FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What exactly is *Walk Through Bethlehem*?

*Walk Through Bethlehem* is a theatrical excursion that takes you back to the time of Christ’s birth, over two thousand years ago. We try to re-create what Bethlehem might have been like the night that Jesus was born. A guide will escort you to the city where you’ll be immersed in the sights, sounds, and smells of ancient Bethlehem. You’ll encounter Roman soldiers, beggars, shopkeepers, live animals, shepherds, and angels before finding the Baby Jesus in the manger.

As you wait to be escorted in small groups to Bethlehem, you’ll enjoy Christmas music in our sanctuary performed by a number of talented individuals and groups from our church and the community. After your “walk,” you’ll enjoy refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

Since its beginning in 2005, the *Walk* has been very well received. Last year over 3,000 guests visited Bethlehem. We hope you’ll make *Walk Through Bethlehem* a traditional part of your family’s Christmas celebrations.

Is there an admission fee?

No, the event is free to the public. However, we are collecting canned goods to give to the Hopewell Food Pantry, so a voluntarily donated canned item would be gladly accepted.

When will it be held?

Saturday, November 30 4 - 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 1 4 - 7 p.m.
AND
Saturday, December 7 4 – 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 4 – 7 p.m.

How should I dress?

Except for a brief period outside, the *Walk* is indoors. Casual attire is appropriate, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Is the event handicapped accessible?

Yes, our church is equipped with an elevator for those who may need it. Bethlehem is wheelchair accessible, however, please be aware that the flat terrain is covered with a layer of mulch to lend authenticity to the town’s atmosphere.

Where can I park?

Our parking attendants will direct you. If desired, a passenger drop off area is available at the front entrance of our Family Life Center (at the sliding glass doors), where all guests attending the event will be directed to enter the church.

How do I get to First Baptist Church of Hopewell?

We are located at 401 N. 2nd Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23860 [on the corner of Randolph Road (or Rt. 10) and 2nd Avenue--just 2 blocks east of John Randolph Medical Center].