

## 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 is happening now!** 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 **\$255.00** to date. Pray as to how you will support this work.

**ConneXion Groups** will study Genesis 49 the week of **Dec 11-17**.

**Something new!** The Willing Witness Class is accepting monetary donations to purchase grocery gift cards to assist members of our church family through **December 17th**. Checks should be made out to FBCM "WWC" written in the memo line. Give your donations to Lea Jones, Flo McMaster, or drop it off in the Willing Witness classroom. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**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**.

**2018 Church Budget** will be voted on **today** after 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.

**Christmas Concert** will be next **Sunday, December 17th** at **5:00 pm**. The Adult Choir will present "Silent Night! Holy Night!" There will be a cookie and hot chocolate fellowship to follow. Please bring your favorite cookies to share.

**Our Christmas Eve Service** will be at **5:00 pm** on **December 24th**. Be sure to invite your friends to come to this special service with you!

**Christian Activity Center** sent us a thank you message for our generous and compassionate gift of **\$500.00** for the Adopt-A-Child Christmas program. You can read this message on the Preschool hallway bulletin board.



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.

12-10-17

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MASCOUTAH

*A Family Helping Families Connect With Christ*

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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 KEEPS ON GIVING - PEACE, John 14:27**  
**Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 12/10/17**

*Purpose for Message: to help us see all that the Lord has provided us in Christ and encourage us to live in such a way for the world to see Christ in us.*

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Two Weeks Until Christmas
- B. A Wonderful Gift – Peace
- C. Peace: a Complicated Thing in Our World
- D. Simplify: to People Who Enjoy His Favor

**I. THE PEACE**

- A. Context
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Circumstances

**C. Coming of the Holy Spirit**

**II. EXHORTATION OF PEACE**

- A. Twofold Exhortation of Peace
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Lesson for Us

**CONCLUSION:**

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- What two types of peace were mentioned in the message?
- What does it mean to have peace with God? (Romans 5:1)
- What does it mean to have the peace of God? (Philippians 4:7)
- Which of the two comes first? Why?
- Do you have trouble with worry or fear? What type? Why?
- How can you work with the Lord to get rid of worry and lessen your fearfulness?

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today**

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

**Tuesday**

- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday**

- 6:15 pm AWANA “AWANA Store Night”

**Thursday**

- 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

**Friday**

- 7:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program

**MONEY COUNTERS**

- Today** Charlie Witty & Aaron Reed
- Next Sun** Jamey Wiscombe & Sam Graf

**NURSERY**

- Today** Sharon Reed, Angie Haas, & Kadi Grossman
- 10:45 am
- Next Sunday** Heidi Pierce & Michelle Connell
- 10:45 am

**WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM**

- Today** Bonnie Bodiford & Sunie Grossman
- Next Sun** Volunteers Needed

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

ConneXion Groups	102
A.M. Worship Service	119

**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?**

- Mascoutah Alteration & Dry Cleaning
- Mascoutah Animal Hospital, LLC
- Mascoutah Chamber/Visitor's Center

*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.*