

Dear First Baptist Family:

Today I am writing to let you know that I will be retiring from my position as Minister of Music effective January 31, 2019. During the past 31+ years I've been honored and encouraged by each of you as we have taken our musical journey of faith. Little did I know in September of 1987 that our journey would have been this long and filled with so many mountain top and unique valley experiences.

When I accepted the call I did not feel equipped to begin the ministry. It was truly a leap of faith and I had much to learn. So I thank you for your patience, love and guidance during that time. Some of you know that it was in this congregation that I began my faith journey in the nursery being loved and rocked by many who I'm sure sang the lullabies of love. Later, I sang in the children's choir in the basement of our downtown church where I decided I could do music forever! These saints, some who are no longer with us, helped me start down the path of discipleship and into music leadership.

As I move into this new adventure we call "retirement," I'm sure that God will continue to lead me down the path of music making. For now I still plan to teach the classes for the homeschool group that meets at our church, do a few private piano lessons each week and help other churches by "subbing" on their piano bench.

May God continue to grant this congregation with wisdom, discernment, grace, hospitality and love. May the light of Christ stay bright in our community because of the presence of our congregation in the business of God's work with His people. I'm sure that when the time is right, I will come back to the church family that is my home. I remember being told that retirement had nothing to do with quitting the ministry; it was all about accepting a new assignment. That sounds a lot like the path in front of me.

Musical Blessings, Joyce Crowder



# "A First Baptist Family Christmas"

Our worship planning team invites you to experience the wonder and joy of worship during the Advent and Christmas season as we explore the theme: *A First Baptist Family Christmas.* Here are some of the highlights of the season to come:

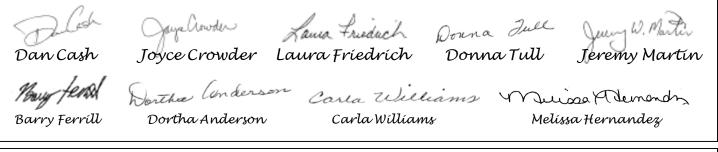
- December 2—What is (God's) Family?—Romans 8:12-17; Ephesians 2:11-22 Holy Communion served by Intinction
- December 9—Yearning for Family—Luke 1:15-24
  We invite you to wear your favorite Christmas attire this Sunday (sweater, tie, etc.)
- \* December 16—Sing Christmas (Chancel Choir Musical)
- \* December 23—The Holy Family—Matthew 1:18-25
- \* December 24—7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service—A Baby is Born, Now What?—Luke 2:1-20



## Christmas Greetings from your First Baptist Church Staff:

As we once again discover the wonder of God's presence, mercy and salvation through Christ Jesus, may your celebrations of the season be filled with joy, hope and peace.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Christ with you. Merry Christmas!





# Breakfast with the Angels Saturday, Dec. 1 ~ 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Once again this year we will be sharing a special Advent Children's event – "Breakfast with the Angels." All children are welcome, with their parents, grandparents, or other family members. We will share breakfast, crafts of the season, and a story time. This is a great way to begin the Advent season with the child(ren) in your life. Come join us!



# Family Advent Night

# Sunday, Dec. 2 ~ 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper, friend and family advent craft activities, and a family friendly movie. This event will be held in our Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome - Join Us!

# Festive Christmas Attire Photo Booth

Dress in your favorite seasonal ensemble, wacky or classy, and say cheese! A photo booth will be available December 9 to capture your Christmas spirit. Photos will be displayed in the sanctuary each Sunday throughout Adventas part of our First Baptist Family Christmas celebration.

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## **Pastoral Care Team for December**

December 2—Daryl & Dot McMath December 9—Tim & Paula Pickup December 16—Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman December 23—Alice Richmond December 30—Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed

## The Messenger

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## **Emergency Responder Schedule**

Dec. 2—Sharon Fulkerson

Dec. 9-Roberta Walls

- Jan. 6—Judy Rhude
- Jan. 13—Forest Daugherty
- Dec. 16—Forest Daugherty
- Dec. 23—Mike Compton
- Dec. 30—Joyce Briggs

- Jan. 20—Judy Rhude
  - Jan. 27—Mike Compton

If you know of a member of the church that is home bound, and not currently receiving home bound communion and may like to receive it, please let the church office know and the communion team will make contact with them.

