



Update from Sarah

While we are still enjoying Thanksgiving, I am also making plans for Christmas and the wonderful music of the season. I have a couple of exciting events to share with you:

- ❖ Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. we will have our Advent Caroling with the other downtown churches. I will lead the music as we carol from church to church and will conclude at FBC. Last year we had a great turn-out and lots of inspirational fun. I hope many of you can join us this year.
- ❖ Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Christmas concert in our sanctuary. We will celebrate Christmas with music specials from our FBC family and also various guests from the community. Stay tuned for more specifics about this event.

This fall I began leading the children in music at Movin' Up. We have an energetic fun time. And, of course, the choir is now in full swing. Please continue to pray for the music ministry. I am so excited and honored to celebrate this holiday season with you.

Sarah

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 15

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Thursday, Nov. 16

6:00 p.m. – Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 19

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – Decorate the Church

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Evalyn Fate/ Helen Steffen

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

LOL

Michelle Tonner

Last Week

Nov. 12, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 131

Sunday School – 47

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1798.00
Missions	\$135.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$190.00
Building Rent	\$160.00
Total:	\$2283.00



Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the church this Sunday to have it ready for the first Sunday of Advent. Please plan to stay after the worship service to help put of decorations. Workers will also enjoy a provided lunch of friend chicken. If you have questions, the person to ask is Helen Steffen.

Homebound Goody Bags

We like to encourage our homebound friends each holiday season with a goody bag full of small treats like: lotion, tissues, calendars, magazines, and snacks. The bags will be set up in The Gathering Place starting this Sunday for your donations. We will collect items until their delivery on December 10. Please note that we will have five bags, not six as listed in last week's newsletter.



College Students

Finals for our college students are coming soon. If you would like to contribute money toward encouragement gifts from the church, please see Jan Jones. If you would like to send them a note, here are their addresses for this school year:



Madison Heller
Williams Hall, 318
Ball State University
Muncie, IN 47306

Ashleigh Houtz
Padua Hall
University of St. Francis
Ft. Wayne, IN 46808

Alexis Collins
5326 S. 300 W.
Bluffton, IN 46714

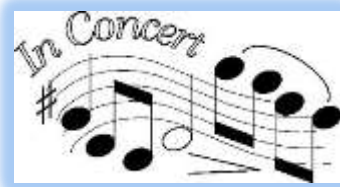
Spencer Tonner
11012 S. 300 W-90
Montpelier, IN 47359

Judson University
Julie Cantrell CPO 115
1151 N. State St.
Elgin, IL 60123



Poinsettias

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 December 4. Please fill out an order form that will be in the bulletin this Sunday. 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.



Looking Ahead

We are excited to have the Judson University Choir (including Julie Cantrell) returning to share a concert of worship with us. They will be here Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. The arrangement will be like when they were here two years ago. Before the concert, we will provide them supper. After the concert, the choir members will go home with many of you who will host them for the night.

Prayer

Pray for the family and friends of Joan Sills. She passed away last week.
Ed Higgins - for his continued healing
Herm McCormick - he is home; pray for Herm and Rose

Thanksgiving Dinner Report



We had a wonderful All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday. Thank you to Brian Fuller, Marcia Liddy, and all of the New Dimensions Sunday School Class for their colossal amount of work! Thanks also to Frank and Ruby for their extra-deep clean for the event. Then, of course, thanks to everyone else who added splendid side dishes and desserts to make the celebration complete.



Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134

LaVera Krummen – Room 116

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216


As we co-labor with other churches
in our community,
this week we pray for:
Bluffton Wesleyan Chapel
Pastor Chad Clark

First Baptist Church

260-824-1558

firstbaptist@adamswells.com

fbcbluffton.com

 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell
Cell phone: 260-273-9073
Music Director: Sarah Landell
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:50 a.m. – Coffee/Tea Time
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service