A Word From the Pastor

For the past nine years, Joel Harvey has led our student ministry with the utmost integrity. Our students have been tremendously blessed by his faithful teaching of God's Word and the opportunities he has given them to grow in their faith. In addition, Joel has shown areat love to our students by treating each one of them with a genuine sense of care and compassion. His wife, Grace, has not only assisted Joel in ministering to our youth but has also provided invaluable leadership to our Mom2Mom ministry. Perhaps, the best thing that can be said about the Harvey family is how much they have truly loved and supported our entire church. While we will miss them dearly as they prepare to move to West TN, I hope that you will express your love to them by coming this Sunday night to a reception in the Fireside Room after the youth-led Christmas service. A basket will be in the Fireside Room for you to leave a card and gift for the Harvey family.

Don't forget that Nik & Ruth Ripken will be speaking this Sunday, December 7 at both morning services as we pray for the gospel to be proclaimed to those who have yet to hear. They also will be speaking to all of our adults and youth in the sanctuary during Sunday School at 10 am. Please pray as to what you can give to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. 100% of that offering goes to support our IMB missionaries overseas. This year's goal here at First Baptist is \$12,000.

In His Service, Bro. Bob

Bible Reading Plan for 2025

December 7 - 2 Chronicles 7; 2 John 1

December 8 - 2 Chronicles 8; 3 John 1

December 9 - 2 Chronicles 9; Jude

December 10 - 2 Chronicles 10; Revelation 1

December 11 - 2 Chronicles 11-12; Revelation 2

December 12 - 2 Chronicles 13; Revelation 3

December 13 - 2 Chronicles 14-15: Revelation 4

Sermon Notes

Guest Speakers

Nik & Ruth Ripken Sunday, December 7, 2025

Deacons of the Week: 8:45 - Jin Hall 11:00 - Jesse Currens

Ushers for December 7

8:45 - Andrew Hays, Hugh Samuels, Gary Marrow, Jesus Alvarez, Larry Jackson, Steve Smith

11:00 - Jamie Elam, Ryan Wells, Casey Sparrow, Mike Hayes, Gary Sutherland

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December 7, 2025

This Week's Activities

Sunday, December 7

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School (Adult Combined SS class in Sanctuary)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

3:00 PM Youth Led Practice

3:00 PM Musical Practice (cast A & B)

4:00 PM Deacons and Trustees Meeting

6:00 PM Youth Led Service

7:00 PM Reception for Joel and Grace Harvey

Monday, December 8

4:00 PM Second Blessings Open

Tuesday, December 9

6:45 AM Youth Morning G-Group

7:00 PM Youth Minister Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

3:30 PM Christmas Musical Practice (Cast A)

6:00 PM Dress Rehearsal Cast A/B and Choir) In Sanctuary

5:30 PM Worship Choir Practice

6:00 PM Mission Friends

6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party in Fireside Room

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting in Youth Worship Area

7:45 PM Praise Team Practice

Thursday, December 11

9:00 AM Second Blessings Open

11:00 AM Homemakers SS Class

6:00 PM Caroling meet in Fireside Room

Friday, December 12

6:30 PM New Beginnings SS Class Party

Saturday, December 13

8:00 AM Last Upward Basketball Games

Sunday, December 14

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School (Adult SS Breakfast in CLC)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

3:00 PM Worship Choir going to Broadway Baptist

6:00 PM Children's Christmas Musical

7:00 PM Reception in the CLC

Enrollment Clerks - December

8:45 am - Shelly Lloyd 11:00 am - Kathryn Reed



Announcements & Events

LOTTIE MOON:

Nik & Ruth Ripken will be our guest speakers on Sunday, December 7 at both morning services. Nik's journey to missions began at age 18, hearing God's call to salvation while working the night shift in a cheese factory. That defining moment led him from rural Kentucky to a global mission field where he embraced Christ's command to "Go into all the world." Ruth chose to follow Jesus at a young age. Globally, the Ripken's have dedicated their lives to Jesus. Their journey has been tremendously enhanced by walking alongside believers in persecution, learning from their victorious faith in the midst of suffering. Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$12,000.

Youth Led Service

Make plans to attend our Youth Led Service Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 pm. After the service we will have a reception for Joel and Grace. Persons are encouraged to bring a gift for Joel in appreciation for his ministry and leave it in a basket in the Fireside Room.

Adult Sunday School Breakfast

We invite all Adult Sunday School Classes to join us for Breakfast on Sunday, December 14, at 10:00am in the CLC. This is a great time of fellowship and fun all we ask is that you bring your favorite breakfast dish.

Sassy Ol' Souls Christmas Luncheon

Annual catered Luncheon has been changed to Monday, December 15 at 11:30 am for our Sassy Ol' Souls due to inclement weather this past Tuesday. The menu will be Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fall Salad and dessert. We will have the pleasure of having Anthony Stratton entertain us. The cost for the lunch is \$10.

Children's Musical

Mark your calendars for the children's Musical "The Bethlehem Express" on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm. There will be a reception in the CLC following the musical.

Worship Choir Cantata

Mark your calendars for the Worship Choir Cantata "Jesus Advent Messiah" on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 pm. Broadway Baptist worship choir will be joining FBC's Worship Choir for our Cantata.

Family Night Supper

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 5:00pm for Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

Youth Search Committee Members

The Youth Search Committee will be comprised of Melissa Burton, Cassie Christopher, Kaci Crouch, Hailey Davenport, Curtis Lloyd, Brenda McGregor, and Marty Terry. If you know someone that would be interested in the Youth Minister position, please have them send their resume to youthministersearch@lawrenceburgfbc.org

Memorial Poinsettias

It is that time of the year. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Faye or Cindy in the church office.

Christmas Eve

Join us December 24, Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior during our candlelight service at 5:00 pm.

Children's Angel Breakfast

We invite all children from Nursery through 6th grade to join us for our annual Children's Angel Breakfast in the Fireside Room on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am

NURSERY WORKERS

December 7

December 14

8:45 Cassie Christopher & Natalie Frasure 8:45 Ann Davenport & Lagenia Jefferies 11:00 Ray & Sarah Flores 11:00 Cody & Cassie Christopher

Children's Church Workers - November 30

<u>8:45am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	
2 & 3 year olds	2 & 3 year olds	
Corey & Ashley DeSpain	Kevin & Kim Phelps	
4 & 5 year olds	4 & 5 year olds	
Melanie Ehr	Melanie Ehr	
<u>1st - 5th grade</u>	<u>1st - 5th grade</u>	
Casey Sparrow	Heather Terry	
Desk Worker: Heather Terry	Desk Worker: Juan Alvarez	

Attendance Record November 30, 2025

Sunday School	221
Contemporary Worship	188
Traditional Worship	124
Total in Worship	312

Budget Report for November 30, 2025 Operating Funds

Budget Requirement	\$	14,423.00
Budget Receipts	\$	18,259.00

Capital Projects Fund Account Balances-YTD

Amount Restricted for "No Greater Joy"	\$ 121,480.00
Restricted for Major Repairs	\$ 10,000.00
Restricted for Sanctuary Renovation	\$ (12,600.00)

Children and Youth Building Loan Update

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