



# THE TORCH

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## The Pastor's Pen

Our December will be filled with many things that have the church doing what churches do. It is my hope that we will find ourselves individually, as well as collectively, engaged in the kind of activities that capture the spirit of Christmas. This would involve doing things for ourselves, as well as doing things for others, familiar and unfamiliar to us. We find this embodied in the two stories around the birth of Christ that are recorded in our Bibles. Luke 2 tells the story of the shepherds, who at the beckoning of angels, went to the manger where Jesus was born and rejoiced and glorified God for what they had seen and heard. This was for them. Matthew 2 tells the story of the Magi, who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the Christ child sometime during the first two years of his life. This became the symbol of our sharing with others, particularly those who are in need.

These are the activities scheduled for us to be blessed during the Christmas season:

- Saturday, December 1 we will share in the Christmas parade jointly with The Nashville First Baptist Church. Our choirs will be singing together during the parade, members of our church will be sharing in the nativity scene (with some surprises in store). First Baptist has invited our members to come to their building to view the parade from their patio. The parade starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Also on that Saturday we will have our “Coats for Kids”, sharing coats and other winter clothes with persons who are in need. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the items. Please let the church office know (615-255-8757) if you can spend an hour helping. This will be from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sis. Deborah Howse and Sis. Retha Buchanan are coordinating this effort.
- We are sponsoring an Angel Tree, giving us the opportunity to buy gifts for students at Robert Churchwell School. Please see either Sis. Ryann King or Sis. Benita Lynch to get the name and items for the child you will be blessing this year.
- Thursday, December 6 Williamson College will be honoring the collaborative work of Nashville First Baptist and First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill at a dinner at the University Club on the Vanderbilt Campus. There is no charge to attend the meal, but you need to reserve a seat to attend. The dinner is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 9 we will observe our 153<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary during our morning worship service. This year we will begin memorializing and honoring persons who have made important contributions to the life First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill. It has become our church's tradition to celebrate each anniversary by giving \$1 for each year of our existence. We are asking members and friends to bring that offering of \$153 (over and above your regular offering) on the second Sunday, or for sure, one Sunday during the month of December.
- Sunday, December 16 we will celebrate the opportunity God has given me to serve as pastor of FBCCH for 8 years.
- Monday, December 31 we will have our annual New Year's Eve Service. The Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and should end by 7:30 p.m.

We pray that each of you will have a Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of Christ in ways that bring meaning and hope to your life and becomes a beacon for the year ahead.

Kelly M. Smith Jr.  
Pastor

# SUNDAY

morning live

## December 2018 Lessons

“God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience,” has five lessons. The Deuteronomy passage contains a presentation of God’s demand for total love and devotion. The session from the book of Joshua contains his faithful statement of love and reverence for a liberating God. In Psalm 103, David expresses love and glorification of God for God’s creative, sustaining, and protective actions. Luke portrays the advent of Christ and human response to God’s act of fulfillment of God’s promise. We are challenged in the book of Matthew to love God through compassionate works.

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### December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Love and Devotion

**Adult Topic**  
Complete Devotion

**Youth Topic**  
Love of a Lifetime

**Children Topic**  
Being Loving and Devoted

**Background Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**Key Verses:** Deuteronomy 6:5 *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

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### December 9<sup>th</sup>: Choose to Love and Serve God

**Adult Topic**  
Keep Your Promises

**Youth Topic**  
Whom Will You Serve?

**Children Topic**  
Choosing to Love

**Background Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-11; Joshua 24

**Key Verse:** Joshua 24:15 *“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”*

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### December 16<sup>th</sup>: Love and Worship God

**Adult Topic**  
Credit Where Credit Is Due

**Youth Topic**  
Love Inspires Gratitude

**Children Topic**  
Worshipping with Thanks

**Background Scripture:** Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22

**Key Verse:** Psalm 103:12 *as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us*

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### December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Jesus – God’s Loving Promise

**Adult Topic**  
Waiting Is Rewarded

**Youth Topic**  
Keeping A Promise

**Children Topic**  
A Promise Fulfilled

**Background Scripture:** Luke 1:26-31; 2:21-35

**Key Verse:** Luke 2:30-31 *“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations.”*

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### December 30<sup>th</sup>: Modeling God’s Love

