

*The
Messenger*



Our Mission Statement
*Guided by Prayer;
Committed by Faith;
Empowered by God's Spirit;
Working together to share
Jesus Christ.*

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And he shall be our peace.
Micah 5:5a

Schedule of Events
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Community Drive • Seymour, IN 47274
(812) 522-1909

If you need emergency pastoral care after office hours or on the weekend, please call
Rev. Larry Tingle at 812-603-2308. Leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

Church web site: www.fbchome.org

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Monday thru Friday
email Carol@fbchome.org; Jeanne@fbchome.org

Blended Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:10 A.M.
Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Center 11:15 A.M.
Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer in the Friendship Classroom 7:00 P.M.

December 10, 2017

Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers, Senior Pastor; email Jeremy@fbchome.org
Rev. Larry Tingle, Assistant Pastor; email Larry@fbchome.org
Pastor Mike Lyon, Pastor of Family Life; email Mike@fbchome.org
Pastor Nathan Parker, Pastor of Worship and Media; email Nathan@fbchome.org
Mrs. Karla Shuttters, Organist - Sharon Schulte Barnett, Pianist

9:00 A.M. BLENDED WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Praise & Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High (#132)

Intercessory Prayer

Christmas Offering

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Offering Prayer: Mark Greenawalt

Offertory: - *Light of the Stable* – Voice of Praise

Children (ages 4-Grade 3) can go to Children's Church

O Holy Night (#148)

Message: Christmas at the Movies

Christ Our Peace

Micah 5:2-5a

Pastor Nathan Parker

Song of Response

Silent Night (#147)

Benediction

Postlude

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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Responding to God

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If you have hearing difficulties, please contact an usher to receive a Williams Sound Personal PA Receiver.

Sunday, December 10

9:00 A.M. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

10:10 A.M. Sunday School

11:15 A.M. Contemporary Worship in F.C.

5:30-7:30 P.M. The Attic
(Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth in FC)

6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

Monday, December 11

6:30 P.M. AB Boys & Men's Brotherhood @
Tampico Baptist Church

6:30 P.M. Barbara Bolick Circle w/ Shannan Silver

Tuesday, December 12

12:00 Noon Golden Owls and Edna Martin Circle Pitch-in
Christmas Dinner & Program

7:00 P.M. Worship Team

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 P.M. Family Night Dinner

6:45 P.M. Children & Jr. Hi Youth

6:45 P.M. Senior High Youth

7:00 P.M. Bible Study & Prayer

8:00 P.M. Voice of Praise

Thursday, December 14

7:00 P.M. Valli Howard Circle w/Jolene Endicott

Friday, December 15

7:00 P.M. Noah's Ark Preschool & Parent's Day Out
Christmas Program

Saturday, December 16

9-12:00 Noon Voice of Praise Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17

9:00 A.M. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

10:10 A.M. Sunday School

11:15 A.M. Contemporary Worship in F.C.

5:30-7:30 P.M. The Attic

(Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Christmas Party)

6:00 P.M. Board of Finance & Stewardship

TO OUR GUESTS

Through Christ's love we welcome you to our services this morning at First Baptist Church. If you are a guest with us, please fill out one of the pink "Guest Information" cards located in the pew rack in front of you or on the table. Please drop the card in the offering plate when it is passed. Before you leave today, please stop by one of our two information desks conveniently located at the front and carport entrances. We at First Baptist hope as we worship together you will experience God's presence, love and hope.

ADDRESS AND EMAIL CHANGES

Please remember to contact the church office if you change your mailing address, your email address, or your phone number. Also, please notify us if you do not receive *The Messenger* by email.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request for the Board of Deaconesses' Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 522-1909 and your request will be forwarded to the Prayer Chain chairperson.

CD Recordings of worship services are available (\$1 each) by contacting the office.

DEACON'S FUND/BENEVOLENCE FUND

Contributions can be made to the Deacon's Fund by using the purple and yellow "My Offering for Benevolences" envelopes located in the pew racks. Funds received are used to help those in need of a helping hand.

I'M THINKING...

