

“First Sunday of Advent”

We Assemble in God's Name

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Listen to the story, hear the story of His birth.
Listen, God is coming, God is coming to the earth.
I hear the prophet calling, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’”

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“O Come All Ye Faithful”
“The First Noel”
“Away in a Manger”

“Away in a Manger” Handbell Quartet
(Arr. Kevin McChesney)

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

L – The gospel of Jesus Christ begins with

P – God’s messenger.

L – God’s messenger is John,

P – A strange man wearing strange clothes and eating strange food.

L – He is the answer to Isaiah’s prophecy,

P – “My messenger comes ahead, preparing the way. My messenger is a voice calling in the desert,

L – ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

P – John prepares the way by baptizing.

L – John prepares the way by preaching a forgiveness of sins that leads to changed life.

P – As we prepare for Christ’s coming, let us turn from our sin

L – And seek God’s forgiveness. Amen.

***HYMN** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” No. 136

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:1-6

***HYMN** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 135

[During the Hymn, children age 4 through Grade 3 are dismissed to Children’s Worship.]

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “He Is Born” Handbell Quartet
(Arr. Kevin McChesney)

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER

ANTHEM “A Prayer for Advent” Chancel Choir
(Douglas Nolan)

MESSAGE “Can You Hear. . .A Prophet Calling?” Pastor Dan Cash
Jeremiah 33:14-16

***HYMN** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 140

--During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.
The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve

***All who are able may stand**

(Please remember to turn off your cell phone.)

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The Body of Christ Prays For... Military Personnel & Families & Homebound Members

Also remember.. Helen Kirk, Carmel Joslin, Mary Margaret Tekulve, Daryl McMath, Ruby Cunningham, Ruth McCracken, June Ann Vickers, Joyce Crowder, John Hudak, Fannie Barker, Sally Flint, Carl Harlow, Margo Hughey

Emergency Responder – Joyce Briggs

Cookie Ministry – Buddy & Ilene Ballinger

Pastoral Care Team for this week: Dortha Anderson, Amanda Reed, & Mary Garten

THIS WEEK

TODAY, November 29

9:30 a.m. – Worship
10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship – Reception for Corey Brasher (hosted by Youth Ministry Team)
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Young Adult Brunch at home of Dan & Lori Cash (post high school to 30's)
11:45 a.m. – Decorating the Church for Advent
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

MONDAY, November 30

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

TUESDAY, December 1

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 p.m. – Jubilation Ringers
2:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle
2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers
2:45 p.m. – Joyful Ringers
5:15 p.m. – Bell Quartet
7:00 p.m. – Council Budget Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 2

6:15 p.m. – Awana (K-6)
6:30 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study
7:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 3

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers

FRIDAY, December 4

6:15 a.m. – Men of Faith Bible Study at Sadie's Restaurant
6:00-8:00 p.m. – Parent's Night Out/Children's Decorating Night (lower level)

SATURDAY, December 5

1:00 p.m. – Lasting Impressions Show

NEXT SUNDAY, December 6

9:30 a.m. – Communion Worship – "Can You Hear..A Mother's Voice?", Luke 1:26-56, Pastor Dan Cash
1:00 p.m. – Lasting Impressions Show
3:30 p.m. – Jr. ABY & ABY followed by Yak-n-Snak
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

Looking Ahead

Dec. 9 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Dec. 15 – "Wings for the Journey" Bereavement Support; Church Council; Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 19 – Putterill/Satterthwaite Wedding
Dec. 20 – Called Business Meeting (following worship); Christmas Caroling (4:00 pm)

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor

Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Corey Brasher, Youth Pastor;

Lauren Skelton, Children's Minister; Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Secretary;

Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians

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"Practicing Our Faith"

November 29, 2009



MESSENGER EXTRA

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF COREY BRASHER - TODAY

We will be celebrating the 8 years of ministry Corey & Rachel Brasher have shared with our congregation as he now prepares to leave the staff of First Baptist. Join us for a special Coffee Fellowship Reception following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BRUNCH MEETING

TODAY ~ 11:00 AM

(after Reception for the Brashers)

AT THE HOME OF DAN & LORI CASH (3023 SILVER FOX DR.)

This meeting is for all young adults (post high school to 30's) to share a time of fellowship and community over a brunch meal. This will be a time to give input to the FBC Staffing Study Group as we seek to discern what kind of staff leadership would be helpful to the young adult population of our congregation.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT



The Worship Team has decided to decorate the church TODAY immediately after Sunday School and we are asking for your help. It will not take long if several stay and help. The Flower/Decorating Team will have everything out that we need. PLEASE HELP! (Jeannie Wheeler, Worship Committee)

FBC COOKBOOKS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

A sample "First Baptist Church Dessert Cookbook and So Much More" is on display at the Welcome Center along with the order form. Delivery will be on December 6. The cost of the cookbook is \$10. These will make great Christmas gifts!

Wednesday Bible Study in December

"The Purpose of Christmas"

A 3 Session, Video-Based Study Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Session 1 – A Time for Celebration (Dec. 2); Session 2 – A Time for Salvation (Dec. 9)

Session Three – A Time for Reconciliation (Dec. 16)

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Thanks to all who contributed to the Love Chapel Christmas Food Drive. We have fulfilled our pledge of 300 boxes of cereal with some surplus, which they appreciated. Blessings to all who contributed.

POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL: We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

HOMEWORK HELP MINISTRY

Homework Help Ministry is in need of snacks. Any donations of pretzels, snack crackers, etc., would be greatly appreciated. Also, more volunteers are needed to help with homework on Tuesdays and especially Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 PM.

HELPING GOD'S CREATURES

As winter approaches, the Bartholomew County Humane Society is in need of blankets, towels and throws (in any condition) for the cats and dogs in their care. For the month of December a box will be placed on the lower level near the restrooms for donations. For more information contact Don Harris (378-3176) or the BC Humane Society (372-6063).

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT/CHILDREN'S DECORATING NIGHT

THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM

Children's Ministry will be hosting a Christmas Decorating party this Friday, Dec. 4, from 6-8 PM for children (babies through 6th grade). We will be decorating the Children's Worship area, watching a Christmas movie and sharing a pizza dinner. Parents are welcome to drop their children off and enjoy a "Parent's Night Out!" Please pick up a registration form for your child from the bulletin board outside Children's Worship area.

THANK YOU, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

For hosting Holidays with The Lasting Impressions as they present

"A Modern Madrigal Dinner" & "A Classical Nativity"

The show will be presented Sat., Dec. 5 & Sun., Dec. 6, here at FBC. Doors open at 12:30 PM and a buffet dinner will be served at 1:00 PM by Sadie's Family Dining. Tickets are: \$16 (adults) ~ \$15 ea. (group of 20+) ~ \$10 (children under 10). You may purchase tickets from Donna Browne, Carol Burton, or at Sadie's Family Dining.

AWANA CHRISTMAS STORE



Check your closets and drawers! Awana will be holding the 6th Annual Christmas Store on December 16. The kids get to purchase gifts for their families with the points they have earned. Unused Christmas and gift items such as ornaments, decorations, mugs, candles, toys, and even those unused Christmas or novelty ties can find a new home. We can also use wrapped candy to fill mugs. This is a fun event for the kids - and the only way some of them can "buy" gifts for their families. You may bring in items and leave them in the box marked Awana in the hall by the kitchen. Any unused items will be donated to Goodwill or Sans Souci. Thanks so much for your help.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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Birthdate: _____ Anniversary: _____

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Hobbies: _____

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Favorite Color: _____ Favorite Food: _____

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