

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

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim & Eunice Hicks on the passing of Jim's sister, Mary Jane.

Our 2018 Budget passed with **74** "Yes" votes and **6** "No" votes.

Lottie Moon Offering - 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 **\$330.00** to date.

ConneXion Groups will study Genesis 50 the week of **Dec 18-24**.

Something New! The Willing Witness Class is accepting monetary donations to purchase grocery gift cards to assist members of our church family through **today**. Checks should be made out to FBCM & write "WWC" 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.

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.

The Adult Christmas Concert is tonight at **5:00 pm**. The 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!

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**.

New Believers & Leadership I classes will begin **January 7th** at **5:00 pm**. Please sign-up on the sheet posted near the Nursery. These classes will meet every **Sunday night** in **January**.

Baptist Children's Home & Family Services have e-mailed a thank you letter for our monthly support. Our giving has assisted in their ability to serve over 1,090 children and families this year.



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 KEEPS ON GIVING – JOY John 15:1-11
Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 12/17/17

Purpose for Message: to help us see Christ has given us the potential to have joy, joy overflowing, even amidst the hard times.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. One Week to Christmas
- B. Inventory of Christmas Songs
- C. Focal Passage

I THE FOUNDATION OF OUR JOY, John 15:1-10

- A. What Things?

- B. Things That Set Us Up for Joy

II. EXPERIENCING JOY, John 15:11

- A. Break Down the Verse

- B. Putting it Together

- C. How it Works Together

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussion Questions:

- Read and discuss Jesus' words as found in John 15:1-10.
- Focus on the idea of abiding. What does it say?
- What is the relationship of John 15:1-10 and John 15:11?
- Read Romans 14:17 & Romans 15:13 – how do they reinforce or add to what you have already studied?
- Do you have joy in Christ? Why or why not?

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service & Lord's Supper
- 12:00 pm Business Meeting
- 5:00 pm "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Christmas Concert & Cookie Fellowship

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm AWANA "Birthday Party for Jesus Night"
- 8:00 pm Church Open For Prayer Time

MONEY COUNTERS

Today

Jamey Wiscombe & Sam Graf

Next Sun

Candy Wiscombe & Angie Haas

NURSERY

Today

Heidi Pierce & Michelle Connell

Next Sunday

Volunteers Needed

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

Today

Volunteers Needed

Next Sun

Traci Wood & Sharon Reed

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	117
A.M. Worship Service	110

LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM SUNDAYS

Dec 24, 2017
 February 25, April 1, July 22, September 30,
 December 23, 2018

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 Chiropractic
 Mascoutah Community Lanes
 Mascoutah School District 19

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.