

# The Courier

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## FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH of HAMILTON

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*"A Light on the hill with a heart for the community"*

December, 2018

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### *From Daniel's Den It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*

The favorite Christmas song "*It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*" can lift anyone's spirits. Christmas time is about decorations, lights, cards, presents, and parties with family and friends. It is wonderful! In the darkest time of the year we like to turn on the Christmas lights and let them twinkle with joy and wonder.

Christmas at First Baptist is filled with all these things and more. The building is always beautifully decorated. Thank you to all those who share their gift of "decking the halls" with us! The children singing is Christmas! Our cute Cherubs will sing December 9.

The KingsKids will share an original musical, "*God Sent a Baby?*", written by Katie Simpson and Larry Slocum at the Christmas Banquet December 19. And the Christmas Banquet! What a wonderful meal and the tables are so beautifully adorned. It's always a blessing to gather as church family and friends for a wonderful meal and inspiration.

The FBC Adult Choir will encourage us with a musical message "*Come and See, Go and Tell*" on December 16. This will be our **only** service December 16 and is at 11:00 am. All Sunday School classes at 9:30 and will be no 9:30 worship service December 16. We will worship together and enjoy singing and hearing the gospel message.

The pentacle of Christmas for me is the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm. Singing carols, hearing the nativity story from the Bible, experiencing the warm glow of the candles as we sing "*Silent Night*" ... I feel Christmas.

I am struck every year by the role lights play at Christmas. We have lights on our trees and houses, lights in the streets, table candles at the Christmas Banquet and everyone raising a candle at the climax of the Christmas Eve service. Yes, it is the Winter Solstice, the darkest time of the year, but I am

reminded of the darkness of sin in our world, and the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* (John 1:1-5)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*" (John 8:12)

*I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.* (John 12:46)

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden ... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:14-16)

Whenever winkle-lights dance in your eyes, the candles are lit, or the Christmas tree is glowing, may we remember Jesus is our only light, and we are to reflect His light to a dark world. Merry Christmas!

Be the Light!

Pastor Dan

December series:

Finding your way back to Home

12/02 I Can't do this on My Own Acts 3:19

12/09 God Loves Me Deeply after All Jeremiah 31:3

12/16 Now this is Living 2 Cor. 5:17-21

12/23 Finding your Way Back to God - God's way

12/24 Christmas Eve - God will make a Way

12/30 All over but the Shouting



## American Baptist Women's Ministries



### Operation Christmas Child Report

Many, many thanks to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project. **195** boxes were brought in by

members of our congregation.

As a drop off center for the city, we processed a total of **2393** boxes. During the collection week, our volunteers worked a total of **151.5** hours. Way to go! Special thanks to Cathi Thomas and Ann Brown for acting as co-chairs. Also thanks to the ABW group for paying the cost of the U-Haul.

Our continued prayers should be with those delivering boxes into the hands of boys and girls throughout the world and that these children will know the love of Jesus.

With appreciation,  
Nancy Whipple, ABW President

Missionary for the Month of **December**:

#### Debbie & Keith Myers Mexico

Debbie and Keith are serving in Central, Mexico. They are partnering with the Council of Rural Indigenous Evangelicals of Mexico, AR (CICEM) to provide pastoral accompaniment to the indigenous churches. This training consists of training pastors, church leaders, youth leaders and teachers for the children. They travel to six different areas outside of Puebla to serve and empower the people.

#### Emerson & Ivy Wu East Asia

The Rev. Ivy and Emerson Wu serve as directors of the Global Chinese Training Ministry. They work with overseas partners and IM personnel to identify strategic locations to provide discipleship and pastoral training. Building on their service experience in church and campus ministries in Ohio and at the Macau Bible Institute, Ivy and Emerson help Christian training centers and Bible schools to run assessments and improve their curricula, libraries and faculty development. Ivy and Emerson also serve as IM liaisons to partners in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and global Chinese churches.

