

CONNECT WITH US

We are glad that you are with us in worship today.

If you're new to the FSBC Lawrence family, you may have some questions. It just so happens that authenticity and communication are a couple of our key values here, so feel free to ask us anything. Our pastors would love to meet you and we would love to see you find a home here at First Southern. First, just let us know that you're here by filling in the Connection Card; tear it from the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. If you need to find a restroom, nursery, or Bible Study classroom, stop by the welcome counter in the foyer; they will be glad to help you. During the week visit our website - www.fsbcfamily.com to find out a little more about us.

We have two key statements on which we build our ministry.

Statement of our purpose;

Because Jesus Lives! FSBC exists as a local body of Christ; to worship God; to share the love and Good News of Jesus Christ with our community and the world; to encourage and equip believers in the faith; and to serve others with mercy and love.

Statement of our mission;

Connecting people with God and one another.

Just Another Christmas

It's always such a bitter-sweet time when the big Christmas and Drama program is finished. Everyone puts in such hard work and we have great anticipation for sharing it with our faith family. And then after one exciting morning, it's all over. (sad emoji) We share the relief that the work is completed but we will miss the songs and the fellowship.

Let me say how thankful I am for the hard work from every instrumentalist, choir and drama team member. I also would like to mention that I am highly appreciative of Scott Hammerschmidt for seeing to all our audio needs and to Scott Brown for being on cue with each video. Did you know that Emily Ellis works so hard with our kids choir? Thanks for getting them ready and leading them, Emily! And in case you missed it, Stephanie Hamby selected, wrote, cast and prepared all the drama pieces to support the message within the songs. Thank you Stephanie for your great investment in this venture year after year!

For all of you who graciously shared your positive testimonies about how the program spoke to you, thank you for your generous words of kindness. I am so grateful that God has planted me here and allows me to serve this family of faith and walk this part of my journey alongside all of you.

May Jesus be the center of your days as you walk through this Christmas season. Don't let this be Just Another Christmas. May you be found giving the gifts of grace and mercy, peace and love, gratitude and humility where ever you are.

Merry Christmas!

Alden Schoeneberg
Pastor of Worship

Spotlight on Missions

International Missions (Lottie Moon) is the emphasis during the month of December.

Theme:
"The Gospel Resounds"

God used one woman to bring women in Chile together to pray for their cities, country and Muslim women around the world. The woman expected only 30-50 women to attend the day of prayer. But 150 women showed up. They prayed and left encouraged to continue joining God in His work.

This is your opportunity to join the work of missionaries around the world. The gospel resounds through your prayers and gifts. The gospel will continue to resound throughout the nations as you send and sustain missionaries and their work.

First Wednesday Meal January 4 - 5:15 pm (Pizza)

Please sign up today by doing one of the following:

- Use the tear off portion of the bulletin. Check the 1st Wednesday meal box and give your name and number attending.
- Call the church office at 843-8167.

Signing up is important so that we will have enough food for everybody.

Deadline for making reservations is **this Tuesday, January 3, by noon**. Cost: \$3 per person with a maximum of \$12 for a family

VBS Christmas

If you would like to help us get a head start on VBS decorating, we will be needing lots of strings of white lights. You can donate your old ones or get some on sale after the holidays. This would be a great investment for our "VBS Closet" as we will use these over and over. Please give any donations to Tracy Whipple or Heather Seratte.

LINK MEAL

Thursday, January 5

FSBC is providing & serving the meal. We need 9 more casseroles (each serving 12) and 6 more servers. *A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office.*

Servers: Be at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky 12:15 to 12:30pm. The serving line opens at 1:00 pm. Plan to stay through clean up time.

Casseroles: Please take to First Christian Church between 12:00-12:30pm **already cooked**.

If you **cannot** take them and they **need heated**, have them to our church by 9:30 am. If heating is **not needed**, have them here by 11:30 am.

