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# The News

First Baptist Church  
Manchester, TN



Week 31 of 156

## Wednesday Night Programs Resume January 9

**5:00 PM**

### Fellowship Supper

Supper is by reservation only. Cost is \$4 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$2 per preschooler, maximum \$20 per family. Reservations must be made by Sunday for the following Wednesday. Make your reservation and make payment on a Wednesday reservation envelope at one of our three deposit boxes.

**6:00 PM**

Prayer Meeting for Adults in Room D204  
Student Worship for Middle and High School in the Gym  
TeamKid and Bible Buddies for Preschoolers and Children  
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

**6:30 PM**

### Christian Development Program New Classes Begin

#### **Level 2: Anatomy of a Christian Witness**

*An 8 week class led by Brenton Cox*

Room C200

Learn how to share your faith with other people. This is accomplished by surveying the four systems that make a healthy Christian witness. Learn how to share the plan of salvation, how to introduce spiritual matters in a conversation, how to lead someone to make a decision for Christ, how to handle common objections to the gospel, and how to develop strategies to reach people.

#### **Elective: Detours: Lessons from Joseph**

*A 6 week class led by Tim Hancock*

Room D203

Granted, detours are anything but convenient. They take you out of the way. They are longer than you had originally planned to travel. But they are necessary. Tony Evans teaches that God is more interested in your development than in your arrival. He cares more about your character than your comfort.

#### **Elective: Christ Centered Parenting**

*A 6 week class led by Tim Lyautey*

Room D204

Russel Moore and Phillip Bethancourt seek to equip parents to be conversant on topics such as pornography, identity, homosexuality, abortion, technology, and more from a gospel perspective.

**Radius: Young Adult Worship for ages 18-29 in the Parlor**



Church directories have arrived. If you had your photo made, you may pick up your directory at the welcome center Sunday.



**January 9 Menu:**

Baked spaghetti, garlic bread, brownies

Reservations required by Sunday before Wednesday. Make a reservation at a deposit box



Congratulations to Eric and Kylene Foster on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Everly Foster. She was born December 20 and weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. Proud sisters are Hannah and Hattie. Grandparents are Ed and Lynne Foster.

**We express Christian sympathy to:**



The family of Jackie Farrar

Kimmy Barker on the death of her great grandmother

Rhonda Dodson on the death of her mother, Alberta Maxine Hickey

## From the Lead Pastor's Heart

Sunday I will begin an 11-week sermon series preaching verse by verse through the book of Galatians. Preaching through books of the Bible is my preferred preaching style. Why? 1) It lets God set the agenda for what we hear from his Word in worship. If I pick a variety of verses to preach from, I might preach only on my favorite subjects, or I might avoid some difficult topics. Preaching through books of the Bible forces us to encounter the whole revelation of God. 2) To grow in Bible knowledge, we need to have an understanding of the subject of each book of the Bible. This enables us to find answers to questions we encounter. Do you know the theme of the book of Galatians? Can you state it in one sentence right now? I hope you will be able to do that by the time we finish this book.

The book of Galatians is probably the earliest book in the New Testament. It is a letter from Paul to the churches in Galatia, probably written about 49 AD. Some of the people who became Christians during Paul's first missionary journey were being led astray into false doctrine. Paul writes to bring them back to the truth. Galatians is a defense of the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus. The theme is that faith in Jesus alone is the only way to be justified, or right with God.

One of the goals I urge you to set for yourself in 2019 is to memorize some Scripture. Have you memorized any verses from Galatians? As we make our way through this book, I hope you will seek to memorize some of the most important verses in the book. Memorizing the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:23-24 would be a great start. Galatians 2:20 would be another great verse to commit to memory. The key verse in Galatians is 2:16: "A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ."

Brenton Cox



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR PREVIEW

January 9th immediately after school

1st-5th Grade

Come check us out - we have some great plans for this spring!



## Connection Group Open House January 27, 2019

- Plan to invite guests to your Connection Group on January 27.
  - Have chairs available! Designate a greeter! Pray!
  - Information will be provided to leaders this Sunday.

## Ebenezer Stones Displayed on Walking Track

If you would like to take home the stone you made in our November 25 worship service, please pick it up this Sunday.

After this Sunday, the paver stones will be removed. If you would like to have these pavers, contact the church office.



### Men's Church Basketball League

Basketball league begins Saturday, January 5, 2019.

All men 15 and older are eligible. For more information, forms are available at the resource center on the walking track or call Terry McIntosh at 728- 3272.



*Reaching women for Christ  
one sweet invitation at a time*

An informational meeting about "sweet Monday", a group that meets once a month for fellowship, devotion, and a sweet treat, will be held **January 7 at 6:00 PM in the parlor**. You can read more about it at [sweetmonday.org](http://sweetmonday.org).



### Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Begins this Saturday morning,  
January 5.

Approximately 100 children involved.  
Pray for Upward the next 8  
Saturdays.