**Adult Topic**  
Everyone Matters

**Youth Topic**  
Loving the Marginalized

**Children Topic**  
Loving by Sharing

**Background Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Key Verse:** Matthew 25:40 *The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

October  
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**“Commission for the Mission”**  
Pastor Smith  
**Scriptural Text: Acts 13:1-3**  
*Submitted by: Deborah Luter*

When the church that was established right after the death of Jesus Christ ran into issues with the Jewish leaders attacking and killing those who were connected with it, many in the church decided that they needed to relocate to other cities. Among the places where early Christians settled was the city of Antioch. From this context God sent Saul and Barnabas to do mission work in Asia Minor.

Why is our church embarking on a mission trip to Africa? People there are grateful to see African American churches come to help them. God expects churches to reach the whole world, every church reaching where God calls and resources them to go.

**Point 1- The commission for the mission is God initiated.**

God spoke to the church to tell them set apart for me Saul and Barnabas for mission work.

The church is designed to be a theocracy-governed by God, not a democracy – people governed. Can we only imagine what the church might do if we constantly listened to God?

**Point 2- The commission for the mission is prayer surrounded.**

The church was worshipping, fasting and praying when God initiated the call to Saul and Barnabas. And then they prayed some more.

The purpose of prayer is to keep God in the midst of whatever we are doing or where we are going.

**Point 3 –The commission for the mission is congregation sent**

That church was doing the sort of things churches should be doing. And through that, they heard from God and they responded to the commission of God. There is no limit to what the church can do when she listens to the voice of God.

October  
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**“Lessons From the Classroom of Grief”**  
Rev. Joe Ella Darby  
**Scriptural Text: Luke 24:13-21, 25-27,  
30-34**  
*Submitted by: Adrienne Fancher*

We all experience Loss. God desires to sustain us when we find ourselves in our classrooms of grief. No one grieves the same. Grief can become a teachable moment and this experience, on the road to Emmaus, teaches us three things:

**Jesus tags along with us:**

Cleopas and another follower walked away from Jerusalem, away from the pain of Jesus’ crucifixion. Jesus finds them and tags along with them. Grief can cause us to not be able to recognize Jesus, but the good news is that even when we don’t recognize Jesus, He knows us! The followers lamented, “...we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel...” Though loss can leave us dazed and confused, Jesus tags along because He wants to be with us *AS* we grieve.

**Jesus teaches us:**

After the followers reveal their confusion over the resurrection, Jesus declares, “How foolish you are...” and began teaching them because they were not understanding, unwise, and slow to be persuaded in the full truth of Jesus. They had an immature and limited theology. Jesus spent time teaching them in “all” scripture concerning Him; likewise, we need to seek truth, question, and study God’s Word. Authentic relationships with God allow us to ask questions. God is not intimidated by our questions. Even in honest rage and grief, we have the opportunity to learn more.

**Jesus transforms us:**

Jesus was invited to stay as a guest, but became the host by breaking and distributing bread. In doing so, the followers’ eyes were opened and they recognized Him. Their faith was deepened as they fellowshiped with Jesus. Receiving the broken Bread of Life and embracing the pain of grief allows us to see God’s Glory. God may not resurrect everything in your life, but God promises that though weeping may endure for the night, joy will come in the morning. The wisdom of elders advises us to “run on and see what the end will be!

October 21  
**“The Mark of Discipleship”**  
 Pastor Smith  
 Scriptural Text: John 13:34-35  
 Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

More than any other aspect of life and living of a disciple of Jesus Christ is their capacity to love! Followers of Jesus have the power, capacity, desire, and will to love one another. Although it is not easy to love everyone, disciples of Jesus understand that it is necessary. They have a passion to humble themselves as servants to make a difference in the lives of others. In our own Faith Journeys, how can we use this ‘new commandment’ of Jesus to know the Mark of Discipleship?

**Point 1-The mark of discipleship is what frees us to love.**

What really makes us Christians is striving to follow the only commandment Jesus gave his disciples: ‘...love one another as I have loved you...’ (John 13:34). This Agape love has no boundaries, no constraints and no restrictions. It is the kind of love that compels us to always do what is in the best interest of others, asking nor expecting anything in return. We *choose* to love in spite of our conceptions, or rather our misconceptions, about others. “I love you and there is nothing you can do about it”!