CONNECTING POINTS

- **Save The Date:** The 2017 Missions Banquet is planned for Sunday, January 22, 5:30 pm. The banquet and complimentary childcare (cribs-kindergarten) are free of charge. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 15 online at www.fsbcfamily.com or sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.
- Check the **Christmas Card Post Office** for greetings to your family. *It is overflowing.* Note: Some of the letters share one slot and other letters may have more than one slot.
- **Christmas invitation cards** are available. Please hand out to your friends and neighbors inviting them to join you at FSBC this season. **Note:** *The cards cannot be mailed out as is: Put in an addressed envelope with a 1st class stamp.*
- In case of **Inclement Weather**, church services or activities may be canceled. To find out about cancellations check radio stations KLWN 1320 AM or KLZR 105.9 FM, for TV tune into Channel 6, or check ljworld.com. We will cancel Wednesday evening activities if Lawrence schools cancel that day.

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December 18, 2016

8:30 A.M. SERVICE

Welcome

Singing Together Joy To The World #87
The First Noel #85

Advent Candle

Morning Prayer
Giving Together

Singing Together It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #93
Silent Night #91

Message Bob Mills

Song of Response O Come All Ye Faithful #89

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Singing Together Joy To The World/Shout for Joy

Welcome

Advent Candle

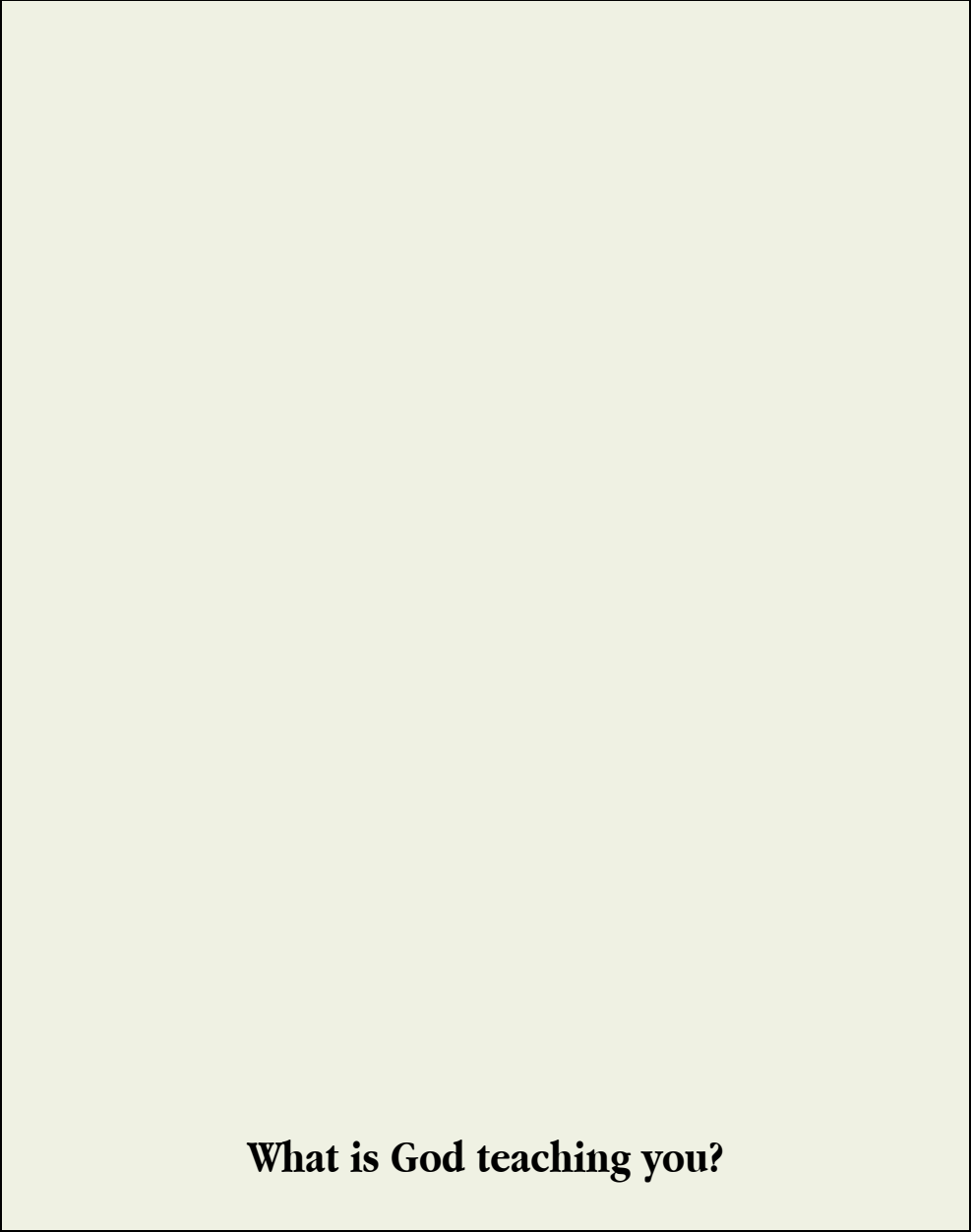
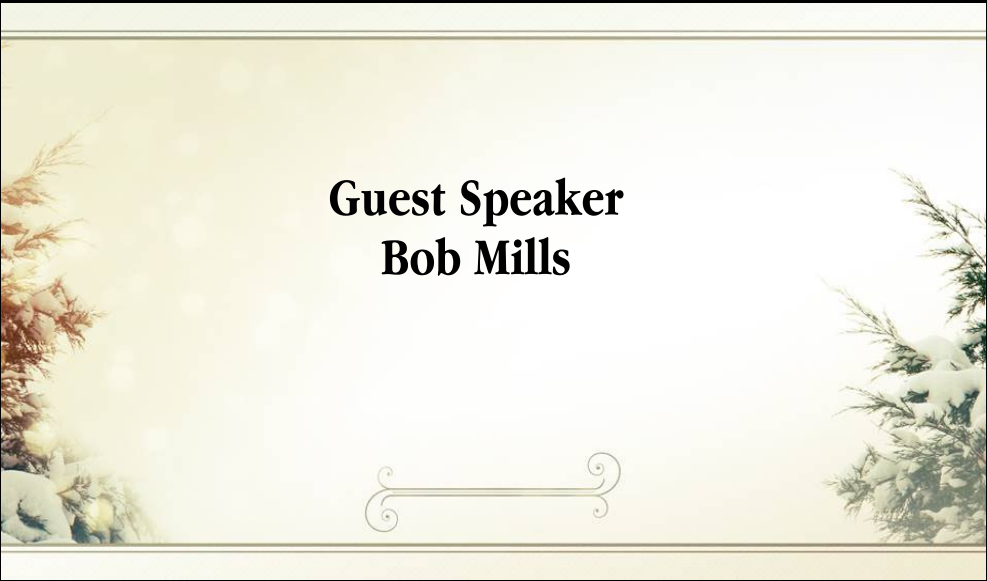
Singing Together Angels From The Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

