DECEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

December 8       4:00 pm.   Deacon’s Meeting
                  5:00 — 6:30 p.m. Children’s Christmas Party
December 15      6:00 p.m.   Christmas Musical &
                  Taste of Christmas
December 19      4:30 p.m.   Golden Harvest Game Night
December 19      6:30 p.m.   Adult 1, 2, 3 Christmas Party
                  at The Varela’s
December 20      6:00—8:30 p.m. Pre-Teen Christmas Party
December 24      5:30 p.m.   Carols, Communion and Candles
December 25      8:00 a.m.   Christmas Morning
                  Come As You Are
Every Tuesday    10:00 a.m. Ladies’ Prayer Time
                  7:00  p.m. Men’s Prayer Time
Every Wednesday  9:00 a.m.   Quilting for Buckners
Good Morning church family. I missed you all last week but Cheryl and I had a great vacation. We just relaxed and refreshed to get ready for the new year. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope you will enjoy the coming Christmas season. Once the New Year rolls around we will all begin to get back into our groove so to speak and take on the new year. We will be doing the same here as a Church Family. I hope you will make sure to be a part of our church life in your walk with God over the coming year. We need, want and welcome everyone as we seek to honor God in our lives together.

Please remember our 2 special services during the Christmas Season. On December 24 at 5:30 pm be sure to join us for a Worship Event we are calling “Carols, Communion, & Candles”. This will be a very worshipful time that we celebrate the coming of our King!

On Christmas Day at 8 am please come for a very short much more informal time to just gather with the church body. We will just gather for a very short time. We will fellowship together, sing some carols and I’ll share a little thought. It’s a sure way to keep Christ in Christmas. I think you’ll enjoy!

I hope that you will join me in praying for our Church and it’s ministry in the New Year. Pray for a healthy Church body that will produce the godly fruit it is intended to produce. Pray for our community that a moving of God’s Spirit would sweep through us and change lives, families and our entire community.

Love you all
Merry Christmas
BK >>

First Baptist Church Bridge City cordially invites you to come and worship as we celebrate the birth of the GREATEST GIFT of all!

“For unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:5 (NKJV)

Carols, Communion and Candles
Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Morning — Come As You Are
Wednesday, December 25, 8:00 a.m.

The holidays are upon us and with that comes the opportunity to give to our amazing staff. In appreciation for all they do for us, we will be taking a Love Offering in the next few weeks. The deadline will be Sunday, December 8. You may give your love offering on Sunday mornings by using an envelope and writing “Staff Gift” on it or give your offering to a deacon. If you have questions, contact Troy Woodall at 409-670-3411.

Thank you,
Your Deacons
CHILDREN’S DIRECTOR

Our Christmas program is right around the corner! There are still a few practices left if your child has not already joined in! Sunday nights and Wednesdays are the times we are practicing as well as during Children’s Church on Sundays. The Christmas musical is Sunday, December 15th at 6 p.m. Children participating in the program will need to meet in the Choir room at 4 p.m. for a final rehearsal. We will have a rehearsal on the stage, then meet back in the children’s choir room for snack and a Christmas movie until time for the program. Children are asked to wear their “Sunday Best”. Please try to have your child here for as many practices as possible!

> Sunday, December 8th we will be meeting at 5 p.m. for our annual Children's Christmas Caroling Party! We will be going to a few homes to spread Christmas cheer and then return to the church for pancakes and fun! Children can dress in casual Christmas attire (according to the weather) and be prepared to be on the Church bus/van and sing. Parents are welcome to ride along and carol with us! We will be done by 6:30 when Big Church lets out.

> December 20th at 6 p.m. is our PreTeen (4-6 grade) Pajamas and Pancakes Christmas Party. We will be meeting in the Family Life Center for pancakes, games, and a Crazy sock exchange! Be sure to wear your comfy PJ's and come ready to get a little Christmas Crazy! The party will conclude around 8:30ish. Finally, in February we will be taking the PreTeens to an event called "SuperStart" in Houston. This is a two day event and we will be staying overnight in Houston. The cost per student is $60. This includes hotel, ticket, and meals. A $25 deposit to reserve a ticket needs to be paid no later than Sunday, January 5th, and the complete balance must be paid no later than Sunday, February 9th. I will be sending home sign up sheets Wednesdays and Sundays over the next few weeks.

> If you would like to help out with any of these upcoming events please let me know!

> That the next generation may know, Chris

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

WHEN YOU SING, YOU WALK A GOD-DESIGNED PATHWAY TO JOY

Psalms 5:11 – “Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.”

Psalms 9:2 – “I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”


Constantly in Scripture, joy and singing are bound together. If you struggle for joy – sing! If you are joyful….sing! In God’s perfect design and understanding of the human condition, he has bound joy and singing together for his people.

COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Just two weeks from now we will be presenting Messiah, Heaven’s Glory at First Baptist Bridge City on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

We will have not only our wonderful choir members from FBCBC, but also choir members from First Baptist Orangefield and Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City.

There will be a variety of traditional Christmas carols, a few selections from The Messiah, as well as some contemporary praise and worship. Be sure and bring your voices with you, because the congregation will have the opportunity to sing along. I hope you plan to come and bring someone with you.

For His Glory,
Debbie

Know Your Bible

Why should I memorize Bible verses? One reason is to encourage you when you are down. Some verses that offer encouragement are:

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10, and “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:26 We encourage you to learn any of the following verses and come to Adult 7 Sunday mornings and recite them:

**Adults**
- Psalm 23
- Ten Commandments
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Romans 3:23
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Philippians 4:6-7

**Children**
- John 3:16
- Psalm 136:1
- 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Acts 16:31
- John 13:34
- Psalm 23
NURSERY WORKERS
December 8, 2019

The Glenna Wheelis
Connie Claus

NURSERY

Volunteers always needed. Please call Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS
December 1, 2019

Projected Budget Need: $ 8,078.14
Weekly Receipts: $ 7,970.82
Actual Budget Receipt to Date: $408,326.71
Actual Budget Spending to Date: $370,927.73

ATTENDANCE:
Sunday School 118
WORSHIP SERVICE:
Worship 130
Nursery 5
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 135

DEACON OF THE WEEK
December 8 — December 14, 2019

Larry Linder  Deacon
Dewey Stuart  Visiting Partner

OCCUPATIONS FOR SERVICE

Sunday, December 8, 2019
9:15  Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
   Children’s Church
   for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade
4:15  Christmas Musical Choir Rehearsal
5:30  PM Activities for all ages
   Adults meet in Sanctuary
   Children & Youth in regular rooms

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
10:00  Ladies Prayer Meeting
7:00  Men’s Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
9:00 Quilting for Buckners
6:30  Activities for All Ages
   Adults Meet in Sanctuary
   Children & Youth meet in regular rooms

ANGEL TREE
Tags are available in Bride’s Room. Please choose a tag from the tree, sign your name and phone number beside the family number on sign-up sheet. Gifts should be returned to church by Sunday, December 8. Gift bags are preferred over wrapping gifts. These are local children from Bridge City and Orangefield, we are responsible for the clothing items. Toys will be provided from local toy drives. Shoes for older kids will be provided by the Ministerial Alliance, but you may add slippers if you want. Extras you may add include socks, underwear, hat, gloves, Bible, Christian books, or you can fill a stocking and include it. Thank you for your participation and may God bless your efforts.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY

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