### Bible Book of the Month ..... Isaiah

*"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength . . ."*  
Isaiah 40:31 (RSV)

A little more than 700 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah arose as one of the greatest prophets. One day Isaiah had a vision in the temple in Jerusalem. He saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up. He heard the voice of the Lord asking who would be God's messenger. Isaiah answered, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8) Isaiah warned the people of their sins and proclaimed a promise of salvation from God if they turned once more to God.

**PRAY** for the oppressed peoples of the world, that through God's love and mercy they might truly be free.

### Christmas Gatherings

Smith Circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11th, at the Courtyard Marriott for their Christmas gathering.

Abell Circle will meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11th, to go to Richmond, Indiana to have lunch together at Galo's Italian Grill at 11:00 a.m. for their Christmas gathering.

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## Matthew Ministries

There will be **no** monthly work day at Matthew 25: Ministries during the month of December.

There will be a Christmas luncheon for all of the volunteers at Matthew 25 on Thursday, December 6th, at 11:00 a.m. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who have volunteered even one time is welcome to come to the luncheon. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

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## Budget Status Report

### The Month of October, 2018

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$70,930
Offerings	<u>50,902</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$20,028)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$68,678
Offerings	<u>50,902</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$17,776)

### The Year Through October, 2018

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$724,196
Offerings	<u>579,928</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$144,268)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$751,798
Offerings	<u>579,928</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$171,870)

—The Board Of Trustees



The Memorial Fund has provided money for several projects this past year. Approval is received from family members prior to designating funds to a project. Following are items purchased and the accounts from which the money was taken:

Children's Ministry Check-In Desk  
In loving memory of  
*Ines Frost*

Hanging Lights In The Sanctuary  
In loving memory of  
*Louise Clemens*  
*Ed Emenaker*  
*Callie Hyde*  
*Pauline Johnson*  
*Cleo Tiernan*  
*Dorothy VanNatta*

Pilgrim Tours  
(Airline Tickets for Brazil Mission Trip)  
In loving memory of  
*Margie Braun*  
*Juanita Hazelwood*  
*Paul Laubenstein*  
*Jack Maddox*  
*Shirley Wade*

Cotton Candy Machine  
*Ines Frost*

Tabitha Ministry Embroidery Machine  
*Thelma Ditmyer*

Communion Trays  
*Marian Allen*  
*Bertha Campbell*  
*Bob Eicher*  
*Shirley Henson*  
*Tim Laubenstein*  
*Barb Perkins-Salcido*  
*John Rish*  
*Harold Sapp*  
*Shirley Wade*

Bibles For Sunday School Class  
*Shirley Henson*

The gifts to the church from the Memorial Fund enrich the ministry of First Baptist Church and honor the memory of loved ones and friends. Should anyone wish to consider a lasting tribute as a memorial, please contact any member of the Memorial Committee.

—Bud Braun, Betty Emenaker,  
Ron Gerth, Thelma Stanger,  
Evelyn Maddox, Chairperson

## Courier Change!!

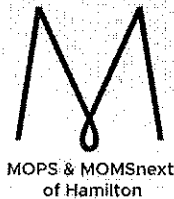
Effective January 2019 we will no longer be mailing The Courier. If you would like one emailed to you, please let us know by sending us an email at [info@firstbaptisthamilton.org](mailto:info@firstbaptisthamilton.org) with the subject line: Courier Email. You can also find them online at [www.firstbaptisthamilton.org/newsletters](http://www.firstbaptisthamilton.org/newsletters) or we will have them at church for you to pick up.

—The Board Of Trustees

## Riverview Elementary's Literacy Event

Riverview Elementary is hosting a literacy event on Friday, December 14th, from 9 until noon and they have asked us to participate with them. This is for 35 kids and it would be great if we could have 35 volunteers that would help kids read that day and play some Christmas themed games and decorate cookies. If interested please see Katie Simpson.