BURN BRIGHTLY

The first strand of lights was invented by none other than Thomas Edison. During the Christmas of 1880, Mr. Edison hung a strand of lightbulbs outside of his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. These lights could be seen while traveling through the area by train and were also used to light the path from the train to the lab. Two years later Edison's friend and colleague, Mr. Edward Johnson, wound 80 hand-wired red, white, and blue lights around his Christmas tree and the rest is history. For over a century people have been putting strands of lights on buildings and on trees in celebration of the Christmas season.

While Christmas lights have been the source of great joy down through the years, they have also been a source of incredible stress and frustration. There are few things that can put a wet blanket on holiday fun faster than having a light go out on a strand of lights after they've already been placed on the tree. Often, one light going out causes several to go out. It is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to find and replace the burned-out bulb. Even making the attempt can cause other bulbs to go out and leave you worse off than when you started.

In the Myers house, we've learned to accept the reality that bulbs go out from time to time and we choose to enjoy the bulbs that remain. If you were to come look at the tree in our house closely, you would notice that about one out of every four lights on a portion of one strand of lights is out. The strand of lights is still beautiful and brings us joy, but it doesn't shine quite as brightly.

Every Christmas I'm reminded that for all of the celebration and joy, there is always a bit of sadness. For some of us the Christmas season reminds us of loved ones who are no longer with us. For others, we are reminded of fractured relationships. There are a number of issues that represent burned-out bulbs on the trees of our lives. While we can see and experience the beauty of Christmas through the bulbs that burn brightly, there are those bulbs that no longer burn, and that brings a tinge of sadness. But let us not forget to WHOM the lights point. Though bulbs may go dark from time to time and sorrow may pierce our hearts, we still have reason for joy. The baby born in a stable has borne our sorrows. He is the source of our joy. He is the light of our lives. He is God with us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us.

During this season of joy let us pray for those who are experiencing sadness. May we remember our connection through Jesus Christ and may we draw close to one another in love. May the joy of Christ flow freely through us and cause us to burn brightly for those who feel as though the light has burned out.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

OUR KNOWN SICK: Kathe Caplinger, IU Med Ctr.; Connie Wayman, Janet Abney, Carol Houshel, at home.

WORKERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

HOSPITALITY TEAM: 9:00 A.M. Doris Cooksey, Carol Kirk **11:15 A.M.** Linda Wayman, Jeanne Nichols
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9:00 A.M. Amy Greenawalt **11:15 A.M.** Monica Lyon, Robyn Myers

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mark Greenawalt, 524-8181

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER: Lori McDonald

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Karla Shutters

USHERS: 9:00 A.M. Jamie York, Chairperson; Tim Tritle, Deryk Baurle, Don Kirk, Chris Allman

NURSERY WORKERS: 9:00 A.M. Mitzi Silver, Amy Greenawalt **11:15 A.M.** Lori McDonald, Holly Cornn

WED. EVE.: Jolene Endicott

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M. Deryk Baurle, 530-7503

WED. EVE.: Adults: Don Kirk, 524-0008

WED. EVE.: Children: Jamie York, 497-3233

Bus Helper: Gerald & Delores Ault

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Larry Lee, 497-0213

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER: Deryk Baurle, 530-7503

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Carol Kirk

USHERS: 9:00 A.M. Jamie York, Chairperson; Tim Tritle, Deryk Baurle, Don Kirk, Chris Allman

NURSERY WORKERS: 9:00 A.M. Angela Prewitt, Stacy Mead, Jolene Endicott **11:15 A.M.** Connie Tingle, Tim & Stephanie Shipp

WED. EVE.: Karla Lee, Rachel Parker

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M. Don Kirk, 524-0008

WED. EVE.: Adults: Don Kirk, 524-0008

WED. EVE.: Children: Jamie York, 497-3233

Bus Helper: Sheila Green

CALL THE OFFICE AT 522-1909 TO SCHEDULE PICK UP FOR SUNDAY BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BUS RIDERS WILL ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH BEFORE BEING TAKEN HOME ON THE BUS.



Received as of

12/03/2017

\$410,162.59

Special giving envelopes for your donations are available for pick up in the Welcome Center areas of the church.