**Point 2-The mark of discipleship is what creates community.**

The discipleship mindset is all about being ‘inclusive’, not exclusive. Disciples strive to embrace everyone in the community without being selective and they seek to do what is right without regard to personal needs or desires. Healing and wholeness is the focus for everyone.

**Point 3-The mark of discipleship is what makes Christ visible.**

Sadly, there are those who do not think it is popular to be associated with Jesus. However, true Disciples of Christ are committed to making Jesus visible in all aspects of our lives. Because Jesus first loved us, our love relationship with Him must naturally show in everything that we do. Jesus tells us in our Scripture, the mark of discipleship that makes Him visible ‘...by this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have *love* for one another’... (John 13:35).

October 28  
**“Winning on the Inside”**  
 Pastor Smith  
 Scriptural Text: Matthew 16:24-26  
 Submitted by: Beverly Brown

Individuals often can reflect success on the outside and feel like a loser on the inside. No matter the trappings of success money, cars, house, clothes, perfect marriage, prestigious position, and yet one can feel inadequate on the inside. These deceptive images of success and happiness can contribute to an individual having suicidal thoughts actions, and emotions on the inside. Sometimes the cost humankind pays for success can contribute to the person giving themselves away to the point of losing their soul.

**Point 1- We win on the inside when we have boundaries.**

One must know what it takes to fit into the narrow gate of success even when adversity strikes. Having boundaries can help to save one from self and demonstrate more responsible acts in one’s character. Poor character can result in missed or lost opportunities without boundaries.

**Point 2 – We win on the inside when we have balance.**

Do something sometimes for someone other than self. Sometimes being busy from an outside perspective and not including God/Christ Jesus can create imbalance in one’s life and living. To optimize real change, mankind/womankind must seek God/Christ Jesus in each of their lives. His grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness can help to create balance – just ask Him directly through prayer and other warriors for God/Christ Jesus.

**Point 3 – We win on the inside when we have bonds.**

Having the skills and talents to reach others is a gift. Human beings are to truly love each other and not use each other. Real relationship and real connection to God/Christ Jesus is the key and the true source of power and winning. Finally, sincere relationships with others and God/Christ Jesus can and do save lives. The expression of a kind word, deed, action, or sincere smile, and genuine interaction can make a real difference on the inside an outside that can result in saving someone’s life. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

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**Deacons of the Week**


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Week of	Deacon	Phone #
2	Richard Dinkins	(615) 202-5213
9	Ernest Dismuke	(615) 259-0623
16	Emmitt Hayes	(615) 876-3522
23	Beverly Brown	(615) 885-5334
30	Ronald McFarland Sr.	(615) 331-0564

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**Blood Pressure Screenings**

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

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**Praise Dancers and Handbell Choir**

Praise Dance class meets Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. on the lower level of the sanctuary. For those interested in participating

please contact Ms. Frankie Jackson to receive an information. Please note that when MNPS is out, there will be no practice. The remaining rehearsal dates for the first semester are December 5, 12, 19. Please remember to wear comfortable clothes! And thank you for joining in expressing God's word through movement.

The Handbell Choir meets on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Rehearsal

dates for this group are December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you.


**Help Needed!**

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this school year. Help will be available Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

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**FBCCH Sponsors an Angel Tree**


First Baptist is sponsoring an angel tree to benefit students at Robert Churchwell Elementary Museum Magnet.

Select an angel and bring your wrapped gift to the church by

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. See Sis. Ryann King or Sis. Benita Lynch for more information.



The Communications Ministry is actively seeking members to join our team!!

Individuals interested in any of the below areas, please send an email to [fbchcommunications@outlook.com](mailto:fbchcommunications@outlook.com).

#### **Public Relations**

Ensure appropriate media outlets and target audiences receive information about events and activities being hosted at and by FBCCH

#### **Sermon Digest Reporters**

Commit to do a digest one Sunday a month; ability to capture the essence of the message and script it in a concise way. Must be ok with digest being edited.

#### **Social Media Content Managers**

Daily review of all church's Facebook and Twitter account ensuring accurate information is posted. Promote upcoming events on social media. Post resources (articles, event pictures, etc.) on social media as directed by Communications Chair.

