

# 10:45 am Worship Service

## December 21, 2025

**SERMON** "Anticipating Love: Preparing the Way for the Lord"  
Luke 1:67-80

Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

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Change Service Requested

## *Along the Journey...*

Several months ago when I was looking for ideas for Wednesday night programming, I googled how to welcome a new minister and came across a website that recommended praying daily for the new minister and his family. The site included several sample prayers. For the next few weeks, we will be sharing a different prayer each week that has been personalized for Rev. Zachary Bay, his wife Rev. Dr. Kristy Bay and their children Eleanor and Elliot. I encourage you to pray daily for the Bay family as they prepare to join us in ministry.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with grateful hearts as we welcome our new pastor, Rev. Zach Bay and his family, to our church. We thank you for guiding and leading them to us and we pray that you bless their ministry abundantly.

Grant Rev. Bay wisdom and discernment as he shepherds your flock. Fill Zach with compassion, love, and a deep understanding of your Word. Help him to faithfully proclaim your truth and guide us in our spiritual journey.

May Zach and Kristy be a source of encouragement, support, and inspiration to each member of our congregation. Grant them strength, courage, and perseverance as they lead us in worship, teach us your ways, and walk alongside us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Please, open your hearts in making the decision to love our new pastor and his family.

~ Donna Myers, Secretary, on behalf of the Church Council



# Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Worship God wholeheartedly. Love one another unconditionally. Help people meet Jesus.  
Help each other become more like Jesus. Love our hurting world.

A heartfelt note of thanks to everyone who helped make our annual Food Basket mission such a success. Through your generous financial donations and hands-on support, we were able to fill 170 boxes, providing food for 85 families in our community.

**Christmas FOOD BASKETS**

Your kindness and generosity this holiday season have been a true blessing to so many in need. We are deeply grateful for each of you and the compassion you continue to show.

With sincere appreciation,  
The FAB Food Basket Team




Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

December 21 & 24  
Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

December 28  
Rev. Ron Stoner

January 4  
Dr. Tim Moore



**Christmas Post Office**

OPEN IN SMITH HALL UNTIL DEC. 21

CARDS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE BOXES AT THE UPPER 12TH STREET OR FELLOWSHIP HALL ENTRANCES.



**End of Year Giving**

"Donors must deliver checks on or by Dec. 31, 2025, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2025. Checks placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2026 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2025, even if the check is predated to 2025 or written in 2025. However, checks written, mailed, and postmarked in 2025 will be deductible in 2025, though they may not be received by a church until 2026."  
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**Mail slots are located in the Fifth Avenue Chapel entry door & the lower 12th Street entry door.** Checks can be delivered via the mail slot when the office is closed. Those dropped in after Dec. 31 will be counted as 2026.

**Online contributions, regardless of date made, will be deductible if contribution is processed and in a church bank account in 2025. The processing can take several days, so submit your contribution earlier if wanting to deduct in 2025. If writing a check for more than one fund, please write separate checks for each gift.**

**Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Communion Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24  
9 pm | Sanctuary



FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST  
**youth**

**Come Join Us!**

For sign-ups & info, please visit [fifthavenuebaptist.org/ministries/youth](http://fifthavenuebaptist.org/ministries/youth)

**YOUTH  
COFFEE  
SHOP**

JOIN US IN THE FAB LAB FOR A  
CUP OF COFFEE PREPARED BY  
OUR YOUTH!



For unto us  
a child is born!

\* **Breakfast at  
the Manger**

**December 21st | 9:30 am**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall  
for breakfast, a craft, and  
the story of the birth of Jesus.





# LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

## CALENDAR | Dec 21-27

### Sunday, December 21

8:30 AMC Meeting (CR)  
 9:30 Breakfast @ the Manger (FH)  
 Sunday Morning Bible Studies  
 10:45 Worship & Live Stream

### Monday, December 22

9:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 24

11:00 Family Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)  
 9:00 Candlelight Communion Service

### Thursday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!**  
**\*Office Closed\***

### Friday, December 26

**\*Office Closed\***

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Gay Bird	Mary Lee Leslie
Christy Bird	Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively
Judy Booth	Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively
Nell Brumfield	Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell
Burke Family	Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen
John & Jill Chapman	Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen
Sally Cyrus	Jeanine Price
Felix Daniels	Bill Ransbottom
Bill Denman	Allen Reasons
Carolyn Dickens	Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell
Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively	Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell
David Elmore	Ryan Sharp, nephew of Jackie Ballard & cousin of Scott Ballard
Beverly Gaskin, friend of Gerry Smith	Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.
Martha Hagan	Barbara Sheils
Allison Hall	Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan
Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen	Lenora Sutphin
Janet Jarrell	Sherry Waggoner
Linda Lawrence	Peggy Wilmlink

## Ministry Action Budget: December 14, 2025

Envelopes	20,091.92
Online	2,690.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,781.92</b>
Given To Date	775,520.84
MAB Expenses To Date	873,725.02
<b>Overage/(Shortage)</b>	<b>(98,204.18)</b>

### Designated Funds

RMMO	475.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>975.00</b>
<b>Designated Gifts To Date</b>	<b>16,300.20</b>

**If you or someone you have added to the Columns Prayer list can be removed, please call or email the church office.**

**As is our custom, we will not publish the Columns the week between Christmas & New Years Day. The next edition will be published January 1, 2025.**

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

<b>Dec</b>	
<b>21</b>	Griffin Dempsey
<b>22</b>	David Click
<b>23</b>	Rodney Ashworth, Frasier Nash, Taylor Shoop, Janet Jarrell
<b>24</b>	Hallie Hughes
<b>25</b>	Nathan Myers
<b>26</b>	Ava Ratcliff
<b>27</b>	Laura Byrd, Ron Hooser



# Christmas

COLLECTIVE PARTY

The Gibson Home  
 174 Woodhaven Dr.  
 Huntington, WV 25701  
 December | 21 | 2025 @ 4 pm

*Chicken nuggets and drinks provided! Please bring a side or dessert!  
 Kids welcome! If you have a minute to win it game, bring to share!*



## PECANS ARE HERE!

PICKUP IN THE PARLOR

CONTACT GINA FINLEY FOR AVAILABILITY OF ANY EXTRAS