Morning Prayer
Giving Together

Singing Together Your Name (Christmas Version)
Silent Night

Message Bob Mills

Song of Response Offering (Christmas Version)



CALENDAR



SUNDAY, December 18
8:30 am Traditional Service
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Contemporary Service
6:00 pm Students (7th-12th)

WEDNESDAY, December 21
6:00 pm A Danish/Polish Christmas
6:00 pm Team Kid/GAs/RAs

FRIDAY, December 23
Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 24
6:30 pm Lord's Supper by Candlelight

SUNDAY, December 25
10:00-10:40 am Worship & Fellowship Time

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Bob Drake and family in the passing of his aunt.

Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 21
6:00 pm A Danish/Polish Christmas
6:00 pm Team Kid/GAs/RAs

Friday, December 23
Office Closed

Saturday, December 24
6:30 pm Lord's Supper/Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25
(No Bible Study Classes)
10:00-10:40 am Worship & Fellowship Time
(Fruits, Pastries, Beverages Served)

Monday-Tuesday, December 26 & 27
Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28
No Activities
Office Closed

Sunday, January 1
(No Bible Study Classes)
10:00 am Worship Service Only

Coming Next Week...



CONNECTION CARD

Please complete this card and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to a pastor.

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Please circle the age group and school grade that applies to you and your family:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| -Age- | -School Grade- |
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| -Age- | |
| 18-23 24-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+ | |

How did you learn about First Southern?

Which service are you attending?
☐ 8:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m.

I am a guest of: _____

Please check all that apply:
college student—yr. _____

☐ first time guest

☐ second time guest

☐ looking for a church home

☐ new to the community

☐ I would like to talk with someone about my relationship with God.

☐ I would like to learn more about FSBC. _____

☐ I am signing up for the 1st Wednesday Meal on January 4

PRAYER REQUESTS

The pastors will be praying for your request this week.

If you would like a name added to the church prayer list please call the office at 843-8167.

I request prayer for... _____
