

Church Announcements

Worship Service – Welcome to the Morning Worship Service:

God measures wealth and riches by the quality of our lives and our generous disbursement of wealth to bless and share with others. In the month of November, we will encounter various opportunities to cultivate and share with others God's blessings of our talents, time and resources. Cultivating a spirit of generosity honors God and blesses others and strengthen our faith. Jesus tells His disciples and each of us today to "Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12: 33-34). (ESV)

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:

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 from November 29 through Sunday, December 13.** Thanking you in advance for your support to help ensure that the children of Inmates will receive Christmas gifts again this year.

Retired Minister's and Missionaries Offering We have an opportunity to be a blessing and support our American Baptist Churches retired ministers, missionaries and widowed spouses who served faithfully our local churches and missions overseas. You may show your love and gratitude by placing an offering in the envelope **on or before Sunday, December 6.** The envelopes are located in the back of the pew.

Sharing Christmas 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.

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.

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.

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.

Nursery Care is available for children 4yrs and younger. Please speak to an usher if you are interested.

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 fbcsec@verizon.net in jpeg format or submit them on CD to the church office.

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



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Thanksgiving Sunday
November 22, 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: "I Will Bless Thee, O Lord" Red #174

***Call to Worship** Pastor Flemmings
Leader: "All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.
People: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
Leader: so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations."

Psalm 145: 10-13

***Hymn of Praise:** "In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him" Red # 796
*Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
*Gloria Patri Red # 812

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving
Worship in Prayer

Call to Prayer "In the Garden" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 425
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Flemmings
Prayer Response "In the Garden" Verse 3 Blue # 425

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Through the Eyes of Masonic Lodge A.B. Cooper Sr. Lodge # 69 Wishipful Leader
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Worship in Tithing and Offerings Pastor Flemmings
Offertory Sentence (In unison):

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people"
Psalm 116: 12-14

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Worship via the Word
*Hymn of Preparation: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Blue # 559

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 50: 22-23
New Testament: Matthew 26: 6-13

Pew Bible page No. 889
Pew Bible pages No. 1543

Sermon: "The Unseen Quality of Gratitude" Pastor Flemmings

***Hymn of Invitation:** "Now Thank We All Our God" Blue # 556

***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) | Evelyn Field |
| 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