

Church Announcements

"We are becoming fishers of people" Mark 1: 16-20

Worship Service – Welcome to the Morning Worship Service:

We celebrate the Advent season in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. It is a time for moments of reflection and preparation and a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of the Savior at Christmas. It demonstrates God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable His sacrificial death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection! During this season of Advent let us not miss the true meaning of Christmas like the innkeeper that turned away Mary and Joseph in the inn. Let us expect the hope of Christ's coming again by making room for Christ in our hearts of worship and service to the King of kings and Lord of Lords. "and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Sunday School: All children and youth are welcome to join us for Junior Church Worship and participate in Christian education activities.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

Monday December 14, 7 PM Deacon's Meeting
Thursday December 17, 7:00 PM Bible Study

Sharing Christmas Today December 13th please come and bring gifts for the various local missions of First Baptist. This include **nonperishable** items for the for the Somerset Food Bank, **personal care items of soap, deodorant, and tooth paste for SHIP and Jail Chaplaincy, and warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for Russian Church in Philadelphia PA.** Members, preschool staff, and friends are ask to join us downstairs in Codington Hall following morning worship.

The Jail Chaplaincy Christmas Care Program is asking for donations of non-violent toys or gifts, for children of inmates incarcerated at Somerset County Jail. If the toy or gift requires batteries, we ask that you include them. We need toys and gifts suitable for either girls or boys, and for all ages from infants to High School students. **Toys will be accepted today, Sunday, December 13.** Thank you in advance for your support to help ensure that the children of inmates will receive Christmas gifts again this year.

Poinsettias and Annual Christmas Card Please order your Christmas Poinsettias by completing the enclosed form **no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2015** and return to the church office. Come and join us to help beautify the sanctuary for the Advent season and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

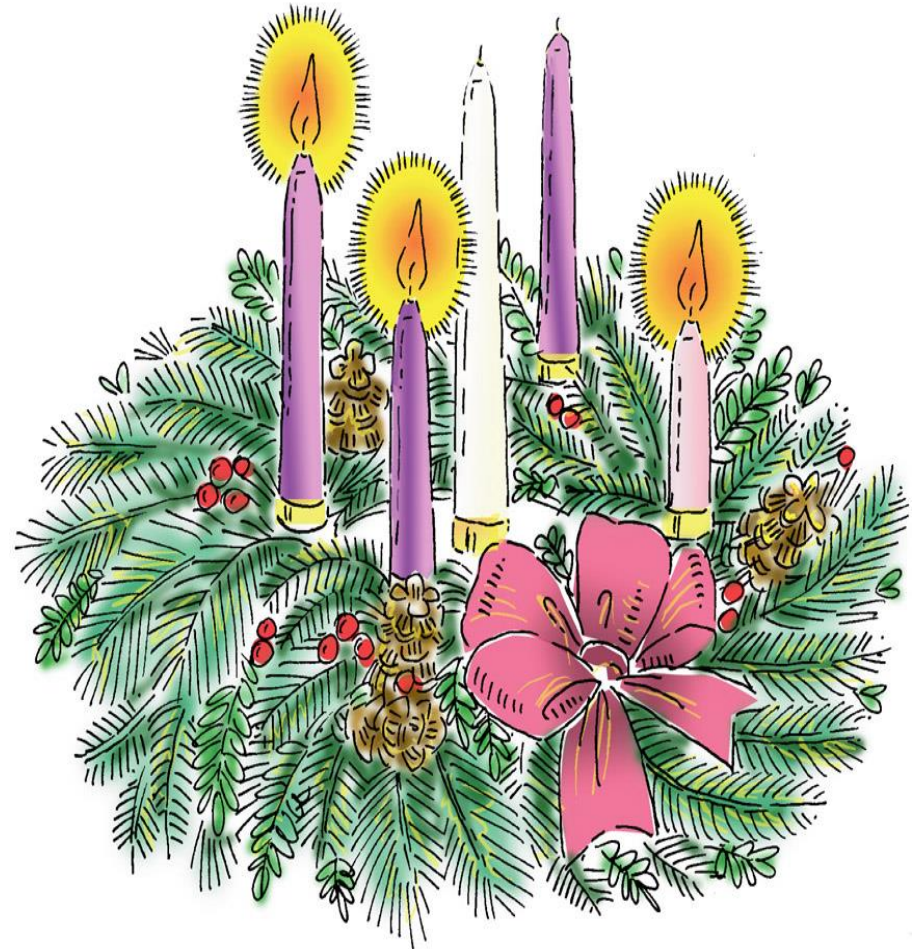
Church Annual Repots All officers and chairpersons of the boards and committees, please submit reports by December 18th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Preschool Christmas Pageant Join our preschool families on **Monday, December 21st** in Codington Hall at 5:30 PM as our First Baptist Preschool presents their annual Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service – Please join us for our Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th, 2014.