#### **Worship Presentation Operator**

This role is vital to the success of every worship service. Individuals interested in this role will receive training on the church's video presentation system. Basic PowerPoint skills are needed and can be taught.

All roles require good written communication skills

## Why I said YES to FBCCH Staff

*“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. <sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good...” ~Jonah 2:8-9a NIV*

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby, Assistant to the Pastor for Discipleship

About two years ago, I was driving down the street minding my own business when I heard what I sensed the Lord asking me, “Will you consider congregational ministry?” The only other time I heard the Lord ask me a direct question was when I was called to preach. This question of church staff scared me. I always said I would *NEVER* join a church staff. Though I previously served as a youth director, I always considered that a different staff role because I worked with children/youth. And previously being in campus ministry, I had new students every four years, so the thought of being with a group “indefinitely” seemed daunting to say the least.

As a preacher’s kid, I saw the real deal of church ministry and was left wounded from members arguing over seemingly petty issues that had nothing to do with the gospel or real ministry. I was also still carrying wounds from past church hurt that my parents were unable to shield us from as they had tried. From my youth, I wanted no part of voluntarily going behind “the veil” of church staff. When I moved to Nashville and joined FBCCH after seminary, I was excited about serving with Pastor Smith, as I was clear of my call to serve alongside of him in ministry and my dad had given his blessing. Besides, I had plans to travel, teach/preach, and lead workshops around the country and wanted FBCCH to be my home base where my leadership here was more of my act of reasonable service.

Well, a few days after I heard that question from God, Pastor Smith “randomly” sent me a text and asked if I had ever considered congregational ministry. I deflected the conversation, not answering him nor was I willing to share with him what I sense God asking me. Instead, like Mary, I pondered both questions in my heart (Luke 2:19). That fall, we would begin discipleship training through Spiritual Leadership, Inc. Last year, I sensed the Lord drawing my heart to FBCCH in a different way, possibly staff, but I couldn’t see “my” place. Again, I pondered that in my heart but decided to share it with a very small group of trusted intercessors for clarity.

Why do I share my journey with you? Glad you asked. This process leading to my saying yes was not an easy journey. Following Jesus is an intentional journey of many yeses. Over the course of my discipleship journey, God has invited me into new levels of discipleship, asking me again to follow, trust, and obey. Each time I have a choice. Likewise, we are all continually being invited to new levels of discipleship and have a choice whether or not to pursue that call. Over the past two years, though not negating the pain of my childhood experiences, I became aware of idols hindering me from being free to embrace the invitation to follow Jesus on FBCCH staff. I was clinging to idols of past church hurt, my carefully designed plans for my life, and fear. Like Jonah, clinging to those idols was causing me to turn away from what God had for me and for FBCCH. Forsaking those idols allowed me to show God that I was indeed good for it! I again said yes to my decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, following where it is risky.

So, when Pastor Smith invited me to consider this new staff position, I had complete peace that this was indeed my place and with a grateful heart, I said yes! This new role is where my spiritual gifts, passions, and heart meet. Will I get it all right? Not at all, but I have peace that this is my season to serve this congregation at a new level on my discipleship journey. In God’s timing, I can now see more of the purpose for why I was led to FBCCH (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

As our church continues moving forward, I ask you, “where is God inviting you to risk on your discipleship journey?” Are there idols hindering your ability to make good on your vow to be a disciple? Are you willing to intentionally pray, seek God, and find your place at FBCCH this season? I truly believe that God has amazing plans for FBCCH, plans not to restore us back to our glory days, but plans to manifest God’s glory in a new way that is relevant for today. I’ve been circling FBCCH’s transition in prayer and I’m excited to be a part of what God is doing this season. I want to be on the right side of history as we seek to be faithful in our building, restoring and revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ. We need everyone to be intentional about pursuing our mission to Love God, Make Disciples, and Serve Community. Are you in??? I sure hope so because we need all hands on deck. I don’t want anyone to miss out on what God is doing this season! Together let’s trust God to fulfill the Ephesians 3:20 promise!

