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Gathering Music

Karla Shutters

Announcements

Pastor Tim Stair

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Koleszar Family

Praise & Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Worship Through Giving

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Message

Creating Christmas: A Growing Anticipation

Genesis 12:1-3, 2 Samuel 7:1-16, Isaiah 9:1-7

Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Celebration of Communion

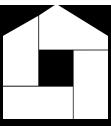
O Holy Night

Benediction

Rev. Nathan Parker



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The Thanksgiving gathering is a very important event for my wife's family. It is the one time each year when the extended family comes together. For many years, we referred to this gathering as *Thanksmas*, as it was a time to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Christmas. But, included with the celebration of these two major events is another date of great significance. In fact, the smaller celebration highlights the reason there's a family to gather in the first place. It is the birthday celebration of the matriarch of the family, Leatrice Rapp, or as we call her, Nana.

This year we celebrated 102 years of life! Nana was a bit confused at times this year. As we helped her into the church where we gathered, she stated that she felt lost. She assured us that she knew where she was, but wasn't certain why she was there on that day. The family was patient and kind, attempting to reassure Nana, reminding her of why we were there and of her significance to the celebration.

Following dinner, an angel food cake with "102" candles was brought out as we all sang *Happy Birthday*. When we finished the song, Nana didn't blow out the candles. Instead, she made our last note her first, and began singing the classic hymn, *How Great Thou Art*. Many quickly joined Nana and finished out the chorus.

On the surface, Nana's solo may seem like further evidence of her confusion. In that moment, however, I believe the confusion was ours. As she had clearly stated earlier in the day, Nana knew where she was. She was in her home church. She was a bit confused as to why we were gathering there to celebrate, but when the singing started, she knew what to do. She lifted her voice, not in celebration of her own life, but in celebration of the greatness of the God who gave and sustained it for 102 years.

As our gathering drew to a close, Nana provided us with some powerful parting words. She spoke of heaven and her desire for all of us to join her there one day. One of the cousins asked Nana to put a good word in with Jesus for us if she got there first. Nana assured us that she would, but reminded us that we all must put our faith in Jesus and follow Him with our own lives.

The Lord alone knows how many more times Nana will join us at Thanksgiving, but Nana clearly knows how we can join her in heaven. Jeremiah 17:7-8 reads, *"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when the heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."* Life on this planet is a limited resource. We only have so many days allotted to us. And, we all have moments when confusion overcomes us and we don't know why we are where we find ourselves. But there is a way for us to live a life of confidence, a fruitful life with *"no fear"* and *"no worries."* We, like Nana, simply need to put our trust in the Lord.

EXPERIENCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SEYMOUR

THIS WEEK'S Activities

Sunday, December 7

- 9:15AM** Sunday School classes for all ages
- 10:30AM** Sunday Morning Worship (In-Person and online)
- 12:00PM** Family Meeting (Quarterly Business Mtg)
- 12:30PM** The Attic Angel Tree Shopping
- 3:45PM** Voice of Praise Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 8

- 5:30PM** Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

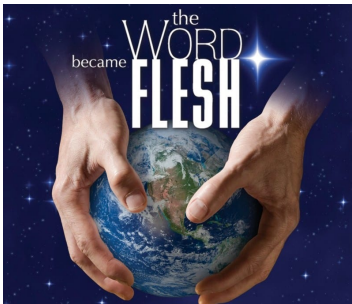
- 12:00PM** BGs (@ Judy Turner's)
- 5:00PM** Family Dinner
- 6:30PM** Celebrate Recovery

Thursday, December 11

- 6:30PM** FBC Orchestra Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13

- 11:30AM** Salt & Light Lunch and Caroling



Come join the Voice of Praise Choir and FBC Orchestra for **this year's Christmas cantata, *The Word Became Flesh*** on the evening of **Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 PM**. It will be a glorious celebration of the birth of the Savior, Jesus, the Word Incarnate!

<Ushers Needed!>

We are in need of adults to serve as ushers to pass the plates for the offering during services. Students are welcome to serve as well, but we need at least 2 adults for each service.

Please contact Jason Senn (812 498 4300) to get plugged in!

SECURITY TEAM

We are in need of a few more adults to help with the security during church services.

