

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 21, 7 PM Trustee's Meeting

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.

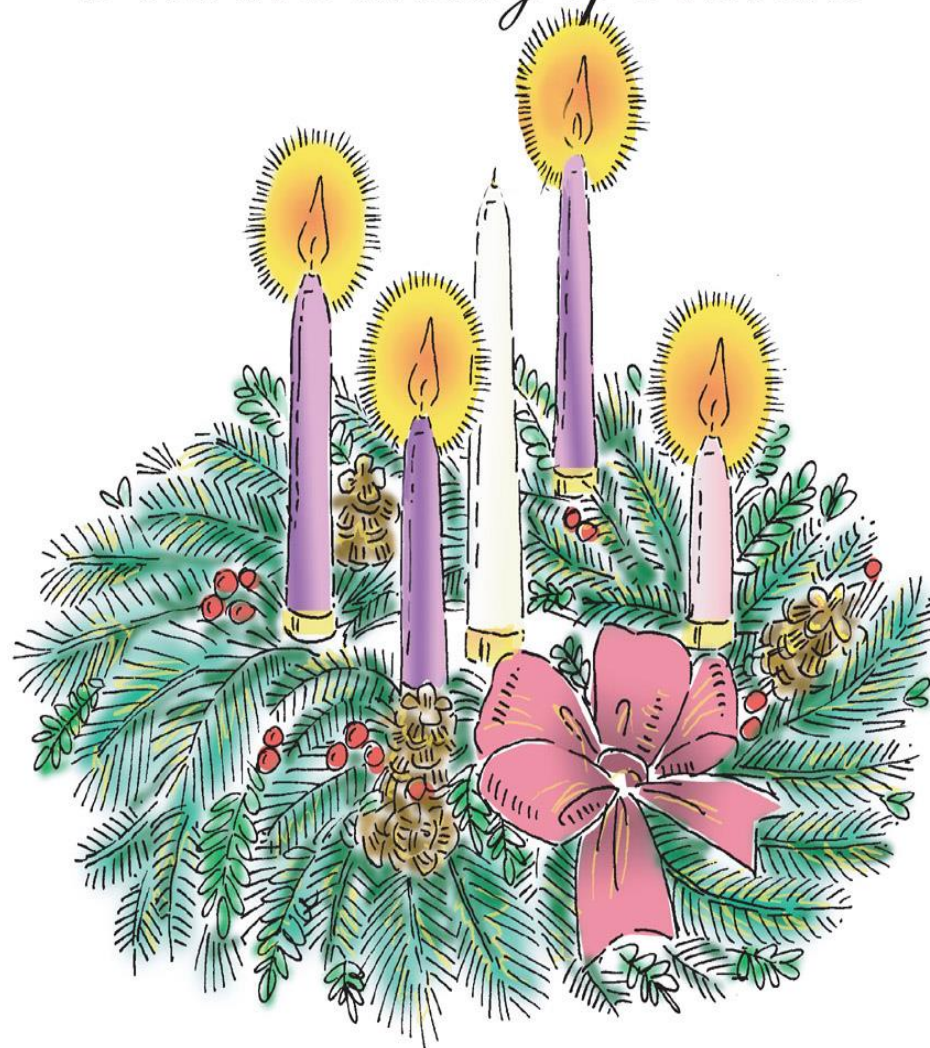
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service – December 24, 7:00 pm Christmas is a wonderful time to gather together and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join with us as we gather on Christmas Eve to share Bible readings, sing Christmas carols and light candles to celebrate our Savior's birth. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and participate in the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Somerset Food Bank: Thanks to our preschoolers we now have a beautiful box to place your food donations. Non-perishable Food Bank Donations may be placed in the box in the rear of the church, the need is great. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Web-site please visit our church web-site, firstbaptistsomerville.org for upcoming events and happenings! If you have photos of church events to share on the website, please send them to fbcsosec@verizon.net in jpeg format or submit them on CD to the church office.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Merry Christmas

And Happy New Year!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 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**
"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand."
Psalm 16:11

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle
Scripture Readings Darin and Laura Lentzsch
Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 39-45

***Hymn of Praise:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Blue # 132
*Prayer of Invocation
*The Lord's Prayer
*Gloria Patri Red # 812

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving
Worship in Prayer
Call to Prayer "I Need Thee Every Hour" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 428
Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Flemmings**
Prayer Response "I Need Thee Every Hour" Verse 3 Blue # 428

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Through the Eyes of Children and Youth
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Worship in Tithing and Offerings
Offertory Sentence (In unison):
"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the
splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are
exalted as head over all."
I Chronicles 29: 11

*Doxology Blue # 624
*Prayer of Dedication

Worship via the Word
*Hymn of Preparation: "What Child Is This?" Red # 281

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: Psalm 4: 6-8 Pew Bible pages No. 845
New Testament: Luke 1:26-33 Pew Bible pages No. 1588

Sermon: "The Unconquerable Gift of Joy"

Pastor Flemmings

***Hymn of Invitation:** "Joy to the World!" Blue # 125

***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



Bill Berry
Josephine Bowden
Beth Chandler
Jennifer Harbach
Evelyn Kopf
Cardinia Namendi
Aurora Piedra
Marge Schoonover

Maureen Berger (Jennifer's mother)
Kimberly Bryant
Barbara Esposito (Mary Miller's daughter)
Judy Hoak
Adeline Lofstrom
Quaid Mobus (Darin Lentzsch's cousin)
Ligia Piedra

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