

Therefore . . .

We Come Prepared to Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Don’t lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn’t know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God’s life.” 1 Peter 1:14-15, *The Message*

PRELUDE “Away in a Manger” Eric Olson

WORDS OF WELCOME

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“Shout to the Lord”
“Lead Me, Lord”
“More Precious Than Silver”

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

CALL TO WORSHIP L – Ted Burton P – People

L – Come, now is the time to worship!

P – We are here to worship the Lord.

L – Come, now is the time to give thanks for the year that has passed.

P – We are grateful for what the Lord has done.

L – Come, we seek God’s guidance as a new year begins.

P – We are here to ask for God’s blessings for the year that is upon us.

L – This is the day that the Lord has made.

P – We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN** “This Is the Day” No. 801

*INVOCATION

ANTHEM “He’s Always Been Faithful” Chancel Choir
(Arr. Lloyd Larson)

READING “Attending to Language”
(Eugene Peterson)

***HYMN** “Take Time to Be Holy” No. 540
Verses 1 & 2

{During the hymn, children age 4 – Grade 3 are dismissed to Children’s Worship}

OFFERING PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY “Good King Wenceslas”
(Arr. K. Christopher)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

VIDEO “Be the New (Year)” Journey Box Media

MESSAGE “Therefore. . .” Pastor Jon Carlstrom
1 Peter 1:13-16

***HYMN** “Take Time to Be Holy” No. 540
Verses 3 & 4

-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.
The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “We Three Kings”
(Arr. D. C. Isele)

We Depart to Serve

*All who are able may stand

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The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families

Happy Birthday: Kathryn Young (1/3)

Emergency Responder – Joyce Briggs

Cookie Ministry – Janet Bailey

Pastoral Care Team for this week – Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

TODAY, Dec. 30

9:30 am – Worship
10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship (Pitch-In)

MONDAY, Dec. 31

4:00 pm – Prayer Group in Prayer Room

TUESDAY, Jan. 1

Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, Jan. 4

6:15 am – Men of Faith Bible Study
(at Four Seasons)

SATURDAY, Jan. 5

2:00 pm – Baby Shower for Zimmers

NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 6

9:30 am – Worship, Pastor Dan Cash
10:45 am – 2nd Hour Classes
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers
6:00 pm – WAVE

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 8 – BSF resumes (9:00 am)
Jan. 8 – Prayer Shawl Ministry (12:00 pm)
Jan. 8 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)
Jan. 9 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Jan. 10 – SCIHE (Home School) resumes (9:00 am-1:30)
Jan. 10 – Adult Education Team (6:00 pm)
Jan. 15 – Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 15 – Church Council (7:00 pm)
Jan. 20 – Annual Meeting (10:45 am)
Jan. 22 – Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)
Jan. 23 – Winter Learning Series begins (6:00 pm)
Jan. 27 – Celebration Reception for Joyce Crowder (10:45 am)

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

To Our Guests: We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

Prayer Cards in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

Welcome Center: Please stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and check out the information available about our congregation and ministry.

Child Care/Children's Ministries: Children's Church is provided for toddlers & pre-school age children. Child Care is provided for infants. Nursery & toddler rooms are located on the lower level.

Flowers/Decorations: Please fill out a card at the Welcome Desk if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

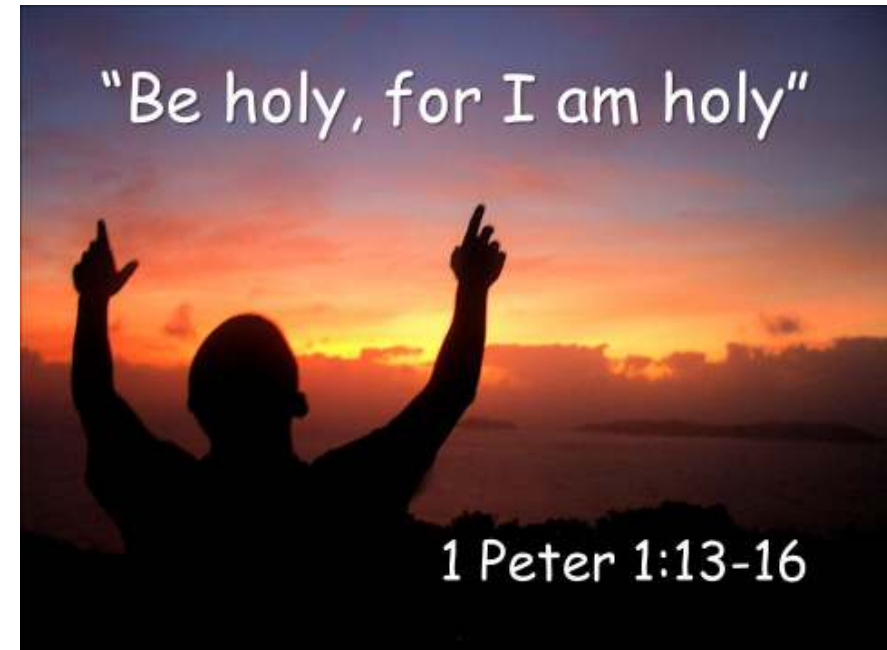
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Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant
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December 30, 2018