Envelopes for Tithes and Offerings Anyone that does NOT currently have envelopes and would like to have them, please contact Bill Williams with your name and address as soon as possible.

Third Sunday of Advent



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude: Ruth Mueller

Welcome and Announcements Deacon Robert Bryant
Fellowship Period (Extending God's love to one another)
Congregational Introit: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" Red # 271

***Call to Worship** (In Unison) **Pastor Flemmings**
"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2: 8-11

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Scripture Readings First Baptist Preschool: Tres, Amy and Shea Vincent
Jesusurajan, Nancy and Mahilan Irudaya
Zephaniah 3: 14-20: Luke 3: 15-18

***Hymn of Praise:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Red # 249
*Prayer of Invocation
*The Lord's Prayer
*Gloria Patri Red # 812

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving
Worship in Prayer
Call to Prayer "Close to Thee" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 365
Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Flemmings**
Prayer Response "Close to Thee" Verse 3 Blue # 365

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Through the Eyes of Our Preschool
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Worship in Tithing and Offerings
Offertory Sentence (In unison):
"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you."
Deuteronomy 16: 17

*Doxology Blue # 624
*Prayer of Dedication

Worship via the Word
*Hymn of Preparation: "Away in a Manger" Blue # 157

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: Psalm 39: 5-6
New Testament: Luke 1: 41-45
Pew Bible pages No. 878
Pew Bible pages No. 1588-1589

Sermon: "Life's Most Fragile Gift" **Pastor Flemmings**

***Hymn of Invitation:** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing?" Blue # 133

***Benediction:**
Amen: Denmark" Blue # 628 IV
Organ Postlude: Ruth Mueller
*Congregation Please Stand

WELCOME

The First Baptist Family is indeed happy that you came to worship with us today. We celebrate your presence and extend our hand of friendship during the fellowship period. Would you please fill out the Visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate? In addition, if you are new to the community, visiting with family, or live in the neighborhood, please feel free to speak with the Pastor or one of the Deacons following morning worship and please sign the Visitor's Book as you leave the sanctuary.



The flowers on our altar have heard the hymns that were sung, the prayers that were offered and the sermon that has been preached. Thank you for your donations that beautify our sanctuary. The Flower Chart is located near the rear of the church for all members and friends.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS
Members, Friends and Family – Resting at Home



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| Bill Berry | Josephine Bowden |
| Kimberly Bryant | Beth Chandler |
| Barbara Esposito (Mary Miller's daughter) | Jennifer Harbach |
| Judy Hoak | Evelyn Kopf |
| Adeline Lofstrom | Cardinia Namendi |
| Quaid Mobus (Darin Lentzsch's cousin) | Aurora Piedra |
| Ligia Piedra | Andrew Walsh |
| Marge Schoonover | |

Hospital & Nursing Home
Stella Carlson/Rivers Edge (Rich's Mother)
Corrine Chen/Arbor Glen
Susan Lofstrom/Brighton Gardens
Brenda Savidge/Avalon