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

**Room in the Inn:** Jack Frost and Old Man Winter have made early appearances in the Nashville area. Room in the Inn begins Tuesday December 4, 2018 and will continue through March 26, 2019. If you have not already done so, consider **Becoming a part of the Inn Crowd**. We still need volunteers for the following positions: **Men** to serve as **Inn Keepers, Persons to provide meals, Host, Laundry, Van Drivers**.

*“Room In The Inn is not about giving; it is about receiving. It is about everyone, both guests and hosts, receiving a blessing—an encounter with God in the midst of suffering, hardship, pain and grief.”*

*Charles Strobel, founding director*

**American Baptist Home Mission Societies Releases Additional One Great Hour of Sharing Funds in response to California wildfires.**

To aid in recovery from the Southern California fires, ABHMS has released \$5,000 to American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest and Hawaii (ABCOFLASH). To aid in recovery from the Northern California fires, ABHMS has released \$14,000 to CrossWalk Community Church, Napa, and New Vintage Church, Santa Rosa. On the fires’ first night, CrossWalk—which has been a Red Cross evacuation site for many years—sheltered everyone from those without means to affluent community members and tourists. For the next several weeks, they hosted up to 300 individuals nightly.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering received by churches.

**FBCCH** contributes annually to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**.

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DATES TO REMEMBER						
9 <sup>th</sup>	153 <sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary					
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Anniversary					
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve					
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day					
31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Service					
BIRTHDAYS						
2	Barbara Doughty					
3	Kelly Copeland Deborah Luter Ilee Wade					
4	Linda Thompson Torrie Washington					
5	Ashley Slay Glotta					
6	Jennie Patience Wilkins					
7	Bernice Barnes Tondrick Chandler Vicki Todd-Stubbs					
8	Corey Grimes					
12	Gary M. Falcon Sr.					
14	Brenda Duff Nia Tolbert					
15	Bettye Springfield					
17	Leon A. Deaderick Myles Sidney					
18	Vonda McDaniel					
22	Ivan Davis Jr.					
23	Gloria T. Westbrook Solomon Westbrook					
24	Breanna Grimes Cora Johnson					
25	Valerie Lin Smith Robinson					
31	Jacqueline Knight					

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21 <sup>st</sup>	MLK Jr Day					
BIRTHDAYS						
1	Elizabeth Davis					
6	Tamia C. McKnight Diane Robertson					
7	Timarion J. Smith Kelando Townsend Betty Wilson					
9	Bobby Lovett					
13	Karan J. Brown					
14	Kathy Harrell Becky Swanson Hindman Ronald McFarland Sr.					
15	Nina Lockert Brooke McFarland					
20	Jesse O. Carter III Carl Crutchfield Jessica Powell Sean Wood Myles Sidney					
21	Inez Crutchfield					
24	Diantay Powe Westbrook					
24	Robert Greene Lueatrice Lovett					
26	Carole McDaniel					
27	James Trey Lowe III					
29	April Johnson Hortense P. Jones					
31	Virginia McClain Tracey Perkins Evan Smith-Erving					

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14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day					
BIRTHDAYS						
1	Maia Payne					
2	Valinda Burks-Sidney Geri Easley					
3	Sabrina Daughtdrill					
4	Wesley Currie Jeffrey Wood Sr.					
5	Thomas Swanson					
6	Billie Jo Calloway					
7	Richard Ewing Constantine Fenderson					
8	Benita Lynch					
10	Golda B. Franklin					
11	Antionette Bridges					
12	George Timothy Haynes					
14	Stephen Daniel					
15	Edward Risby Jr. Lolita Slay					
16	Cornelia Cruson Gary M. Falcon II					
17	Hortensia McFarland					
18	Tammye Hawkins					
19	George Hill					
20	Kalibe Lockert					
21	Kendra Brown Deas					
22	Andreana Boothe Patricia Rowe-Lane					
23	Kenneth Cory Syelah Chyann Haskins					
25	Bertha Taylor					
27	Rachel Walker					
28	Naomi Blair					

**Wednesdays**  
 12:00 p.m. – Noonday Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live!

**Fridays**  
 7:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Call  
 Call In#: 712-775-8967  
 Code: 342779

**Sundays**  
 8:45 a.m. – Sunday Morning Live!

***(December 1-2, 2018)*****Love and Devotion**

SATURDAY, December 1: “Fear the Lord and Live Rightly” (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)