—Katie Simpson,  
Director of Families and Children's Ministries



## Student Ministry Christmas Gatherings

First Students will have their Christmas Party on Wednesday evening, December 12th, from 6:00 - 8:00.

First Student Ministry Leaders will gather Sunday, December 9th, for their Christmas Party. Time to be determined.

—Justin Davis,  
Student Ministry Leader

*Fa-la-la-la-la...Find Your Fire!*

Christmas is a time to gather around the hearth with those we love the most and truly appreciate the time we have together. It's a time to "treasure up" all the little moments with our little ones and "ponder them in our heart" the way Mary is said to do in Luke 2:19. In all the craziness this season can bring, don't miss out on the chance to reflect on all the blessings we enjoy and to remember that sweet little baby, born so long ago, who saved us all.

To help you and your little ones make this Christmas season even more memorable, we have lots of fun, festive activities planned!

**Wednesday, December 5th:** Monthly Fundraising Dinner (5:30 PM). If you are able to volunteer to help cook, serve or clean up the meal, please contact Julie Yantes. Everyone who volunteers will earn a free meeting! / Last Discussion Group Meeting of 2018 - "The Nativity" (6:30 PM)

**Friday, December 7th:** (6:30 PM) You're invited to the annual MOPS/MOMSnext Christmas Party! We will meet at Liberty Center for dinner, then we will trade names for a "Secret Santa" gift exchange. We'll have time to shop for a small gift for our Secret Santa, then we'll meet up for dessert and a gift exchange! Please check the Facebook group for more details and to RSVP.

**Tuesday, December 11th:** (9:45 AM) Join us for our December monthly meeting! Our speaker will be Abi Walton, an art teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School (and fellow mom of 3), who will share with us ways to encourage creativity in our kids.

**Thursday, December 13th:** (6:30 PM) Mom's Night Out at Lah-V-Dah! Come make bath bombs with us and bring a snack or drink to share!

**Tuesday, December 18th:** (10:30 AM) Mom & Child Outing at Jump & Jack's (7102 Office Park Dr., West Chester). Bring your little ones along to enjoy this indoor playground. There are play areas for babies/toddlers, preschoolers and bigger kids.

We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and joyful Christmas and wish you a happy new year!

With love,  
The MOPS/MOMSnext Steering Team



### Schedule Change

On December 16th, all Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 and there will be **no** 9:30 am worship service. There will be **ONE** special ALL FBC worship service at 11:00 which will include congregational worship and a Christmas message in music entitled, "Come and See, Go and Tell". This will be a very special service to which you will want to invite your family and friends. Of course, you will also want to plan now to attend the highlight of the season FBC Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm.

—Pastor Dan



## Awana News!

### December

- 5th - Christmas Parties (Individual Clubs)
- 12th - Family Nativity Challenge
- 19th - No Club - Church Family Christmas Banquet
- 26th - No Club - Christmas Week

Did you know that Awana serves 4,358,024 children in 122 different countries. They currently have 54,104 clubs and have over 450,000 volunteers. We are so blessed at FBC to have a wonderful team of volunteers who not only teach God's truth and promises but they show God's love for each child through small group relationships. Awana could not work without all those adults and teenagers who dedicate part of their Wednesday night to serving our children. Thank you for all who help!

December is a short month with just one club night and one family night. On December 5th each group will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with parties.

**The Cubbies** will be in room 102 from 6:00 onwards with games, food and a gift exchange. We ask each Cubbie toy bring a \$5 gift to trade with another child, a girl for a girl or a boy for a boy.

**Sparks** will meet in their room at 6:00 for games, treats, crafts and fun.

**T&T Girls** will meet in their room at 6:00 for a light tea, ornament building, games and treats. Each girl is to bring a \$5 grab bag to trade.

**T&T Boys** will meet in their room at 5:30 for pizza and a movie.

Each clubber will bring home a letter in November sharing these details.

December 12th is a family night in the gym, see below for details, clubbers will also have a flyer to bring home during December.