The basic responsibility will be staying in the foyer with the computer and letting anyone in who may show up late. You can still listen to the sermon from the foyer while you serve in this capacity.

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Sunday School Groups

December 2025 – February 2026

Sundays: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Age 0-2 (Nursery)

Robyn Myers, Katie Yee, Rachel Parker

Age 3 – Kindergarten (Room 121)

Kourtney Simmons, Carol Matthews, Karla Shutters

Grades 1-3 (Room 119)

Gina Fields, Lori McDonald

Grades 4-5 (Room 123)

Amy Greenawalt, Tim & Stephanie Shipp

Middle School: Grades 6-8 (Room 131)

Mindy Clay, Patti O'Bier

High School: Grades 9-12 (Room 133)

Jordan & Miranda Hollaway

Adults: Friendship Class (Room 126/128)

Larry Lee & David Clay

Adults: Berean Class (Room 130/132)

Kent Waggoner

Adult Women: Seeker's Class (Room 106/108)

Jolene Endicott – class ends December 28

Adult Women: Bible in a Year (Room TBA)

Kelly Woods – class begins January 11



December Birthdays

DEC. 1	JOYCE CORYA ALEX LANTZ
DEC. 4	CAMERON SENN
DEC. 5	KIM NICHOLSON
DEC. 6	JIM FOUTS SHELVA TEMPLE AARON TIEMEYER
DEC. 7	SARA BOWLING
DEC. 8	GERALD AULT
DEC. 9	DERYK BAURLE COURTNEY KLEBER
DEC. 10	MARLO CORNN RHETT HODAPP
DEC. 12	SHARON SCHRADER BARBARA DICK
DEC. 16	LUKE ACTON
DEC. 17	FORD ROLL
DEC. 18	MADELEINE DIBLASI
DEC. 19	JOHN KELLEY
DEC. 21	JANE BARTSCH PEGGY CULP
DEC. 22	MICHAEL WRIGHT
DEC. 24	DANA COCHRANE
DEC. 25	LORI BOHM NATHAN PARKER
DEC. 26	CAROLINE SPRAY
DEC. 28	HALEY FIELDS PAM KELLEY
DEC. 29	KAELIN GRUBE WALT WARREN



Salt & Light (55+) Lunch and Christmas Caroling Outing

On Saturday Dec 13, Salt and Light (55+) will meet for lunch at Poplar St. at 11:30 am. Afterwards we will go Christmas caroling 1 - 3 pm. Sign up at Welcome Center. Feel free to join us for just lunch, just caroling, or both!

Visitation Team: If you would like a visit from our visitation team or to be added to the shut-in list, please call or email the church office (812-522-1909/office@fbchome.org).

Pray for Our Known Sick: Glen Brock, Bill Bracker, Wayne Waggoner, Greg Hatton, Jerry Turner, Doug Ewing

SS Nursery Dec 7: Robyn Myers **SS Nursery Dec 14:** Katie Yee

Children's Church Dec 7: Amy Greenawalt & Tiffany Blish **Dec 7:** Will & Joanna Spray

Nursery Dec 7: Stephanie Shipp, Sarah Stair

Nursery Dec 14: Brianne Roll, Sheila Green, Lyndsey Greenawalt

Shut-in for December: Bill Bracker - Lutheran Comm. Home 1503 S. Walnut St.
Room 533, Seymour, IN. 47274

College Students for December:

- Riley Pumphrey (Dec. 9) - 1820 S. St. Rd. 235, Medora, IN. 47260.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to David Curtis and his family on the death of his mother.

Current Opportunities to Serve

- Serve as an usher or on the Security Team (contact Jason Senn at 812 498 4300)
- Serve as a Sunday School Leader or Co-Leader, or Children's Church leader
- Serve on the Welcome Team

Contact the FBC Office (812-522-1909 or office@fbchome.org) if you would be open to serve in any of these ways!

Last Sunday, November 30, 2025

Offering	Attendance
Total Receipts.....\$24,247.55	Sunday School..... 68
	Sunday Morning Worship.....216

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

Dr. Jeremy Myers, Senior Pastor - jeremy@fbchome.org

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