Anyone who would like to assist with communion. please contact Sue Putterill, 812-350-0357.



## SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Regular servers will get a break this month. We will be using servers that are reflective of the theme "family."



DECEMBER COMMUNION

### **HOMEBOUND SERVERS:**

Larry & Susan Carter Charlotte Oestreicher Teresa Arbuckle Nathan Patrick Janet Bailey

**COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Randy & Jeannie Wheeler

CLEAN UP: Bill Baker, John McKay, Linda Foster, Jim Bokelman

#### SANCTUARY SERVERS:

Cliff & Sue Putterill Ron Lane Molly Nelson Darvl McMath Dick Miller David Emmert John McKay Keith Arbuckle

## JANUARY COMMUNION



#### **HOMEBOUND SERVERS:**

Charlotte Oestreicher Larry Carter Nathan Patrick

**COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Bill & Carolyn Baker **CLEAN-UP:** Bill Baker, Cliff & Sue Putterill, Daryl McMath

## Live Streaming available for Sunday Services

- To view on your PC go to http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/fbccolumbus or access through the link on ۲ our web page: fbccolumbus.org/WP/sermons.
- To view on your cell phone or tablet from the App Store or Google Play, Download: Sundaystreams, Login: fbccolumbus

# SERVING IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH:



### <u>December 2</u>

Nursery Worship—Sue Hoffman Toddlers Worship—Kayla Jones Nursery Sunday School—Paulette McClintock Toddlers Sunday School—

### <u>December 9</u>

Nursery Worship—Sharon Fulkerson Toddlers Worship—Carol Poe & Charlotte Oestreicher Nursery Sunday School—Sue Hoffman Toddlers Sunday School—Susan Carter

#### December 16

Nursery Worship—Deborah, Emily & Molly Nelson Toddlers Worship— Nursery Sunday School—Teresa Arbuckle Toddlers Sunday School—

### December 23

Nursery Worship—Heidi & Reilly Jones Toddlers Worship— Nursery Sunday School—Jennifer & Anna Kelley Toddlers Sunday School—

### December 30

Nursery Worship—Linda Reid Toddlers Worship— Nursery Sunday School—Judy Rhude Toddlers Sunday School—



## BABY SHOWER Saturday, January 5, 2019 2:00 PM 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.



#### To our First Baptist Church Family:

Words cannot express the outpouring of love that Linda and I received on the recent passing of my father, E. Clyde Mayfield. The calls, the cards, the emails, and especially the "hugs" were so welcomed and appreciated. This was ongoing for the past several months up until the time of dad's passing on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and really helped comfort us when the time came. We thank Pastor Dan and the Pastoral Care group for the visits to dad at his home, the hospital, and the nursing home. They meant a lot to him, and us. We are so BLESSED to be part of such a caring group of believers and friends in Christ! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Larry & Linda Mayfield





- Dec. 2 Chancel Choir
- Dec. 9 Jubilation Ringers and Chancel Choir
- Dec. 16 Glad Ringers, Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble
- Dec. 23 Chancel Choir
- Dec. 24 Chancel Choir
- Dec. 30 Chancel Choir



You Are Encouraged to Invite a Friend "Sing Christmas"



By Mary McDonald and Joel Raney

This musical will be led by the Chancel Choir, an Instrumental Ensemble and Narrators on Sunday morning, December 16. This Christmas Choral Experience includes additional sections which celebrate "Sing Noel!," "Sing Emmanuel!" and "Sing Gloria!" before concluding with a congregational response of singing. Plan now to be a part of morning worship on the third Sunday of Advent.

# **FBC Elementary Teacher Schedule**

	Children's Church – Holy Moly Teacher	Sunday School – Whirl Classroom Pre K – 6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher
December 2	No CW	Deanna Glick
December 9	Marcia Cheek	Stephanie Olson
December 16	Lori Cash	Joe Hamon
December 23	Linda Reid	Anita Yancey
December 30	Carolyn Pool	No Sunday School

On the last Sunday of each month, youth & children are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship following Worship.