### December 12th - Nativity Challenge

We invite all families to join us for a family night with a Nativity challenge on Wednesday December 12th at 6:00 - 7:30. Bring your favorite Christmas dish (or 2!) to share pot luck style, and celebrate with us as we remember Jesus' birthday. There will also be a mega challenge so please be prepared to get crafty...we can't promise there will be glitter but you know us!!! Please invite friends to join your family team as we work on this Nativity Challenge. There will be no childcare and no Awana Clubs that night!

Awana will be starting back January 9th. This is to allow families to share more time together before everyone returns to work and school.

Many thanks to all who donated canned goods through the last few months, we were able to gift several boxes of delicious food to Laurel Avenue Church of Christ for their food pantry. Asking the kids to bring their favorite food was a great way for them to understand that our offerings can be used to bless others. We're certain that many families will be blessed, definitely with peanut butter and chicken noodle soup!

Don't forget, we follow Hamilton City Schools with severe weather so if school is cancelled due to snow then we will also cancel Awana.

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer,  
Awana Leaders



**From The Heart  
Of Marilyn**

**College Corner**

**E-Mail From God**

**Come See The Light**

*"Everything was created through him . . . What came into the existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Light-Life out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out."*

— John 1:3-5, The Message

My Child,

My Son, Jesus, came into your world as Life itself—powerful, dynamic Life—full of energy and hope. He came into your world as Light, blazing out of the darkness, pushing back the shadows.

All of this Life and Light was contained in a human being, so people didn't understand who they were dealing with when they met Him. He looked like an ordinary person. But He was with Me when the world was made. Every single thing in creation was created through Him. So no wonder people didn't quite "see the Light" when they met Him.

Although they stood in darkness and didn't understand the Light, they could never put it out? He's still shining! Let Him shine in you.

The Father of Light,  
God



(Addresses of those who have served us over the years.)

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West Chester, PA 19382

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9999 Hoosier Village Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268



We continue to provide a meal at Serve City on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thanks to our MOPS members for making the October meal. November, January, March, May, and July our friends at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church organized by Sharon Braun Benzing will be serving. December, Nancy and Karen will be serving. February and April is Nancy's service sorority group and/or the Adult Choir. June, the ABW Circles will serve. August, the meal will be served by friends of Nancy. Call Nancy with any questions at 863-2309. Your support is appreciated.

—Nancy Whipple

### Opportunity To Serve

First Baptist Church is partnering with First United Methodist Church in feeding lunch to the hungry at First United Methodist Church, 225 Ludlow Street from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th. We are in need of 20 people to volunteer to serve in several capacities. Please sign the list in the connector. See Mike Gipson for further details.





## Christmas Poinsettias 2018

### In Loving Memory Of

Tom Avance ..... Peggy Avance  
 Tom Avance ..... Mike & Deborah Thacker  
 Gary Baker ..... Jim & Mag Baker  
 Willie W. Baker ..... Jim & Mag Baker  
 Wade Ezekiel Bowling ... Conner & Riley Bowling  
 Alice Cain ..... Mike & Deborah Thacker  
 David Dawson ..... Ed & Carol Dawson  
 Jane Day & Molly Day Wrigley.. Janet & Josh Day  
 Roger Day ..... Janet & Josh Day  
 Robert & Ines Frost .....  
 ..... Brian, Barb, KK & Lyndsay Begley  
 Alice & Walter Gibbs ..... Mag & Jim Baker  
 Cletus & Ruth Goble ..... Merle Grubbs  
 Lois Grubbs ..... Merle Grubbs  
 Toni Grubbs ..... Merle Grubbs  
 Charles & Beulah Hampton .....  
 ..... Jerry & Loretta Hampton  
 Juanita Hazelwood ... Ann Brown & Cathi Thomas  
 Frank & Tibby Leugers ..... Suellen Leugers  
 Jack Maddox ..... Evelyn Maddox  
 Don & Martha Perry ..... Evelyn Maddox  
 Albert & Flo Potter ..... Marilyn & Larry Bowling  
 Kathy Reynolds ..... Ed & Carol Dawson  
 Kathy Reynolds ..... Bob & Thelma Stanger  
 Wayne & Ruby Reynolds .... Ed & Carol Dawson  
 Wayne & Ruby Reynolds .. Bob & Thelma Stanger  
 Andrew Schramm ..... Krys & Sydney Schramm  
 Leona & Robert Shawver ..... Mag & Jim Baker  
 Kelly Stanger ..... Bob & Thelma Stanger  
 Bill & Mag Thacker .... Mike & Deborah Thacker  
 Mildred Tipton ..... Mike & Deborah Thacker  
 John & Jane Tyra ..... Jerry & Loretta Hampton  
 Mabel E. Underwood ... Faye Underwood Hardert  
 J.K. Walker ..... Mary Walker  
 Rose Young .....  
 ..... The Buchanans, Whipples, & Simpsons  
 Rose Young ..... Suellen Leugers  
 Our parents ..... Carole & Jerry Busch  
 Our parents ..... Carolyn & Earl Gabbard

