



FIRST VIEW

Monthly Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Wednesday Adult Choir 7:20 pm

Dear Church Family,

We are quickly moving into the Christmas Season. Let me remind you of a few things. To begin with, there is something that is called Incarnational. This is the season when we celebrate the coming of God in flesh. "And His name shall be called Emmanuel - God with us." No one could honestly study the Gospels without concluding that Jesus was none other than God in human flesh. No one could honestly study the writings of the New Testament authors without concluding the same truth. He was perfect man and perfect God. He came as God's gift of salvation. His mission was to rescue those in darkness; redeem those in bondage; deliver those captive to sin; and deliver those who are lost.

Another reminder is of that which is International. This is the month of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Stop and think about it. We have the opportunity to send the message of the incarnation around the world to tell people that God has come to earth in the person of Christ to offer them a free gift. Their sins can be forgiven; their souls can be saved; and life can be spent in eternity with Him in heaven. This is the good news of the gospel. This is the glad tidings of God's goodwill toward men.

Lastly, there should be something Intentional. How will you spend your Christmas season? With some there will be a lot of loneliness. Some will be filled with sorrow. Perhaps, many will miss the whole meaning of this time. Let it be your intention to focus on the One who loves you most. The very fact that you are His creation, made in His image and after His likeness, places value and worth on your soul. How much? He sent His Son for you!

Merry Christmas to all,
Bro. Don



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
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December is always an exciting time for everybody because of the anticipation of Christmas Day. Most plans are being made focused on that day. That is the time when families get together and fellowship, exchange gifts, and eat lots of rich and delicious food. But to Christians, that is not supposed to be the emphasis. The actual celebration, of course, is on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is easy to lose our focus on the real celebration because of all the commercial trappings surrounding that day. However, Jesus' birth was not just another birth of an ordinary baby boy. This birth was the birth of the virgin-born Son of God!! The purpose of this birth had nothing to do with Santa Claus, but everything to do with having our sins cancelled through the Blood of Jesus. Today, Jesus is still the light of the world, the water of life, and the greatest gift you can receive as a human being. May we not lose the significance of this great celebration and try to keep our focus on Jesus.

Our Sunday School is showing more strength in numbers for the last few Sundays. I expect this trend to continue until we are back to "normal," whatever that is. I can only pray that we can get back to "above normal" in our attendance at First Baptist Church.

Signs and activities are all around us reminding us that we are about to begin a massive building program, including a new Youth Assembly House, administrative enlargement, and new nursery wing. We believe this is the Will of God for us, but it will take much prayer, lots of work and cooperation, along with financial funding. God is able to abound in all these areas if we keep our eyes on HIM!!

Linda and I wish for all of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2022.

See you in Sunday School and church,

Bro. Wayne, M.o.E.



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Christmas is almost here! Can you believe it? What a wonderful time of the year. May it be a time to dwell on the glory of Christ and His birth. While this is a busy season, I hope you do not forget the reason we celebrate. I pray that you will make much of Christ's marvelous birth this season.

There are a couple of things to take note of this month. Our youth will have a Christmas party on Wednesday night December 22nd. We will have Christmas games, Christmas music, ugly Christmas sweaters, giveaways, and more.

We will also be opening up our registration for YEC this month. YEC will be a little different than in years past. They are holding three separate YEC conferences held at three separate locations on three separate dates across Tennessee. The locations are Germantown, Murfreesboro, and Knoxville. Due to the scheduled dates, we will be attending the YEC in Murfreesboro held on March 11-12. They have only released locations and dates at this time but be on the lookout for more information coming soon. Mark these dates on your calendars and encourage your 7th-12th graders to attend this event! We will also need volunteers to join us so please be in prayer about joining us for this weekend event.

Our young adult ministry will be attending CROSS conference at the end of this month in Louisville, KY. We will leave on December 29th and return on January 1st. Please pray for our young adults as they hear God's word and learn how He is working all across the world during this conference. As you can see, we have many events scheduled for our students in the near future. I ask that you be in prayer that God will use these events and conferences to draw them closer to Him.



Merry Christmas,

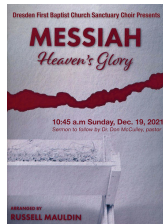
Christian Carr

JOY News: What a great time of fellowship we had on November 16 at our first JOY gathering in three months. Jeff Perkins brought a wonderful devotion on Seniors serving God and continuing to serve in the church. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch of grilled burgers and all the trimmings. Our program was given by Kathy Perkins Stover who delighted us with instrumental music, singing, and even some of her own compositions. It was a wonderful day and was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Penny the Pig offering for November and December is going to the Baby Jack Gallimore Foundation. Our December gathering is shaping up to be just as wonderful as November. We will have a devotion then a catered meal by Rene Kimsey. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Rene and her daughter who is undergoing cancer treatments in Mississippi. We look forward to an amazing meal of ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, and cheesecake. Dr. Elaine Harriss, pianist and Carla Field, violinist, both from Martin First United Methodist Church, will be presenting a program of Christmas music. We have been trying for months to have these two and are excited that schedules are now working for us. Please contact Janet in the church office and let her know you will be attending so that we may have an accurate count for the meal.