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“Connect . . Grow . . Serve”

MESSENGER EXTRA

2ND HOUR CLASSES WILL NOT MEET TODAY.

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.



BABY SHOWER

Sat., January 5 – 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Casey (Arbuckle) and Andrew Zimmer. Baby Zimmer is expected in February. Let's start a book collection by bringing a favorite children's book. The Zimmers are registered at Target and Amazon.

SERMON CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DAN



On the 2nd Sunday in January, February, and March, Pastor Dan will lead a second hour elective conversation on the morning's sermon. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a time to share comments, reflections, personal stories you may have thought about during the sermon. Questions for clarification regarding the ideas shared, and comments of affirmation regarding any personal "take away" will be welcomed. These conversations will take place at 10:45 a.m., immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall, and are sponsored by the Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) class. All are invited to share in this opportunity of interaction with Pastor Dan on the theme of his sermon on that day.

SECOND HOUR OPTION (beginning Jan. 13)

Conversations in Philippians: A time of learning, sharing, and growing through:

- Examining the very practical and encouraging letter to the Philippians,
- Answering the questions "What does it say?"; "What does it mean?"; and "How do I apply this teaching to my life?"

Meet in the Chapel 2nd Hour beginning Jan. 13, facilitated by Alice Richmond & friends.

FISH Project for Love Chapel

January is the month when many of us are making resolutions about goals for the coming year. For some of us that includes how much and what kind of food our family will be eating. What if you had very little food and several little children anxiously waiting for their meal. What if you had to rely on others for your next meal. Love Chapel Food Pantry is the answer for about 1000 families each month. They come monthly for food and sometimes weekly for bread and fresh produce.

Every Sunday in January, FBC collects money for Love Chapel. A group of dedicated volunteers purchase food in bulk and deliver it to the Love Chapel Food Pantry. There another group of volunteers weigh and stock the shelves. Our neighbors can then walk through the pantry and choose the foods that would best serve their family. It could be applesauce for a toddler or soup for an elderly grandparent. Sometimes kind words from a stranger can make a box of cereal, or a can of soup feel like a feast.

January is a good time to think about how we are going to be the hands and feet of Christ in 2019. Let's start by resolving to be generous with our donations to the FISH project for Love Chapel. Let's make sure that the shelves at Love Chapel are overflowing with abundant goodness for our neighbors. Hopefully this will be the first of many good deeds we accomplish as the First Baptist Family in 2019.

Gratefully, The Missions Team

MESSAGE NOTES FOR DECEMBER 30

"THEREFORE..."

1 Peter 1: 13-16

Intro. – In reflection, do you remember Pastor Dan's sermon from Nov. 18 titled, "Gifted and Grateful?" A key statement from that message was "we live the story we tell."

THEREFORE, what story does your living tell? What is your witness?

Consider the text for the morning: **1 Peter 1: 13-16.** **Context Summary:** The text describes how Christians – those God has caused to be born again - should live now. We are called to mentally engage in setting all of our hope in God's future grace for us. We must choose to act as those who are God's own people, rejecting the evil desires that drove our actions before we knew better. We are called to obey and commit our lives to a holy relationship with God.

Definition of holy: *Webster's Dictionary* says, "Dedicated to religious use; belonging to or coming from God. 2. Spiritually perfect or pure; untainted by evil or sin; sinless; saintly."

Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words says: Holiness is "separated unto God."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "Holiness is the architectural plan upon which God builds his living temple."

The challenge: Consider Peter's "therefore" in the call to a holy life. And answer the question: Am I living the story I tell as a Christian?

Peter's three steps:

1. **Be prepared.** Ref. Texts: Proverbs 23:7; Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:8
2. **Be obedient.** Ref. Texts: John 14:21; Mark 8:34; 1 John 2: 15-17
3. **Be holy.** Ref. Texts: Leviticus 19: 2; Isaiah 6:3

Conclusion: The holiness of God is meant to be lived out in our daily lives. It is more than a matter of theology and more than words on the page of the hymnal.

THEREFORE, we are called to live the story we tell.