

WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us, we would like to give you a special welcome this morning and make you aware of a few things:

- Please stop by the welcome table across the hall to select a tote bag of your choice as our gift to you.
- If you would like to leave your children in our nursery, you will find it along the main hallway toward the North end of the building.
- You are welcome to join us for coffee and snacks in our fellowship hall.
- At 9:30, we offer small group Bible study, which we call ConneXion Groups. If you would like help finding one, just ask a pastor.
- We would love it if you would take a moment to fill out the visitor card inserted in this bulletin so we have a record of you being here.

F.A.Q.

How can I know peace with God? You may be surprised to find that the Bible is very clear on this. You must:

Believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior (Acts 16:31)

Repent, turn from sin, and turn to God (Acts 3:19)

Confess Jesus as the Lord of your life (Romans 10:9)

What should I do after I have been saved?

You should follow the Lord's command to be baptized as a believer. Because He was baptized by immersion as an adult, we practice believer's baptism by immersion at First Baptist. Just step forward during the invitation time and tell our Pastor you'd like to be baptized.

How do I become a member of First Baptist Church?

- By profession of faith and baptism by immersion.
- By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Southern Baptist Church, or another Baptist Church of like faith and order, or
- By statement of prior conversion experience and baptism by immersion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lottie Moon Offering and Week of Prayer starts **today!** 100% of our gifts go to the IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. Our church goal is **\$2,150.00**. We have received **\$75.00** to date. Pray as to how you will support this work.

ConneXion Groups will study Genesis 48 the week of **Dec 4-10**.

2018 World Changers! We are set to return to Bonne Terre, **July 9-14!** Sign-up sheets are up outside Pastor Matt's office. Cost will be **\$300.00**, with your non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00** due **Sunday, January 7th**.

Journey to Bethlehem, FBC Columbia, **December 8th, 9th, and 10th**. Experience the journey Mary & Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. No Charge! See hallway bulletin board for more information.

Operation Christmas Child monthly support for **December** is prayer. *"The most important thing you can send with a box is prayer."* –Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse.

2018 Church Budget will be voted on **Sunday, December 10th** during the morning service.

Christmas Card List - If you need a list of local church family names, you can pick one up on the Christmas card table in the Fellowship hall.

Christmas Cards - We have a card mailbox in the Fellowship hall for you to deliver your Christmas cards to our local church family. Remember to deposit your "stamp money" into the basket on top of the mailboxes to help us reach our Lottie Moon goal. Please remember to check your mailbox for cards delivered to you before or after services each week.

Baptist Foundation announces the opening of the **2018/2019** Academic BFI Scholarship Application on its website, BaptistFoundationIL.org beginning **December 1 - January 31, 2018**. Scholarships range from \$1,000 for Associate Degree candidates to \$2,000 for Bachelor's and up to \$2,625 for seminary students. See the bulletin board outside of Pastor Matt's office for more information about this scholarship.

December prayer calendars are available in the Preschool hallway rack.



Everyone is welcome to connect to our wireless guest network, FBCM-Guest. The password is **BeOurGuest**. Please note: All users of our network consent to monitoring.

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Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Church Development 5:00pm
Awana Wednesday 6:15pm



Senior Pastor, Duane Smith
Assoc. Pastor, Worship Pillar Head, Matt Burton
Evangelism Pillar Head - Not filled
Ministry Pillar Head - Not filled
Fellowship Pillar Head, Shelby Wilson
Discipleship Pillar Head, Kurt Grady
Secretary, Bev Reeves
Deacon, Kevin Hutchison
Deacon, Sam Graf
Deacon, Tim Seaney
Deacon, Randy Bodiford

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT, John 3:16
Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 12/03/17

Purpose for Message: To help us see God's great love for us and give us incentive to tell others about God's most gracious gift – Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. A Giving Time
- B. Scripture & Outline

I. GOD LOVED

- A. For God Loved

- B. The World

II. GOD GAVE

- A. His Only Son

- B. His Giving

III. GOD PROMISED

- A. The Promise is Twofold

- B. All Through His Son Jesus

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussion Questions:

- Do you think it is hard for God to love this world? Why or why not?
- What do we mean when we say “God is love”?
- Why did God give His Son?
- What is the promise to anyone who will believe in Christ?
- Have you believed in Jesus? If not, won't you do it today?

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Budget Discussion
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape
- 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday

- 6:15pm AWANA “Missions Night”

Thursday

- 6:30 pm Pastors, Deacons, & Wives Meeting

MONEY COUNTERS

- Today** Lesley Grady & Lea Jones
- Next Sun** Charlie Witty & Aaron Reed

NURSERY

- Today**
- 10:45 am Jamey Wiscombe & Sunie Grossman
- Next Sunday**
- 10:45 am Sharon Reed, Angie Haas, & Kadi Grossman

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Lesley Grady & Need Volunteer
- Next Sun** Bonnie Bodiford & Sunie Grossman

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	93
A.M. Worship Service	100

LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM SUNDAY

December 24, 2017

CONNEXION GROUPS

At FBCM we believe real Christ-like growth happens in our small groups, which we call “ConneXion Groups.” We have several that meet on Sunday mornings (here at church) and Monday evenings in Mascoutah and New Baden. If you would like more information about which group might be best for you, talk to Kurt Grady or one of our pastors.

WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK?

Martin Steel Fabrication
Mascoutah Ace Hardware
Mascoutah Acres

See bulletin board near the Nursery for more details about how to contact these businesses to let them know that we are praying for them.

If you did not use your visitor card/prayer request card, would you help us control costs and return yours to one of the ushers on your way out this morning? Thank you for your help.

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