### In Honor Of

Ezekiel & Jewell Bowling .....  
 ..... Larry & Marilyn Bowling

## KingsKids Present *God Sent A Baby?*

Wednesday, December 19th  
 7:00 p.m.  
 At the Christmas Banquet

This year we are performing a musical called *God Sent A Baby?* This musical is written by Katie Simpson and Larry Slocum. It's about a group of children who get to witness the birth of Jesus as farm animals. Why a baby is the question. Jesus takes the human journey. How can we follow in His footsteps if we have never seen him crawl? What if He just showed up fully human and said, "put me on the cross, I am willing to die." Instead we see Him in the manger, at the temple and growing up. Fully human and fully God. If your child (Kindergarten through 6th grade) would like to be in it please let Katie know right away. We will perform the show at the Christmas banquet December 19th.

—Katie Simpson  
 KingsKids Director



### Winter Reminder!

If Hamilton City schools do not open on a weekday because of snow or ice, the church will not be open that day either.

—The Board of Trustees



## Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is in the lobby and is ready to be blessed with hats, gloves and scarves. Any other items such as coats, pillows, and bedbug-proof pillowcases are needed and would be gratefully accepted if laid under the tree. All these gifts go to Riverview Elementary for children and families in the Hamilton area who are in need this winter. They will be donated after Christmas.

—Katie Simpson,  
 Director of Families and Children's Ministries

## Adopt-A-Child/Adopt An Angel For Christmas

The Salvation Army is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Child or Adopt-An-Angel program. We are asking the church family to become involved in helping the less fortunate. We need your kind hearts to help out the families that are less fortunate in our own community. There are many families in need. Without you this program would not be possible. The Salvation Army does a great job helping families in our local area, Butler County. That is very important!

Names are available. Please look for Mike Gipson in the connector to get your names.

Thanks for the past years that you have helped and let's make this a great year as we help those less fortunate families in Butler County!

—Michael Gipson

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### *Come And See, Go And Tell* Christmas Cantata

The Adult Choir & Orchestra will present *Come And See; Go And Tell* on Sunday morning, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. It's a wonderful time for us to celebrate Jesus' birth in song with special guest musicians. You won't want to miss it.

—Laurin Sprague,  
Adult Choir Director

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### Cherub Choir

The Cherub Choir will present their musical Christmas gift to Jesus, *The Christmas Express*, during the offertory during the blended service on Sunday, December 9th, the second Sunday of Advent. The Cherubs will sing *The Christmas Express, Jesus Is The Reason For The Season, and Good News! Great Joy!*

—Marsha Helton & Sydney Wilson



### Christmas Banquet Wednesday, December 19th 6 o'clock

Enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship as we celebrate the joy of the season with a delicious meal prepared by Tim Swicegood, beautifully decorated tables, each one different as each one is decorated by a different lady and a wonderful presentation. After dinner the KingsKids will present *God Sent A Baby?*.