SUNDAY, December 2: “The Lord Is God Alone” (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

***(December 3-9, 2018)*****Choose to Love and Serve God**

MONDAY, December 3: “Rules on People Relating to God” (Exodus 20:1-11)

TUESDAY, December 4: “Rules on People Relating to People” (Exodus 20:12-17)

WEDNESDAY, December 5: “Keep the Faith and Live” (Joshua 23:2-6, 14-16)

THURSDAY, December 6: “Rescued from Egypt, Settled in Canaan” (Joshua 24:4-12)

FRIDAY, December 7: “We Promise to Serve God” (Joshua 24:16-21)

SATURDAY, December 8: “Covenant with God Confirmed” (Joshua 24:25-28)

SUNDAY, December 9: “Choose to Love and Serve God” (Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 21)

***(December 10-16, 2018)*****Love and Worship God**

MONDAY, December 10: “Nothing Separates us from God’s Love” (Romans 8:31-39)

TUESDAY, December 11: “An Answer in a Time of Trouble” (Psalm 86:1-7)

WEDNESDAY, December 12: “Let Me Walk in Your Truth” (Psalm 86:8-13)

THURSDAY, December 13: “Acts of God’s Steadfast Love” (Nehemiah 9:16-21)

FRIDAY, December 14: “God Abounds in Steadfast Love” (Exodus 34:1-7)

SATURDAY, December 15: “God Forgives and Loves People” (Numbers 14:13-20)

SUNDAY, December 16: “The People Bless the Lord” (Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22)

***(December 17-23, 2018)*****Jesus: God’s Loving Promise**

MONDAY, December 17: “The Birth of John Promised” (Luke 1:11-16)

TUESDAY, December 18: “The Lord Was with John” (Luke 1:57-66)

WEDNESDAY, December 19: “Let It Be According to Your Word” (Luke 1:32-38)

THURSDAY, December 20: “Joseph Obeys the Lord” (Matthew 1:18-25)

FRIDAY, December 21: “Anna Speaks of Child Jesus” (Luke 2:36-38)

SATURDAY, December 22: “Angels Announce Good News to Shepherds” (Luke 2:8-14)

SUNDAY, December 23: “Testimonies to the Promised Savior” (Luke 1:26-31; 2:22, 25-35)

***(December 24-30, 2018)*****Modeling God’s Love**

MONDAY, December 24: “Live by Faith” (Habakkuk 1:2-4; 2:1-4)

TUESDAY, December 25: “Rewards for Hospitality” (Matthew 10:40-42)

WEDNESDAY, December 26: “Welcoming Children” (Mark 9:33-37)

THURSDAY, December 27: “Wait, the Lord Will Come” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

FRIDAY, December 28: “Keep Awake and Ready” (Matthew 25:1-13)

SATURDAY, December 29: “Multiply God’s Gifts” (Matthew 25:14-30)

SUNDAY, December 30: “Inherit the Kingdom” (Matthew 25:31-46)

***(December 31, 2019)*****Hold Fast to God’s Love**

MONDAY, December 31: “Love as I Have Loved You” (John 15:12-17)



**“We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer...”**



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Macon, GA  
(Friend of the Currie Family)

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Lexington, NC 27292

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Nashville, TN 37207

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2500 Riverside Dr.  
Nashville, TN 37216

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Bro. Willie Taylor  
105 Valley Green Dr.  
Antioch, TN 37013

Bro. Walter Vincent  
4824 Fairmeade Court  
Nashville, TN 37218

Sis. Leslie Williams  
2929 Old Franklin Road  
Nashville, TN 37013

**In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Sis. Quinester Calloway  
Sis. Jan Jones Carter  
Sis. Mary Caudle  
Sis. Rosa Mimms  
Christopher Robinson  
(Esther Wright's nephew)

**PRAYER LIST**

Sis. Elizabeth Backus  
Wesley Common  
1110 Marshall Road #6220  
Greenwood, SC 29646

**Looking for a Church Home?**

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

**Baptism** - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

**Christian Experience** - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Watchcare** - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

**Associate** - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

**Restoration** - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

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## Our Church Vision Statement

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is Building, Restoring, and Revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ.

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