Last Sunday, December 3, 2017

Attendance:

9:00 A.M. 164

Sunday School 120

11:15 A.M. 86

The Lord's Treasury:

Tithes & Offerings .. \$22,189.70

Designated Gifts 180.00

Total Receipts \$22,369.70

FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

Family night dinners are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. The cost per person is \$4 or a maximum of \$10 per family. Please call the office to be put on the standing list, or you may call in by Tuesday to say you wish to attend. **Please remember to call if you are coming so there is no last-minute scramble to find enough food for everyone! And please call if you won't be here. The menu for December 13: Ham, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert**

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

Ingrid Roldan-Roman serves in Panama directing a tutoring and feeding program in her home for elementary and high school students who have fallen behind in their studies. She works with the students and their relatives in evangelism, social development and pastoral care.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS

Contributions can be made to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) by using the RMMO envelopes. Funds received are used to help with unexpected expenses or thank you checks to those retirees. Christmas envelopes are also in the pew racks. Funds received in these envelopes go towards Missions.

ATTENTION VETERANS

If you are a veteran and your name is not listed on our Veterans' Bulletin Board in the hallway near the choir room, please call Jo First, 523-7429.

THANK YOU: A big shout out and thank you to Don and Carol Kirk and their "Just Passin' Thru" travel ministry for donating funds to purchase the new Christmas greenery and décor for the church sanctuary. It was much needed and appreciated! Flower and Decorating Committee

LOCAL BIRTHDAYS

December 23: Rose Smoot
December 25: Lori Bohm, Nathan Parker
December 28: Pam Kelley
December 29: Walt Warren
January 1: Bill Jarvis
January 2: Ron Jarvis
January 3: Maggie Tidd, Maeleigh Tidd
Please contact the office and let us know your birthdate. We want to include all members and friends of the congregation on the list.

GOLDEN OWLS/CIRCLE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Golden Owls and the Edna Martin Circle will join together for a pitch-in Christmas Dinner and program on Tuesday, December 12, at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Center. All interested persons are invited to join them. The musical program will be presented by Dr. Myers, Pastor Mike and Pastor Nathan.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRIVER NEEDED

Our faithful Wednesday night bus drivers could use some help! It would be wonderful if you could commit to taking a turn so they have an occasional night off. If you are willing to pick up the kids, please call the office as soon as possible.

DEACONS' CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT

The Deacon's Christmas Basket Project is underway! The Deacons will deliver food baskets on December 16. You may drop off donations of food items in the marked boxes in the Fellowship Center or the alcove. We are in need of non-perishable items such as canned fruits and vegetables, soups, macaroni & cheese, etc. You may also contribute to the Deacons' Fund for this purpose. Please note on your check "Christmas Baskets" on the memo line. The Deacons need your help for this to be successful.

COAT DRIVE AND CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS

Samantha Silver and her sorority sister are asking for help to provide warm coats and care packages for the homeless in Indianapolis. The care packages cost \$5 to put together. If you have a warm coat or money to donate, please contact her at ksilver@butler.edu or check out the donation link on her facebook page.

T-SHIRTS CAN STILL BE ORDERED

We have a wide variety of sizes in the office for adults and kids. If we don't have your size, we will order what you want. The cost is \$7 each.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Community Provisions of Jackson County is in need of peanut butter, jelly in plastic jars, pasta sauce in non-glass jars, pancake syrup, ramen noodles, and canned fruit. Your donations can be placed in the marked bins in the cabinets in the alcove or Fellowship Center.

2018 FLOWER CHART & RADIO SPONSORS

The Flower Chart for 2018 is now posted on the wall across from the church office. Regular flowers cost \$12.50 per Sunday. A larger arrangement can be sponsored for \$35.00. If you would like to sponsor the flowers, please sign up on the chart and indicate the occasion. Also indicate if you want the small or the large arrangement. If you desire a special arrangement, please contact the Flower & Decorating Committee, Melody Hageman or Joellen Martin. If you would like to sponsor the radio broadcast, please call the office. The cost to do this is \$40.00.

AB BOYS' AND MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

All men and boys of the congregation are invited to attend the AB Brotherhood meeting with our sister congregations at Tampico Baptist Church on December 11, at 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED

Several persons are needed to help in the worship services. We need people to (1) advance the PowerPoint slides on the screen for the 9:00 and 11:15 A.M. services; and (2) run sound for the two services. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nathan in the church office.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

JAIME McROY