

CHRISTMASTIDE

We Come Prepared to Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stimulate one another to love and helpful deeds and noble activities; not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another. . .” Hebrews 10:24-25a, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

[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.]

OPENING SONGS

“We Three Kings Of Orient Are”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

INVOCATION PRAYER

{Children ages 4 through grade 6 are dismissed to downstairs learning in the Drama Room 101. Parents please come to room 101 to pick up your children following worship.}

***HYMN** “O Sing A Song of Bethlehem” #192

ANTHEM “Carol Of Remembrance” Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-4; Hebrews 10:23-25 Missy Zimmerman

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERINGS

Offering Prayer Missy Zimmerman
Offertory

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

***HYMN** “We Are Called To Be God’s People” #710

MESSAGE “Encourage One Another” Rev. Bob Langdon

***HYMN** “Make Me A Blessing” #656

-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 Depart to Serve

*All who are able may stand

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Please remember to turn off your cell phone. All songs copied by permission CCLI # 167629  
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The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Heidi Putterill, Randy Wheeler, Mollie Adams, Our Worship/Music Leader Search Team/Process

Happy Birthday: Kathryn Young (1/3)

Emergency Responder – Roberta Walls

Cookie Ministry – Janet Bailey

Pastoral Care Team for this week – Daryl & Dot McMath

We welcome the Rev. Robert Langdon as our guest preacher today. Bob & Jean are members of our congregation and have served several congregations in ministry over their career, including The Little Blue River Baptist Church near Shelbyville, IN. Pastor Dan continues on vacation through Jan. 1.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

TODAY, December 29

9:30 am – Worship
10:30 am – Christmas Coffee Fellowship

MONDAY, December 30

4:00 pm – Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, January 1

Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!

NEXT SUNDAY, January 5

9:30 am – Worship
10:45 am – 2nd Hour

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 7 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)
Jan. 8 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Jan. 15 – Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 19 – Inquiry Meeting for those new to FBC (2nd Hour)
Jan. 21 – Church Council (7:00 pm)
Jan. 25 – Christian Ed. Team Meeting (9:30 am – 1:30 pm)
Jan. 26 – Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last names A-H)
Jan. 26 – Annual Meeting (2nd Hour)
Jan. 28 – Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)

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**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 Information:** Information about our congregation & ministry is available on the back ledge of the sanctuary or through one of the greeters.

**Child Care/Children's Ministries:** Child Care is provided for infants and toddlers. Children, ages 4 through grade 6, are dismissed early in worship to share a time of faith formation during the worship hour. Children's area is located on the lower level. **Parents remember to pick up your children in room 101 after worship.**

**Flowers/Decorations:** Please fill out a card located on the back ledge of the sanctuary 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.

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Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

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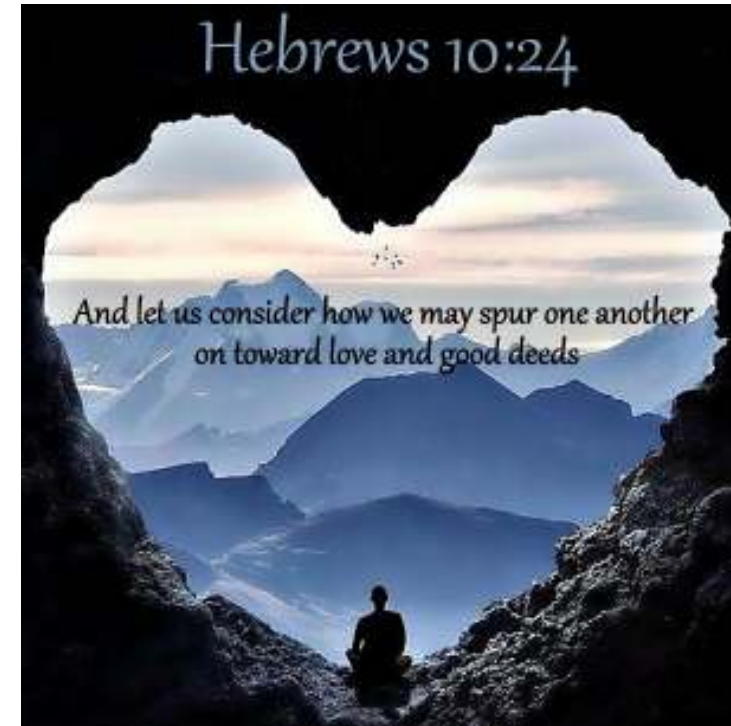
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**Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Rev. David Brown, Interim Music Minister  
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant  
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian  
Barry Ferrill, Custodian; Melissa Hernandez, Nursery Care Supervisor  
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**December 29, 2019**

***First Baptist Church***  
***3300 Fairlawn Drive***  
***Columbus, Indiana***

**“Connect . . Grow . . Serve”**

**MESSENGER EXTRA**

**MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY: "2020 VISION"**

*Men of Faith* will begin a new four session study "2020 Vision" on January 10. Study guides are available on the back ledge. Men of Faith meets at 6:15 a.m. at Four Seasons in the private dining room. All men are welcome.

**INQUIRY MEETING FOR THOSE NEW TO FBC – JAN. 19**

Pastor Dan, and members of the FBC Church Council, will host an Inquiry Meeting on Sunday, January 19, during 2nd Hour in the Chapel. This is a time to learn more about the mission and ministry of the church, receive information about church membership, and ask questions of the pastor and lay leaders.

If you are interested in attending, speak with Pastor Dan; or join us on Jan. 19.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of First Baptist will be held during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour in conjunction with Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, January 26. Come and join in the congregational business of the church.

**FLATROCK ASSOCIATION AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN MEETING**

**Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Memorial Baptist Church (2320 7<sup>th</sup> St.)**

**Dinner at 5:30 pm – followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm**

An evening of fellowship, food and fun. Guest speaker will be Pastor Mark Thompson, new Region Minister, speaking on, "The things We Must do as Men." Menu: Homemade chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, assorted desserts, coffee & tea.

**WINTER LEARNING SERIES**

Our 2020 Winter Learning Series, "Joining Jesus in God's Mission," will begin on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. This four-week series will feature guest leaders, including the Rev. Mark Thompson, Region Minister with American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky; and Mr. Kelly Daugherty, Executive Director of Love Chapel.

Mark will be helping us think about participation in local mission through a process known as Asset Mapping. Kelly will bring us an update on the growing needs being seen at Love Chapel and Brighter Days, and how we as a member church in the Bartholomew County Ecumenical Assembly can continue to respond.

Plan to join us Wednesdays, Jan 29 – Feb 19 at 6:00 p.m.

**FOOD FOR LOVE CHAPEL**

January is the month that First Baptist Church collects cash to purchase food for Love Chapel. They are currently serving 1300–1500 families each month and the need seems to continue to increase. Love Chapel is a Christ-centered, faith-based outreach ministry of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches. Many member and participating churches, together with the community at large, support those with emergency needs through Love Chapel. First Baptist is one of the initial churches who started this ministry and our members and their support are important to the function of Love Chapel.

Some of the services they offer include emergency food, emergency shelter, client follow-up and outreach, medication assistance through the Medication Assistance Program, job search and referrals, financial assistance for rent, utilities, and GED testing, holiday food baskets, and prayer and chaplaincy ministry.

January is our turn to help fill the food pantry. We solicit cash and shop for the needed items and deliver them to the pantry. Will you help?