**December Birthdays** 

- 2. ~ Karita Alexander
- 12. ~ Jane Riley
- 15. ~ Lowell Anderson
- 16. ~ Ken Tull
- 20. ~ Charlotte Oestreicher
- 23. ~ Carla Williams

- If your name does not appear on the Birthday List and you wish to be included, please call or email the church office.
- 25. ~ Dortha Anderson, Larry Mayfield
- 26. ~ Larry Carter, Phillip Watkins
- 28. ~ Roger Glick
- 29. ~ Beth Caldwell, John Lipson, Joyce Fonner
- 30. ~ Pat Evans, Kelli Fitzgerald
- 31. ~ Mike Compton

# **Healthy Living Tips**



## **National Handwashing Awareness Week**

Personal hygiene begins and ends with our hands. And though we're taught as youngsters to wash our hands before dinner, it's important to remember that germs don't care what time of day it is. Clean hands prevent sickness. It is especially important to learn the basics about hand hygiene so that you, too, can become a champion hand washer! Let's

examine some tips and info in honor of National Handwashing Awareness Week, which takes place each year during the first week of December.

#### 1. Do it right

Experts recommend washing your hands with soap and clean water for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to get a good lather going and clean the back of the hands, between the fingers and under the nails. Dry them using a clean towel. There is a lot of science behind these recommendations, so be sure to follow them each time you wash your hands.

#### 2. Memorize the five steps

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls hand washing "a do-it-yourself vaccine" and suggests remembering five easy steps: Wet, lather, scrub, rinse, dry.

#### 3. Learn the Four Principles of Hand Awareness

Endorsed by the American Medical Association and American Academy of Family Physicians, the four principles are: 1) Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating; 2) Do not cough into hands; 3) Do not sneeze into hands; and 4) Don't put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth.

## **5 Super Clean Facts About Hand Hygiene**

#### 1. Handwashing equals happiness

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhearelated illnesses and 1 in 5 infections, including the flu.

#### 2. Beware the twin killers for kids

About 1.4 million children under age 5 die from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia — the two most deadly afflictions for children worldwide.

#### 3. The dirty secret of public restroom

The CDC also reports that only 31 percent of men and 65 percent of women washed their hands after using a public restroom.

#### 4. Hand wash your way to health

Using antibiotics creates antibiotic resistance. Handwashing prevents many sicknesses so people need less antibiotics, therefore, less antibiotic resistance.

#### 5. Sneezes are mini hurricanes

A typical human sneeze exits the body at about 200 miles per hour and emits around 40,000 droplets into the air.

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Service: Sunday Morning: Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:45 am

#### Looking Ahead...

Saturday, Dec. 1—Breakfast with the Angels (9:30-11:00 am) Sunday, Dec. 2—Children's Ministry Information Meeting (10:45 am—Chapel) Sunday, Dec. 2-Glad Ringers (4:00 pm) Sunday, Dec. 2—Family Advent Night (5:00-8:00 pm) Tuesday, Dec. 4—Hannah Circle (2:00 pm) Tuesday, Dec. 4-Worship Pastor Search Committee (6:00-7:30 pm) Sunday, Dec. 9—Special Called Business Meeting (10:30 am) Monday, Dec. 10—Murdock Memorial Service (1:00 pm) Wednesday, Dec. 12—Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am) Thursday, Dec. 13—SCIHE (Home School) Concert (6:00 pm) Saturday, Dec. 15-Newsletter Deadline Saturday, Dec. 15-Musical Rehearsal (9:00 am) Sunday, Dec. 16—Musical during Worship (9:30 am) Tuesday, Dec. 18—Church Council (7:00 pm) Monday, Dec. 24—Chancel Choir (6:30 pm) Monday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00 pm) Tuesday, Dec. 25—Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas! Sunday, Dec. 30—Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (10:30 am)) Tuesday, Jan. 1-Church Office Closed-Happy New Year!

*The Body of Christ Prays For*...Home Bound Members: Betty Euler, Roselyn Hoff. Also remember: K.M. George, Sharon Semer, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Randy Wheeler, Marilyn Estell, Leland Robertson.