The Christmas season is upon us. Let us worship Christ our King. We are so thankful to be meeting again as a group. Please join us. You will be blessed. Merry Christmas everyone. We love you all.

The JOY Committee





As we enter December, there could be no more exciting, festive, and busy time of the year, but for the music ministry it provides so many opportunities to celebrate Christ's birth in song. And that's such a blessing as we are in the final stages of preparing for two major musical events.

Our adult choir will present the cantata "Messiah" at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. This is a bit shorter than the usual cantatas so that our pastor will still have plenty of time to bring the message. The Gospel-focused message will still be clear in this beautiful musical, complemented with images and videos on the screen. I'm so proud of our cantata choir, which has rehearsed faithfully to prepare in addition to working on weekly choir specials.



At the same time, children and those young at heart have been working diligently each week to prepare for our "Christmas Spectacular 2.0," set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Created and directed by Jeanie Nanney, this event will take on more of a "variety show" format to maximize social distancing. Each singer, actor, and reader (some in small groups) will be seated in the audience and come up on stage separately to avoid the large groups of 40-50 on stage at one time as is usually the case with a traditional yuletide musical. (See Jeanie's column for details and rehearsal photos.)



I can't thank my wife enough for her hard work in writing the script and creating this safer alternative and practicing with different groups each week. I also appreciate those who have stepped up to participate, ranging in age from a few months to past 80. It truly will be a multi-generational celebration of Christ's birth.

In addition, all the other aspects of the music ministry, from the weekly TeamKid music to soloists and other groups presenting special music, will take on a Christmas theme this month. We also hope to find time to go Christmas caroling for those who can't attend church, much as we did the covid caroling last year.

Jeanie and I wish you all a VERY Merry Christmas!

Robert Nanney
Minister of Music

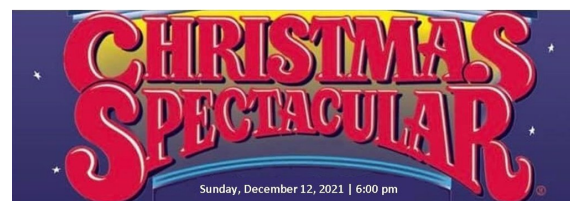


Christmas Spectacular 2.0



We are only three short weeks away from the presentation of Christmas Spectacular 2.0. Many volunteers have been hard at work practicing and preparing for this Christmas show, which will be presented on Sunday evening, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The adjacent images will give you a sneak peak of what you will see. There will be shepherds, angels, wise men, adorable pre-K through second grade singers, Mary, Joseph, a "real" baby Jesus, and a grumpy innkeeper. In addition, there will be skits and an appearance by special out-of-town guests. The show will conclude with a candle-light ceremony involving the audience, as well as a meaningful finale that includes every single person in the show and is designed to point everyone to the true meaning of Christmas. We urge you to make plans to attend.

Jeanie Nanney
Director



Our Senior Adult Lively Ones Ministry will be attending Bethel Renaissance Christmas on December 4th. We will be leaving the church at 1:00 pm.

We will also be enjoying lunch at Mallards and then The Triumphant Quartet at The Dixie on January 29th.

MAKE PLANS NOW - Save the date - we are planning to go to Jubilee in Branson in April 27th - 29th, 2022. More information and sign up list posted at Information Station Board.

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Happy Birthday

2nd: Kim Carroll

3rd: Adam Harrison

4th: Mark Gallimore

6th: Samantha Lutz

7th: Tamara Bowlin

8th: Pam Turner, Kayla White

10th: Tucker Evans

11th: Diann Williams, Jennifer Doran

12th: Sandra Taylor

13th: Angie Plunk, Penny Gallimore

16th: Jennifer Moore, Pam Bennett

18th: Jesse Jackson, Charlie Pete McDaniel, Charlene Alsup, Madge Winstead, Edward Hicks

22nd: Joshua Parham, Merrie Jo Leach, Landon Cantrell

25th: Millie Williams

27th: Wanda Arant

30th: Brian Morris, Joseph Bequette

31st: Craig Woodward, Kayla Harris



4th Men's Breakfast

4th Lively Ones Outing

5th Women on Missions

5th Deacons Meeting

7th WC Backpack

8th No MidWeek Services - Christmas Spectacular Rehearsal

10th Agape Class Christmas Party

12th Christmas Spectacular Program

19th Christmas Cantata at 10:45 am followed by sermon

21st JOY

22nd Youth Christmas Party

22nd - Jan. 5 TeamKID Christmas Break

25th Merry Christmas

26th No Evening Services

29th No Youth Study

29th - Jan. 1 Young Adult Cross Con21

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