

## A Word From Our Pastor

Are you drawing up a list of New Year's resolutions for 2020? Even if you're not making an actual written list, you're probably giving at least some thought to what the New Year might hold for you.

Hopefully, the New Year will hold peace and happiness for you. But beyond that, I'm hoping that 2020 will also be a year of spiritual growth for you. 2020 can be a year in which you grow closer to God by spending more time in His Word and more time in your private prayer life. These may seem like lofty-sounding goals, but they're not as far out of reach as you might think. With the right initiative God does incredible work.

Remember that the farmer waits patiently for the Lord to bring the growth, but it doesn't mean he sits on his porch doing nothing. The farmer works hard, watering and weeding, repairing equipment, and completing all of their daily chores. When a farmer plants seeds and tends to his field, God brings the increase. With faithful devotion in prayer and scripture, the Lord will bring spiritual growth. God desires you take initiative in your spiritual life and grow. I recommend daily reading scripture and prayer.

2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."



## Going on This Month

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| 1/1  | <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>                             |
| 1/5  | 7:30 pm Business Meeting                          |
| 1/6  | 9:30 am WOM meeting                               |
| 1/8  | 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth                             |
| 1/9  | 5:00 pm Weekly Prayer Grp                         |
| 1/15 | 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth                             |
| 1/16 | 5:00 pm Weekly Prayer Grp                         |
| 1/18 | 7:30 am SIT meeting                               |
| 1/22 | 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth                             |
| 1/23 | 5:00 pm Weekly Prayer Grp                         |
| 1/25 | 8:00 am Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 am Ladies Brunch |
| 1/26 | 5:00 pm Deacon's Meeting<br>6:30 pm Reverb        |
| 1/29 | 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth                             |
| 1/30 | 5:00 pm Weekly Prayer Grp                         |

## Ministry Highlight

*God is good and here are some of the ministry highlights we participated in at FBC Bethany last month:*

On Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> we began a church-wide effort to clean out and organize our church materials.

On Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated communion as a church family

On Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> our Women on Mission hosted a ladies cookie exchange for senior adult shut-ins.

On Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed our church Christmas Breakfast and our FBC Choir's Christmas Cantata

On Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the birth of our savior with our annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service.

On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> our FBC Youth ministry partnered with Immanuel Baptist Youth ministry and rang in the New Year at our local community gym from 8 pm-midnight.



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# ***Faithful Servants***

*We appreciate your service to our church for our Lord...*

## **January 5**

**Bus Driver:** Eric Sweat

**Prayer:** Mike Rogers

**Greeters:** Eldon Woodward, Ella Adkins,  
Dale Adkins, Bob Johnson & Sharon Johnson

**Praise Team:** Kim Fish & Kana Mulnix

**Special Music:** Jackie Wynne  
Mixed Quartet

**S.S. Nursery:** Brooklyn Ellis & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Wendy Johnson &  
Gretta Bottcher

**Children Church 4-K:** Arlene Lanning &  
Travis Ellis

**Evening Service Nursery:** Kim Fish

## **January 12**

**Bus Driver:** Bryan Barnett

**Prayer:** Richard Turner

**Greeters:** Jana Price, Bob Price, Jackie  
Wynne, Kay Parker & Matthew Heintz

**Praise Team:** Kim Fish & Kana Mulnix

**Special Music:** Sharon Johnson

**S.S. Nursery:** Kim Fish & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Pat Barnett & Carma Hansel

**Children Church 4-K:** Arlene Lanning &  
Travis Ellis

**Evening Service Nursery:** Carol Mulnix

## **January 19**

**Bus Driver:** Gary Lanning

**Prayer:** Dale Mitchell

**Greeters:** Carma Hansel, Tom Hansel, Jack  
Hodge & Joyce Lee

**Praise Team:** Kim Fish & Kana Mulnix

**Special Music:** Lori Pottorff

**S.S. Nursery :** Leslie Price & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Ruby Heintz & Sherri Joyce

**Children Church 4-K:** Kalsey McCall &  
Tricia Spurling

**Evening Service Nursery:** Lois Woodward

## **January 26**

**Bus Driver:** Jeff Bottcher

**Prayer:** Jeff Williams

**Greeters:** David Mulnix, Carol Mulnix,  
Mary Jane Sweat, Gerald Parker &  
Larry Smith

**Praise Team:** Kim Fish & Kana Mulnix

**Special Music:** Male Quartet  
Barb Glenn

**S.S. Nursery:** Julie Kunce & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Lori Pottorff & Rita McCall

**Children Church 4-K:** Kalsey McCall &  
Tricia Spurling

**Evening Service Nursery:** Arlene Lanning

## ***Youth Highlight***

Our students had an awesome December! We had a blast fellowshiping at our youth Christmas Party as we celebrated the birth of our Savior and Lord. Then we teamed up with the Student Ministry at Immanuel Baptist for a huge New Year's Eve event, open to all students. We had a fantastic turnout of 50-60 in attendance! This new year we will continue walking through the Book of Daniel on Wednesday evenings to see how God moves through the "young and faithful." Overall, I am thankful for the great year of ministry we had in 2019 and look forward to God's grace and the advancement of His Kingdom in 2020!

## ***Kids Highlight***

Having begun the New Year, our FBC children have just completed their first semester. After the Holiday break is over, AWANA and Youth will resume again on Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual we will continue to be meeting weekly at 6:30 pm. We've entered our annual cold season. Weather permitting, AWANA will meet every Wednesday. We adhere to South Harrison's school schedule, so if they should cancel for weather related conditions, we will as well.

The children still have a solid opportunity in AWANA to earn their end of year awards. Parents & Guardians, don't forget your child may receive awards by bringing their Bible, their AWANA book, a guest, wearing their shirt, completing sections in their book, completing their entire book, and for attending Bible Study time.

## ***Looking Ahead***

- Business Meeting will be held Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> following the evening service at 7:30 pm.
- There is business meeting agenda scheduled for potentially sheet-rocking the east entrance office area of the church. If that should be approved, you can expect to see construction during the middle of this month in January 2020.
- This month we will resume the painting of our church. Please see the bulletin for details.
- There is a Ladies Brunch scheduled this month for January 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jeanne Craycraft. Please refer to the bulletin for directions to her home.
- Men's breakfast is January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Diner Car (located in Hope Royale).

## ***With Gratitude***

- We would like to thank our kitchen committee for all the assistance they gave us this month. Our Christmas breakfast went off without a hitch. Their hot drink and treat table, with fresh pancakes were a huge hit. Special thanks to Diane Peterson for the flap jacks!

- We would also like to thank our Christmas Committee for decorating the church this year.

- Thank you to our WOM, and all the ladies who participated in the Christmas Cookie Exchange.

Our Shut-in and special care members were blessed this holiday by your festive generosity.

- Julie Kunce would like to specially thank all of the choir for participating in this year's cantata.

She received many compliments on behalf of the whole choir. Several said it was their favorite cantata.

- Pastor Ryan thanks our volunteers who served during this year's Christmas Eve Service.