

This Week

TODAY

Coffee & Conversation - 12:00 p.m.
Business Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Men's Small Group - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Staff Meeting - 10:30 a.m.
Women's Small Group - 4:30 p.m.
Worship Choir - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Small Group - 12:30 p.m.
GriefShare - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Couples Small Group - 6:30 p.m.
Women's Small Group - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

AWANNA - 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY

Adult Small Group - 9:00 a.m.
SAM Christmas Party - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship on RCTV - 9:00 a.m. (repeat)
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Youth Foundations - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Small Group - 9:30 a.m.
Prayer in the Narthex - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation - 12:00 p.m.
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m.



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HE will be called Emmanuel

December 9, 2018

Advent Candles

Bible Readings
Exodus 29:38-46
Isaiah 7:10-14

Tithes & Offerings
Worship Choir

Prayer

The Word
Matthew 1:18-25; 28:16-20
Pastor Joseph Young

SMALL GROUPS AT FBC

Inviting people into a growing relationship with Jesus

Message text for Sunday, December 16th:
Luke 2:8-20

GROUP FOR MEN

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Friendship Room
Contact: Dan Tropeano
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GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays 1st & 3rd at 1:00 p.m.
Friendship Room
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GROUPS FOR EVERYONE

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Friendship Room
Contact: Lorrie Comeford
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Saturdays 1st, 3rd & 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Friendship Room
Contact: Rebecca Comeford
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GROUP FOR COUPLES

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Friendship Room
Contact: Gary and Linda Walls
gdlkwalls@gmail.com

CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting today following worship in the Sanctuary to vote on the 2019 budget.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2019

Registration for the fall of 2019 at the Reading Baptist Day School's preschool is now open. Children and grandchildren of church members should contact Marjorie Gibson, Director at (781) 944-3876 (press 2) or dayschool@fbcreading.org for information and to schedule a tour.

SAFETY STAIRS

Hi my name is Tommy House and I am writing to seek your support for my Eagle Scout project that will take place in early December. I plan to install stairs in the church's back parking lot to help ensure the safety of the preschoolers while they travel to the community garden. In order to be able to complete this project, I will need financial help from my church congregation. After the service, I will be in the back of the church for donations toward the project. If anyone wishes to make a donation by check please make it payable to "Troop 702". Thank you very much for your support.

Join us this Advent Season

Savior

Sunday, December 16
Luke 2:8-20

King

Sunday, December 23 with Christmas Worship Musical
Colossians 1:9-20

Jesus

Monday, December 24 our Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Luke 1:26-55

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES THANK YOU!

We sent packages full of goodies and love to 22 college students last week! Thank you to everyone who baked and packed. Please keep our students in your prayers during the last part of the semester.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING THANK YOU

Thank you for your donations to our Thanksgiving Ingathering. Our Caring Team assembled Thanksgiving baskets for seven church families.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning.

As our guest, we ask only one thing from you.....

Just fill out the orange Welcome Card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests! We are happy to pray for you. The Welcome Card also has a place for your prayer requests. ☺

SERVE AT FBC AND BEYOND

VIDEO HELP NEEDED

We are looking to grow our video ministry and we are in need of some help. We specifically are looking for someone to help with the editing process, but we could also use more people to video the worship each week. If you have questions about what this exactly entails or you want more info, please see Brian Fraser or Dan Tropeano.

GREETERS NEEDED

There is always a need for volunteers to greet those coming to worship. Please see Katherine Botzko if you would like to help.

CHRISTMAS GIFTING OPPORTUNITY - Bedford VA Children's Party!

Please return UNWRAPPED gifts today. Our friends at the Bedford Veteran's Administration (VA) are not receiving any funding for Christmas Gifts for the children of their VA clients. What an opportunity to love these children in the name of Jesus! Please leave your unwrapped gifts under the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary! See Joyce Gould if you have any questions! Thank you.

READING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The Reading Food Pantry is asking for: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, laundry detergent, instant mashed potatoes, tea and shelf-stable milk, spaghetti sauce, crackers, juice boxes, and cereal & snacks for children. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for helping families in need!

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Please find our church family prayer list in the narthex. Please lift these people up in prayer to our loving Father and maybe take some time to send them a card. We have cards and addresses available in the narthex. Take a few minutes to fill one out and we will mail it for you!

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER TIME

Sundays – Join us for prayer in the narthex from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER SUPPORT

Sundays – Following worship we are available to pray with you. Please come to the front of the sanctuary.

Anytime – Our prayer line is always available for your requests. Prayer requests may be left, 24 hours a day, on the prayer line. Dial (781) 944-3876, ext. 4.

FBC FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Week of December 9 - December 15

Sunday

Give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve Him and others through the food pantry, by offering gardens to the community, through Operation Christmas Child, by providing Thanksgiving baskets to families cookies to our college students and Christmas gifts to children in need.

Monday

Dear Father, thank You for all the good gifts You so graciously give. *Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

Tuesday

Jesus, as we share our lives with others, may we reflect Your loving heart. ♥

Wednesday

Lord Jesus, draw near to those in our Wednesday evening GriefShare Ministry who are facing times of sadness and loss and draw each one ever closer into Your precious arms of love and support.

Thursday

Please pray for God's comfort for those burdened with grief during this holiday season.

Friday

Lord, thank You for reminding us You hear every prayer. *When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen Matthew 6:6*

Saturday

Please pray for Pastor Joseph Young as he prepares to preach God's Word to us on Sunday morning. Thank You loving Father, for always hearing our prayers and answering them! *In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3*