

Carriers of the Light
Children's Musical

Sunday, December 2nd at 10:15 a.m.
Director - Susan Price

Join us on December 2nd when the Celebration Children's Choir presents their Christmas musical during morning worship. Invite your family and friends and make reservations for the annual **Holiday Highlights Lunch & Craft Fair** following the service hosted by the Christian Education Team & the youth.

Menu: lasagna, garlic bread, salad, brownies, & drinks.
Cost is \$5 per person (ages 6 & under are FREE).

Make your reservations under Activity #2 in worship.

Sanctuary Choir Cantata

"Night of the Father's Love"
Sunday, December 9; 10:15 a.m.

Our annual Christmas Cantata will be presented by the 30-voice festival choir with narration, children's choir, and instrumental accompaniment on **Sunday, Dec. 9th** at 10:15 am. Narrators are Marshall & Susie Walker and Lizzie Zondo. Directors are Rev. Carol Teare and Susan Price.

Following the cantata, invite your family and friends and plan to stay for a festive reception with appetizers & sweets prepared by the Diaconate Team.



Please contribute regularly to the ***communion offering*** on the first Sunday of each month. The funds received help Pastor Joe & Pastor Carol and the Diaconate Team reach out to people in need in our congregation and community.

YOU ARE INVITED

Sounds of the Season, Advent 2018
Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2 - First Sunday in Advent
Light of Hope

Children's Christmas Musical—"Carriers of the Light"
Holiday Highlights Lunch & Craft Fair, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9 - Second Sunday in Advent
Light of Peace

Sanctuary Choir Cantata - "Night of the Father's Love"
Festive Appetizers, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16 - Third Sunday in Advent
Light of Joy

"Shout for Joy!" by Pastor Joe; Music by Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
Light of Love

"Heart Cry" by Pastor Joe; Music by Band of Light

Monday, Dec. 24 - 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Christ, the Light of the World

"Manger Low" by Pastor Joe; Music by Sanctuary Choir
Children gather at the manger with baby Jesus

Sunday, Dec. 30 - First Sunday after Christmas
Message by Pastor Carol; Music by Andrew Nielsen

2019 Stewardship Campaign

To date we have received 36 pledges for a total of \$159,886.00. There remains sixteen of the 49 giving units that pledged last year who have yet to turn their pledge cards. Of the pledges received, three are new, eighteen remained the same from last year, two were decreased and thirteen were increased. The pledges increased averaged 15% over their 2018 amounts. We will have the final pledge report ready for the budget approval meeting on December 16.

On a different note – You now have an additional way to give to FBC. If you shop on Amazon register by logging into www.smile.amazon.com and select 'First Baptist Church 434 Baltimore' as your choice for a donation. Amazon will donate one half of one percent of all purchases to First Baptist.

December Birthdays

12/9 - Wini Dewey
12/9 - Reggie O'Malley
12/13 - Jeff McKelvie
12/16 - Dakota Hoepfner
12/25 - Leah lehl
12/26 - Jim Girres
12/28 - Ray lehl
12/30 - Brenda Lemper
12/30 - Dave Schlette
12/31 - Heidi lehl

December Anniversaries

12/16 - Shelby & Joe Greemore
12/16 - Margaret & Phil Kauten
12/19 - Jenna & Grant Hendrix
12/27 - Donna & Don Huff
12/30 - Wanda & Greg Hoepfner
12/31 - Grace & Leo Brandt



December Calendar

Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 am (except Dec. 23 & Dec. 30)
Sunday Worship at 10:15 am
NO Wednesday Activities Dec. 19 & Dec. 26

- 1 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 9:45am-Noon
- 2 Children's Musical & Holiday Highlights
- 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 6:30 pm
- 5 Friends Club Party, 5-6:45 pm; Sanctuary Choir, 6:45 pm
- 8 Cantata Rehearsal, 10:00 am-Noon
- 9 Christmas Cantata & Festive Appetizers
- 12 Youth Group Party, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 13 Friendly Stars Circle, Noon; Band of Light, 6pm;
Unity Circle, 7pm
- 16 Church Business Meeting following worship
- 20 Band of Light, 6pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 pm
- 25 OFFICE CLOSED

Greeters

Dec. 2 - Shirley & Robert Jones
Dec. 9 - Shirley Baldwin & Roxane Runge
Dec. 16 - Kristin Stanford & Lizzie Zondo
Dec. 23 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill
Dec. 30 - Judy Thompson

Worship Leaders

Dec. 2 - FBC Pastors
Dec. 9 - Rye Lange
Dec. 16 - Patty Jenkins
Dec. 23 - Dianne Van Gorder
Dec. 30 - Clare Palmer

Fellowship Hosts

Dec. 2 - Holiday Highlights Lunch hosted by CE Team
Dec. 9 - Festive Appetizers hosted by Diaconate Team
Dec. 16 - Mission Team
Dec. 23 - Trustees Team
Dec. 30 - OPEN (notify the office if you'd like to host)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Sun, Dec. 23 & Dec. 30- NO Sunday School
Sun., January 6 - Sunday School will resume for all ages.

Warm Your Heart This Winter on Wednesdays

All Wednesday activities will resume on Wed., Jan 9th

4:30 pm	Bells of Praise (3rd-5th grade)
5:00	Dinner
5:30-6:45	Children's Choir, Friends Club, Youth Group, & Mom's Group
6:45-8:15	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Financial Report (as of 10/31/18)

Checking/Savings \$44,257.67
RBC \$52,355.06
Foundation \$55,559.34
October Contributions \$16,295.95
October Expenses \$19,383.87



Happiest of holidays from our FBC Staff!

Rev. Joe Greemore
Rev. Carol Teare
Susan Price
Dr. Randall Harlow
Don Huff
Jenna Hendrix

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Sunday:

Sunday School, 9am
Worship, 10:15 am

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-4:00 pm

This month I thought I would discuss the **Finance Office** and how we operate.

There are three of us that work in the office and we divide tasks accordingly. Gene Van Gorder is in charge of stewardship and pledges. On Mondays, he counts the offering and prepares a deposit.

Bob Jenkins prints all checks, does payroll, and keeps track of staff retirement accounts. He pays all of our withholding and vendors and keeps balance in all of the various budget line items. He reports monthly to the Trustees Team and manages our Quicken account.

Karen Hoppes does our quarterly 941's and I sign checks and make weekly deposits.

-Steve Harty, Church Historian

THANK YOU... The Mission Team wants to thank everyone who gave to the World Mission Offering. So far we have received \$1,769.50 which is far above our goal of \$1,500. This will make sure our global servants are able to stay in their locations when unplanned needs arise. Also, thanks to Gene Van Gorder, Larry Moser, and all who team up to keep our parking lot and sidewalks clear of snow and to everyone who gives of their time, talents, and resources to keep First Baptist a place of safety, warmth, and God's love!

Stewardship Note - Thank you!

for returning your pledge card if you have done so. Join us for a business meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** to vote on the proposed 2019 budget. Copies of the 2019 budget are available on the hallway table.

Winter Weather Policy: If Waterloo Schools dismiss early or are cancelled due to weather conditions on a Wednesday, Friends Club, Youth Group, & Mom's Group will also be cancelled. Sanctuary Choir will be notified by phone or email if rehearsal is cancelled.

