

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 9, 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 Second Advent Candle: *Peace*
Candle Lighters: Brad & Susan Neunaber
Choral Response: Light The Light, The Fire Of Life

*Praise & Worship Praise Band

Morning Prayer Pastor

A Kid's Choir Musical Sampler directed by Ellen Schaefer
Take Me Back To Bethlehem Soloist: *Olivia Behl*
It's Christmas with Away In A Manger Soloists: *Abigail Behl & Cooper Gillis*

Christmas Is
 (Children ages 4 – 5th grade are dismissed to Children's Worship)

Offering Invitation & Prayer of Dedication Kevin Weber

Offertory

*Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #171

Message "Angels All Around Us" Rev. Brent Meyer
 Text: Luke 1:26 - 38

*Song of Invitation Praise Band

Closing Thoughts
 RMMO Video

*Benediction Song *Greatest Story Ever Told*

*Postlude

*Please Stand CCLI Lic. #148055

CHURCH TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Received Sunday, December 2, 2018 - \$6,377.00;
 Sunday School - \$23.50; Donation for Tim Buis - \$200.00
 Backpack - \$20.00; Food Basket - \$20.00; GRR - \$50.00

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.
 OCC Bake Sale.....10:45 a.m.
 Fusion Tonight6:00 p.m.
 Missionettes-Meet at church.....Monday @ 5:30. p.m.
 Cub Scouts FH.....Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
 Boy Scouts.MC.....Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
 Chess ClubTuesday @ 6-9 p.m.
 Prayer Group.....Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice.....Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.
 Trustee Meeting.....Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts Camp-In MC.....Friday @ 5:00 p.m.
 Cookie Exchange...Fireside RoomSaturday @ 12:30 p.m.
 Cub Scouts Crossover Ceremony.....Saturday @ 2:00 p.m.
 Business Meeting.....Next Sunday following Worship

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!!

MISSIONETTES MEET DECEMBER 10

All women of the church are invited tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. to meet at the church and join the Missionettes in delivering Christmas gifts to our shut-ins. Afterwards the group will gather at the home of Marilyn Bowers for some holiday food & cheer. Devotions will be shared by Elaine Schofield. Come One, Come All.

COOKIE EXCHANGE DECEMBER 15th

FBC's 3rd Annual Cookie Exchange will take place this Saturday, December 15th 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!

BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 16th

The final business meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, December 16th 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 PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 16th

Come join us next Sunday 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.). Don't know if you're a tenor or a bass, soprano or alto? No problem! We come to make a joyful noise and would love to have you join us. We'll meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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 19th, with distribution on Saturday December 22nd.

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