The menu for the evening is Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Beverage, and a variety of pies. The cost for the dinner will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12; \$20 for immediate family living in the same household. This will be a very appropriate opportunity to bring the whole family and invite friends who you would want to introduce to Christ and your church family. Please RSVP on the Connect Card or to the office.

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### Corrections and Additions To The Courier

Please update your directory with these additions or changes. Call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

**Calzado-Rosado, Ruben & Yusedy**  
2686 Utica Avenue  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
Samuel  
Cell Phone # 513-592-1380

**Pickett, Barry & Verna** December 1 - April 30  
20 Brookshire Drive  
Nokomis, FL 34275-1809

**FOR TO US  
A SON IS GIVEN**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2018</h1>						<b>1</b> 9:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
<b>2</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Evening Worship	<b>3</b> 6:30 Cabinet Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30 MOPS Steering Committee	<b>5</b> 5:30 Family Dinner 6:00 Awana Christmas Parties 6:00 Student Ministry 6:30 Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 MOPS Discussion Group 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>6</b> 11:00 Matthew 25 Christmas luncheon for volunteers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:00 FUMC Lunch
<b>9</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Evening Worship	<b>10</b> 11:00 WMC Book Club @ Lane Library in Fairfield	<b>11</b> 9:30 MOPS/MomsNext 11:00 Abell Circle Christmas Gathering at Galo's Italian Grill in Richmond, IN 6:00 Smith Circle Christmas Gathering at the Courtyard Marriott	<b>12</b> 6:00 Family Nativity Challenge / Pot Luck Dinner 7:30 Adult Choir (Cantata)	<b>13</b> 11:00 New Life Mission 5:30 Board of Trustees	<b>14</b> 9:00 Riverview Elementary's Literacy Event	<b>15</b> 10:00 Adult Choir / Orchestra Cantata Rehearsal
<b>16</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Choir & Orchestra Cantata "Come and See, Go and Tell" 4:15 Missions, Diaconate, CE Boards in Rm 200 6:00 Evening Services	<b>17</b> 5:30 Serve City Meal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 Christmas Banquet 7:00 KingsKids Present "God Sent A Baby"	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Modern Worship 6:00 Evening Worship	<b>24</b> 6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>25</b> Have A Blessed Christmas!! Church Offices Closed	<b>26</b> No Dinner/No Programs	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning) One & Two Year Olds

December 2 - Kelley Washington & Ann Heatherly  
 December 9 - Barb & Brian Begley, KK & Lyndsay  
 December 16 - Brianne & Thomas Ellison  
 December 23 - Ashley Croucher & Brie  
 December 30 - Jerri & Brad Begley

### Kiddie Church

December 2 - Katie Spradling & Juli Ford  
 December 9 - Claire & Chris Metzger  
 December 16 - Sharon Brewer & Teen Helper  
 December 23 - Julie Yantes & Teen Helper  
 December 30 - Claire & Chris Metzger

### Kinderchurch

December 2 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 December 9 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd  
 December 16 - Jill O'Hara & Dorothy Hollowell  
 December 23 - No Child Care  
 December 30 - Cheryl Motzer & Syd

### KidsChurch (Helping Karen Buchanan & Nancy Whipple)

December 2 - Dale Braun & Mary Brown  
 December 9 - Mike Brudzinski  
 December 16 - Heather & Simon Nguyen  
 December 23 - Janet & Mike Moore  
 December 30 - Janet & Mike Moore



## Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

We have many slots available for our workers to sign up to be in nursery, toddler and kiddie church. Please see Katie if you can help out with any of these areas. We also would like to have someone to help out with Karen Buchanan during KidsChurch in room 109 during the Modern Worship service. If you have a child in any of these areas, please consider taking a turn to help out. A helper with Karen Buchanan would be someone to be with her, oversee restroom breaks, etc. as an extra adult. With our church growing in attendance, our workers need to grow in numbers too. Call Katie 255-2852, text, facebook, or see her at church to volunteer. Thanks so much.



