



## ***Ready or Not* Holiday Calendar**

This Sunday	11:15 a.m.	All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner
This Sunday		Begin Filling Seven Homebound Goody Bags
Sunday, Nov. 24		Secure Your Clan's Advent Devotional → God with Us
Sunday, Nov. 24	11:15 a.m.	Sloppy Joe Lunch / Decorate Church
Sunday, Dec. 1		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent → God with Us / Hope
Sunday, Dec. 8		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent → God with Us / Love
Sunday, Dec. 8	11:15 a.m.	Pizza Lunch / Caroling / Deliver Bags
Sunday, Dec. 15		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent → God with Us / Joy
Sunday, Dec. 15	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert – Brad, Ryan, Randy, & Julie
Sunday, Dec. 22		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent → God with Us / Peace
Tuesday Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve. Service → God with Us / Jesus

You will find a fuller description of many of these events elsewhere in this newsletter. So hard to believe it is already that time of year. When we plan ahead, however, we are able to more fully enjoy and embrace the true meaning of the season. Glad to be on this journey with you. Les

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, Nov. 13  
5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up Bowling

Sunday, Nov. 17  
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday, Nov. 18  
1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. – Trustee Meeting

### **Teacher Schedule**

Nov. 17, 2019

#### **Nursery**

Helen Steffen/ Ciera Hiester

#### **Kids' Time**

Joyce Evans/ Marcia Liddy

#### **LOL**

Michelle Tonner

### **Stewardship Report**

Nov. 10, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,422.00
Missions	330.00
Building/Maint Fund	425.00
Deacons	115.00
ABWM Corinne Smith	120.00
White Cross	75.00
Poinsettias	48.00
Match Fund	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,575.00</b>



We will have our All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner right after the worship service this Sunday, November 17. Plan to stay! Even if you were unable to sign up last Sunday, you can still come. Please bring side dishes to share like salads, vegetables, fruits, and desserts.

You have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary and you may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service. They cost \$6.00 and the order deadline is November 24. There are order forms on the table in the foyer. You may turn in your completed form, along with payment, to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Baptist.



## **Annual Meeting Summary**

A capacity crowd assembled in The Gathering Place this past Sunday for FBC's annual meeting. Ted Ellis welcomed everyone. Our roster of officers for 2020 was approved as presented. The church was excited to welcome Kelly Lewis as a new member of the CE Board and Jenny Hiester as a new deacon. Our 2020 budget was discussed and finally approved as written. Budget discussions focused primarily on line items related to the music director and the youth pastor. Everyone shared a genuine concern for reaching younger families and youth. It was agreed that church staffing conversations should continue in future meetings. Betty Bynum then proposed that FBC adopt a different logo. The proposed new logo was drawn several years ago and highlights our church bell. This proposal passed. The matter was referred to the Administrative Board to determine what steps would be necessary to make the logo camera-ready. Ted Ellis concluded our meeting with a parting blessing.



## Help Decorate

Sunday, November 24 right after the worship service, we will decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to stay and help. We will have a sloppy joe lunch for our workers.

## Christmas Concert of Praise

It will once again be an honor for FBC to host a musical worship celebration led by Brad Byerly, Ryan Herschy, Randy Kistler, and Julie Crandall. This concert will be in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! Closer to the time, we will have flyers available to help with your invitations.



## Goody Bags

Each holiday season, we collect bags of goodies for our homebound members and deliver them when we go Christmas caroling. We have seven bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items that you think our homebound friends would enjoy such as magazines, snacks, lotions, and games.



## College Students

Finals for our college students are approaching soon. If you would like to contribute money toward encouragement gifts from the church, please see Jan Jones.



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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B  
Barb Smekens – Room 217B  
Clyde Shady – Room 228B  
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz  
Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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#### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service