## Report on Special Giving at Christmas by First Baptist Church

### World Missions Offering

Church Goal: \$25,000  
Total Given: \$26,460.52

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:

293 boxes given at FBC  
23 volunteers staffed Manchester Drop-Off at FBC  
943 total boxes received in Manchester

### Angel Tree Gifts for Children: 80

### Christmas Food Boxes:

\$3,985 given for food boxes  
91 boxes packed/delivered by 50 volunteers

### Toy Shopping Event for Parents:

43 volunteers distributed 85 cases of toys  
191 Families (575 Children) Helped

**Thank you to everyone who gave or volunteered!**

### First Grade Bible Presentation

First Grade Bible Presentation is January 13<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 service. Parents of first graders, make plans to attend this special service with your child. All first graders enrolled in Connection Groups have been accounted for. If you have a first grader that is not enrolled in Connection Groups and would like to be part of this service, contact Meghan Clayton ([mclayton.fbc@gmail.com](mailto:mclayton.fbc@gmail.com)).

#### Financial Report

##### Week of December 23, 2018

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Needed Weekly       | \$28,709.10  |
| Budget Offering     | \$33,674.93  |
| Designated          | \$9,861.50   |
| Other Receipts      | \$1,395.00   |
| Total Receipts      | \$44,931.43  |
| YTD Budget Needs    | \$488,054.70 |
| YTD Budget Receipts | \$484,332.40 |
| <b>Finish Line</b>  |              |
| This Sunday         | \$7,236.50   |
| Given to Date:      | \$130,542.86 |

#### Attendance

##### Week of December 23 2018

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Connection Group Enrollment | 1184 |
| 7:45 & 8:30 Attendance      | 85   |
| 9:45 Attendance             | 450  |
| Total Attendance            | 535  |
| Yearly Average              | 607  |
| 8:30 AM Worship             | 312  |
| 9:45 AM Worship             | 131  |
| 11:00 AM Worship            | 232  |
| Spanish Worship             | 0    |
| Total Morning Worship       | 675  |

#### Financial Report

##### Week of December 30, 2018

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Needed Weekly       | \$28,709.10  |
| Budget Offering     | \$34,135.28  |
| Designated          | \$4,672.00   |
| Other Receipts      | \$246.76     |
| Total Receipts      | \$39,054.04  |
| YTD Budget Needs    | \$516,763.80 |
| YTD Budget Receipts | \$518,467.68 |
| <b>Finish Line</b>  |              |
| This Sunday         | \$2,802.00   |
| Given to Date:      | \$133,344.86 |

#### Attendance

##### Week of December 30, 2018

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Connection Group Enrollment | 1184 |
| 7:45 & 8:30 Attendance      | 66   |
| 9:45 Attendance             | 410  |
| Total Attendance            | 476  |
| Yearly Average              | 601  |
| 8:30 AM Worship             | 274  |
| 9:45 AM Worship             | 110  |
| 11:00 AM Worship            | 258  |
| Spanish Worship             | 0    |
| Total Morning Worship       | 642  |

## Ministry Opportunities

### Sunday (1/6)

Early Connection Group 7:45 AM  
 Contemporary Worship 8:30 & 9:45 AM  
 Connection Groups 8:30 & 9:45 AM  
 Blended Worship 11:00 AM

### Wednesday (1/9)

Children's Choir 3:30 PM  
 Fellowship Supper 5:00 PM  
 Childcare for children under 2 6:00 PM  
 Teamkid for 2's -1st grade  
 Bible Buddies for 2nd & 3rd grade  
 Teamkid for 4th & 5th grade  
 Worship for Middle School & High School  
 Prayer Meeting for Adults  
 Worship Choir  
 Christian Development Program 6:30 PM  
 Radius (young adults 18-29) 6:30 PM



# MONDAYS

ON C STREET

## Oakley Ministry Center: Mondays on C Street

There are open dates for your connection group to bring meals next semester. Please see the sign up sheet at the welcome center.

**Thank you for investing in Oakley  
Ministry Center!**

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#### Bookstore Hours

##### Sundays

9:15—9:45 AM  
 10:45—11:00 AM  
 12:00—12:15 PM

##### Wednesdays

5:30—6:30 PM

*The Mission of First Baptist Church,  
Manchester, Tennessee, is to make  
disciples of Jesus Christ.*



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## Volunteers in Ministry

January 6

#### Deacon of the Week

Tim Hancock, James Cartwright  
Adam Clark

#### Decision Counselors

**8:30 AM**  
Pete Cento, Linda Haylock  
**9:45 AM**  
James Cartwright, Dorothy Scott  
**11:00 AM**  
Matt McClanahan, Sara Barnes  
Daniel Gregory

#### Safety Team

**8:30 -- 10:00 AM**

Rolland Heim  
Chris Blevins

**10:00 -- Noon**

Mark Hull  
Josh Hunt

#### Welcome Center

**8:30 AM**  
Bobby & Betty Bryan  
Tina Sipe, Liz Smith  
Amy Turner  
**9:45 AM**  
Donny & Linda Anderson  
Kevin & Beth Penick  
**Bookstore Workers**  
**Sunday Morning**  
Norma Piatt  
Julee Grosch  
**Wednesday Evening**  
Tracy Rutland