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# ***THE MESSENGER***

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Christmas Eve

*Candlelight*  
**SERVICE**

5:00 pm



At our special-called business meeting this past Sunday, the church voted to adopt the 2017 budget. In addition, approval was granted to make Jeremy Sivils' position as children's minister a full-time position starting in January as well as to increase the pay for our instrumentalists at our 10:50 a.m. service. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us continue to excel in the grace of giving since we "*know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich*" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Speaking of Christmas, don't forget our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and our one combined worship service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday.

Last but not least, the staff and I want to thank you for the generous Christmas bonus you gave to us last Sunday. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you! We hope that each of you has a Merry Christmas!

**In His Service, Bro. Bob**



**Worship Music for Sunday (December 25)** This Sunday morning Bro. Bob will preach the message: Why Did God Become a Man? To Resound..., from 1 Timothy 3:16, at THE 10:00 a.m. service. Our praise team will lead 2 of the songs for that service! The Worship Choir will share a special rendition of "O Holy Night"! Michael and Lance will also play the instruments at that service. Plus, Jeremy Sivils will share a solo before Bro. Bob's message! There will be no afternoon meetings or evening service this Sunday.

**Yours in Christ, Mark**



Merry Christmas!

Remember: No Sunday School this Sunday. Instead, come to our 10:00am Christmas Day service to worship Jesus in true family worship.

I pray everyone has a safe and festive holiday as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let's not forget the message the kids brought to us in their musical: It's All About a that Baby! God laid aside His glory in heaven to walk this earth as one of us. He didn't come as a great king, a rich ruler, or a powerful lord, but as a humble baby. He lived a perfect life and died the death we all deserve.

How are you making this Christmas all about that baby?

**Cheerfully in Christ, Jeremy**



Merry Christmas everyone! I hope that you all have a wonderful time with family!

Next Wednesday, December 28, The youth will still meet at 6:00pm. We will have a more relaxed night. We are going to watch a movie and just hang out together. If your youth are in town, make sure that they come out and join us!

On Saturday, January 7, We are going to Winter Jam in Louisville at Freedom Hall. Winter Jam is a concert that Features many popular Christian artists. We are going to meet at the youth building at 1:00pm that Saturday. The plan is to grab lunch on the way. They will need money for lunch, as well as \$10 for the price of the concert. Make sure your student bundles up! Admission is first-come-first-serve, so we will have to wait outside. The tentative plan is to be home around 10:00pm.

**In Christ, Joel**



**Christmas Day**  
**Join us at 10:00 am**  
**For one combined worship service.**  
*There will be no children's church or Sunday school*



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#### Memorial Poinsettias

It is that time of the year. Poinsettias!! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Faye or Cindy in the office by Monday, Dec 26th. We purchased them from the Anderson County Distinguished Young Women Committee. You can pick your poinsettia up after the Christmas Eve Service. The price is \$17 each.



**Master  
Planning  
Committee**

At our monthly business meeting, Keith Currens reported for the master plan committee. After two years of study, the committee is recommending a plan that will address the top facility needs as identified by our congregation: the construction of a two-story building that will provide educational space for children and youth as well as the renovation of our Fireside Room and kitchen. It will also include a covered entrance, a welcome center, and a secure check-in area for parents to drop off their children. Copies of the plan are available on the literature table by the elevator. Please look it over and give any feedback you may have to members of the committee.



Offering envelopes are out. You can pick them up in your Sunday School class or vestibule. If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact the church office.



#### In the Hospital

Ruth Murphy - Richmond Place  
 Jean Hood - Richmond Place  
 Bobby Lacefield - Frankfort  
 Donnie Leathers - Good Sam

#### At Home

John McWilliams, Justin Sadler, Gayle Bradbury  
 Keith Royalty, Charlotte Wright, Bob Kincer  
 Willy Partlow, Ron Howard, Nancy Baker,  
 Jan Cooke, Brenda Disponett, Tanner McRoberts

#### Heritage Hall

Ann Campbell, Kathleen Carlton, Liffy Hanks,  
 Ruby Gabbard, Margaret Spaulding, Susie B Wiley,  
 Mae Lewis, Marjorie Stratton,  
 Anna Marie Parker, Nellie Woods

#### Hometown Manor

Ann Hellard

#### The Lantern

Jim Boyd

#### IN SYMPATHY

James J. Brown - December 13  
 Betty Jean Thompson Hainline - December 17  
 Mary Anna Snider Ruble - December 18  
 Lester Herald - December 19

**We extend our deepest sympathy to these Families**



Dear Church Family,  
 We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your generous Christmas gift. It is our privilege and honor to serve at First Baptist Church. Merry Christmas to all.