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### December 5

Menu: Lasagne, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
 Hosts: MOPS

### December 12

Menu: Family Nativity Challenge Pot Luck  
 Hosts: Awana

### December 19 - Christmas Banquet

Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Ambrosia, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Variety of Pies  
 Hosts: Trustees

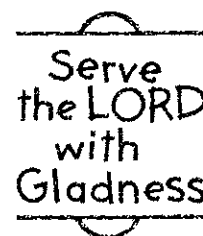
### December 26

There will be no meal because of Christmas break.

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$6.00 per person for the meal (including children who eat from the main table), \$20 per family (those living in the same household), and \$1.50 for children under twelve. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

The cost for the Christmas Dinner, December 14th, will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12; \$20 for **immediate family living in the same household**. Make your reservation on the Connect Card.

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now required to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.



# December

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 - Melissa Geiss  
Scott McRoberts

2 - Janice Adams  
Teresa Patrick  
Olive Belle Young

3 - Mike Braun  
Jordan Brown  
Arah Mae Williams

5 - John Riczko

7 - Dottie Jackson

8 - Mike Click  
Luella Lerch  
Justin Van Meter

10 - Amber Farmer Bryant  
Daniel French  
Barry Pickett  
Linda Stanger

11 - Zakory Evan Dudley  
Juli Ford  
Carl Lakes  
Noëlle Wilson Spencer

12 - Larry Bowling  
Walter Jackson

13 - Kim Schuermann

14 - Brad Begley  
Brandi Emenaker  
Earl Gabbard  
Leigh Anne Gribble  
Alexander Sprague  
Michael Stanger  
Kim Wolter

15 - Dan Morrow

16 - Jack W. Baker  
Dan Clemens

17 - Bart Reed  
Landon James Johnson

18 - Sharon Braun Benzing  
Daniel Hounshell

20 - Lindsey Minnich  
Joseph Wallace

21 - Brooke Begley  
Susan Zeek

22 - Paul "Bud" Braun

23 - Zachary Beltz  
Brad Hoover  
Kris Simpson  
Andrew Walker

24 - Marilyn Becknell  
Chuck Witmer

26 - Marjorie Corley  
Beth Payne  
Loretta Hampton

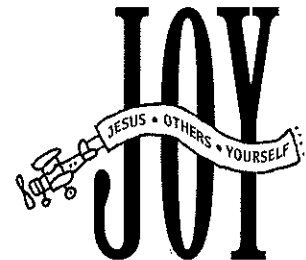
27 - John Haberthier  
Steve Turner  
Nathan Walker  
Grace Yantes

29 - Kris Bishop  
Brian Dickman  
Thomas Farris  
Karen Gerth  
Chuck Riczko  
Lil Wilson  
Judy Young

30 - Alex Caswell  
Judy Farris  
Dylan Spicer

31 - Darryl Paragin

**Note:** Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us.



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**Christmas Eve**  
**Sunday**  
**December 24**  
**6 o'clock**

From Carol Howard

Thank you church family for your expressions of concern following my recent "mishap". (I've been instructed firmly not to climb on any more chairs.) Your visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and other gifts --including the lovely quilt from the ladies involved in the Tabitha Ministries--were all received with gratitude. You're the best! Thank you to Carolyn Dudley for accepting and sending the prayer calls. I should be back on the job before long. I'm mending rapidly thanks to Jesus, our Great Physician. and your prayers for me. Hope to see you soon.

From Riverview Elementary School PTO

A huge thank you to everyone who came to or donated costumes and candy to our Trunk-or-Treat event. We would not have had such a great event without you. The kids had a blast. We look forward to working with you again!

We will meet together as a church family to praise and worship the One whom God provided for our redemption! Join us and share in the singing of carols, a devotional message from the pastor, and a candle lighting service. Bring your entire family, your out-of town guests, and friends for this hour which will prepare your heart for Christmas day, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. There is **no** childcare this evening.

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