  
OCC Bake Sale - \$210.00; Trustees Fund - \$1,000.00  
Love Gift - \$28.00; RMMO - \$878.00

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.....10:45 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Service.....Monday@ 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor on Vacation.....Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> thru New Year's Day  
Christmas Day-Office Closed  
Office Reopens.....Wednesday @ 9:00 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

## CHRISTMAS CARDS – MAIL BOXES

Check out the mail boxes in The Gathering Place – they are overflowing with Christmas cards! Be sure to pick yours up before you leave this morning.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Bring your family and friends and join us for a candlelight service tomorrow night @ 6:00 p.m. It will feature scripture readings, meditations, soloists, an anthem from the Chancel Choir, the singing of our favorite carols, the lighting of the Christ Candle, and goodie bags for all the kids provided by the Men's Fellowship. Let's welcome the Christ child together!

### **FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, is a fifth Sunday and the focus will be on music as the celebration of Christmas continues. Cindy Minor has designed the service, in coordination with the FBC Deacons. It will feature music from the Praise Team, Chancel Choir, soloists, favorite carols and original narrations to tie it all together. This will be an amazing final worship service for 2018 (*please note there is no Sunday School on December 30<sup>th</sup>*).

### **EPIPHANY BRUNCH/PARTY SET FOR JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**

Epiphany – the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas – falls on January 6<sup>th</sup> which is a Sunday this year. Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Wise Men to the Christ child and officially draws the Christmas season to a close. We will be celebrating this event in worship and with a lovely brunch and program in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday School hour. Who will be crowned King or Queen of the festivities this year? You have to be there to be a contender! Our Family Life Ministry Team is coordinating the party. Mark your calendars now!

### **CHILDRENS/YOUTH CANDIDATE COMING JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Search Committee for our Children's and Youth Ministries Director is pleased to present Tim Thurmond as their candidate for the position. Tim and his wife, Michelle, will be here on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. He will participate in the worship service and answer your questions during a Q&A time. A vote will be taken that morning to extend a call to Tim. This is an exciting time in the life of our church family. Pray that we know and do God's perfect will!

### **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