Love your staff,  
 Bob, Brian, Cindy, Faye,  
 Jamie, Jeremy, Joel, Kelly, Mark



The Deacons and Trustees will not meet on January 1 but will meet on January 8 at 7:00 pm.



#### Christmas Ornaments

If you put an ornament on the church family Christmas tree. We are asking that this Sunday you take your ornament off the tree and take it home with you. After the 26th you can pick up your ornament outside the Sunday School Office.



#### KBC Christmas Special on KET

Celebrate the harmony of Christmas with the Kentucky Baptist All State Choirs and Chorales as they present a holiday concert on Kentucky public television. You will have an opportunity to catch the annual Christmas concert this month on KET, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 am and 2:30 pm, and Sunday, Dec. 25 at 6:00 am





*Congratulations  
On the birth of  
Lacey Jo Rose  
Born*

*Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 8:37 pm  
7 lbs 3 oz  
20 inches long  
To the proud parents of  
Tyler & Samantha Morgan*



## DECEMBER GREETERS

**8:30 am Service**  
Jane & Larry Jackson

**Sunday School**  
Sharon Carter  
Mary Lou Ray

**10:50 am Service**  
Debbie & Hugh Samuels



**8:30 am  
2's & 3's**  
No Workers  
**4's & 5's**  
No Workers

**10:50 am  
2's - 3's**  
No Workers  
**4's - 5's**  
No Workers  
**1st - 4th grade**  
No Workers



## Nursery Workers

**8:30 am  
December 25**

No Service  
**10:50 a.m.  
December 25**

No Nursery  
**January 1**

Heather Watkins & Natalie Norton

## Evening Service

December 25- No Services

## DECEMBER

### ENROLLMENT CLERKS

**8:30 am Service** Bonnie Perry  
**10:50 am Service** Mary Lou Ray



## DECEMBER

Sunshine &  
Seekers

## Deacons of the Week

December 25 - December 31  
Tom Swartz & Hunter Mueller

## Van Ministry

**Driver this week:** Phillip Bush  
If you need a ride please contact  
502-839-6966 or 502-598-6146

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Dec 25.....Luke 2:8-20  
Monday, Dec 26.....Matthew 2:1-11  
Tuesday, Dec 27.....John 1:35-42  
Wednesday, Dec 28.....Amos 5:21-24  
Thursday, Dec 29.....Habakkuk 3:17-19  
Friday, Dec 30.....Revelation 21:1-7  
Saturday, Dec 31.....Philippians 4:10-19

## Weekly Events

### Friday, December 23

Office Closed

### Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Sunday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NO 8:30 Service or Sunday School

10:00 AM One Combined Worship Service

### Monday, December 26

Office Closed

NO GROW Visitation Team

### Wednesday, December 28

5:45 PM Worship Choir Practice

6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, December 29

11:00 AM Middle School Boys to the Movies

### Friday, December 30

Office Closed

### Sunday, January 1

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 AM Sunday School

**Hospitality Team:** Linda Edington & Jane Thompson

10:50 AM Traditional Worship Service

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES OR SERVICE

## Sunday Report - December 18

Sunday School	225
8:30 am Service	111
10:50 am Service	173
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>284</b>

### Operating Fund

	Contributions	Bud. Requ.	Cash Bal.
Dec. 18	\$ 7,785.25	\$ 13,769.23	
Month to Date	\$ 33,048.35	\$ 41,307.69	
Year to Date	\$ 641,901.82	\$ 702,230.76	
Current Cash Bal.			\$ 4,339.02

### Capital Projects Fund

	Building	Maj. Pur	Maj. Rep	Roof Repair	Cash Bal
Dec. 18	\$ 100.00	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 11,076	
Mon. to Date	\$ 485.00	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -		
Cash Bal.	\$ 454,471	\$ 1,994	\$ 14,024	\$ 104,819	\$ 575,309.93

### Restricted Fund

	Receipts	Cash Balance
Dec. 18		
Mission Offerings	\$ 2,430.00	
FBC Apparel	\$ 325.00	
Reimbursements	\$ 17.00	
Relay for Life	\$ 18.00	
Pepsi Machine	\$ 355.00	
Family Night Supper	\$ 425.00	
Children's Ministry	\$ 150.00	
CLC Equipment	\$ 500.00	
Current Fund Cash Balance		\$ 45,746.80

## Sunday Services December 25

*Message by Bro. Bob  
10:00 am*

*"Why Did God Become a Man?  
To Resound"  
1 Timothy 3:16*

*6:00 pm*

**NO EVENING SERVICES**

## Ushers -Ushers - Ushers Sunday Morning

**10.00 am**

Richard Spencer, Keith Currens,  
Clark Rowland, David Hughes,  
Larry Simpson, Charlie Monroe