

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you came, and we trust the music and message will be a source of blessing and spiritual encouragement to you. Here at FBC, the things that are meaningful to God are the things that are meaningful to us—and that includes the opportunity to know you and help you know the Lord better and more deeply.

If you are from the area and do not attend a Bible preaching church, we would like to invite you to study the Word of God with us regularly.

We care about you!

Today At First Baptist Church

Breakfast Café 9:00 am—9:30am

Sunday School 9:45am—10:45am

- East Overflow (101)—(Adult Class) - led by Bob Nickerson
The Gospel Project (Genesis)
- West Overflow (102)—(Adult Class) - led by Pastor Nate Archer
Can I be Sure I'm Saved by RC Sproul
- Fireside room (111)—(Young Families) **The Gospel Project (Genesis)**
led by David Williamson and Eric Manrose
- Conference room (118)—(Ladies class) - led by Pam Jacobson
Pilgrims Progress
- College & Career class (122)—led by Ross Sprague

Morning Service— 11:00 AM

Pastor Nate Archer

Straightening Priorities

Luke 13:10-17 & 14:1-6

Evening— 6:00 PM

**Kids Christmas Program
and
Birthday Party for Jesus**

Our Mission

To Magnify the Glory of God by Multiplying and Maturing Followers of Christ

If you are new here, we would like to extend a warm welcome and invite you to become part of our church family.

FBC Children And Teen Ministries

Nurseries: are offered during all of our worship services and Sunday School.

Sunday School: for all ages with comprehensive, Bible-centered curriculum designed to ground children and teens in the Word and faith.

Kingdom Kids: is for our 2-3 & 4-5 year old's. Bible time, play time and snack time takes place in their classrooms and playroom in the Breakfast Café area.

Kidz Blast: is designed for K-3rd graders. "Kidz" are dismissed from the morning service, after praise and worship, look for the kidz blast flag and the adult who will lead the kids downstairs for their own time of learning about God's Word.

Word of Life: is an exciting program on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm for pre-K through 5th grade that provides children with training in the Scriptures and personal devotions. Kids interact with each other in fun group games and learn together through a Christ-centered Bible lesson.

Youth Group: High School & Middle School students meet Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Willis Recreation Center. Come early for open gym at 6:00pm!

Opportunities This Week @ FBC

Monday, December 10th:

9:00am Co-ed pickleball | 50 years old and up | Willis Center
7:00pm Open Adult Basketball— Willis Center

Wednesday, December 12th:

6:30pm—8:00pm Gophers & Word of Life (pre-K—5th grade)
6:30pm—8:00pm HS & MS Youth Group—Willis Center
6:30pm—8:00pm Women's PM Bible study—Fireside room (111)
6:30pm—8:00pm Men's Bible Study—East overflow (101)

Thursday, December 13th:

7:00pm Open Adult Basketball— Willis Center

Friday, December 14th:

7:00pm Women's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th:

6:30pm Youth Group Let's Skate

Meeting (s)

Missions Meeting—TODAY | Conference room | 4:30 PM

Kids Christmas Program

Enjoy the kids Christmas program on **tonight** at 6pm

*Kids arrive at **4pm** for a practice.* Please pack a sack dinner or snack.

There will be a Birthday Party for Jesus following the program downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to bring treats.

Christmas Cards

Save money and time! Bring your Christmas cards for FBC church family to the Welcome Center mailbox before December 23rd.

Gideon Fundraiser

Use the Gideon envelopes provided in last weeks bulletin and return them to the Welcome Center or place in the offering plate by Dec 30th. Thank you for your generosity!

Fellowship Dinners

Fellowship Dinners will be on **January 20th** from 5pm-7pm.

Get to know others at an in home dinner.

Sign up using the forms at the Welcome Center or on our website. Be a host, a guest or let us know if you are unable to attend. Return your forms to the Welcome Center box by **Dec. 30th**.

Contact the office with any questions.



Tithing / Giving for 2018

For 2019 you will be getting a new envelope number.

Please discard any unused envelopes from 2018.

If you would like envelopes please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Please help us end the year well by having all of your 2018 giving/offerings made by December 31st.

Capital Improvement Push!

Capital Improvement giving last week: \$1,379

The amount still needed to complete phase 2a is now \$7,411.62.

Thank you for your support!

Youth Group



Let's Skate | December 15th—Cost is \$10

drop off at 6:30pm, pick up at 10:30pm

Pizza and devotional before then skating at Patterson Ice Rink.

Register online by midnight December 12th.

Lake Effect (MS Only) - January 25th-26th—Cost is \$70

drop off at 4:00pm, pick up at 10:00pm

This retreat is at Lincoln Lake Camp, with chapel sessions, small group time, The Birdsongs leading worship and many fun activities.

Save the Date | December 19th—Youth Christmas Party

Women's Ministry

Women's Christmas Party | Friday, December 14th | 7-8:30pm

Join us for our Peace on Earth ladies candlelight dessert Christmas, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.



Many hands are needed to make this a special night!



Do you have Christmas dishes?

Would you be willing to host a table?

(invite ladies to sit at your table that you don't know that well)

Help set up or decorate on Thurs., Dec. 13th?

We will need some men to help serve.

We also need desserts too!

Sign up sheets are available at the welcome center.

***Sign up your any guest you are bringing as well!**

Please join us! Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Dec 12th & 19th
Women's PM Bible Study has some fun and fellowship scheduled.

Young Families Event

Save the Date—January 12th

Men's Grand Rapids Griffins outing

More details to come.



Public Service Announcement

Office will be closed Dec 21st, 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st
December 21st-January 4th there will be a helper filling in for Nina.

Please direct all your questions or ministry updates to her by phone (269)795-7926 or email to office@fbcmiddleville.net

FBC Nursery & Pre-K Schedule	December 9th	December 16th
Coordinator	Christine Harned	Teresa Petersen
Sunday School Infants / Walkers	C & J Sayer A Schultz	T Petersen K & M Boonstra
Morning Worship Infants Walkers	J & J Nichols C Biesbrock	T & S Patterson G Steiner
Evening Worship Room 105	C Harned D Fasick	J Zahl & M Nicholson

Date	Breakfast Café Workers	Breakfast Coffee Maker	Prayer Partners
December 9th	Jennifer & Janet	Susan	J Sprague / L Harris
December 16th	Russ & Gaye	Russ	P Bender / B Nickerson



Office Hours
Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Friday: 9:00-3:30



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