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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Nov. 27, 2023

Fresh Encounter

God used a prophet to deliver clear notice to the nation of Israel: "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12). Those five words summarize our annual focus; we do not prepare for fearful judgment but for a fresh encounter with Jesus.

Every December we revisit the anticipation many faithful seekers had while waiting for Messiah to come and make things right. As we again walk that ancient pathway, I have selected the following refreshing themes.

Make every effort to gather in corporate worship. We never know when or where the Lord Jesus might show up to dispense fresh hope and power.

Dec. 3 - God's Strength → Renewing Our Strength in the Lord
Isaiah 40:31

Dec. 10 - God's Presence → Releasing Us from Troubles and Fears
John 14:27

Dec. 17 - God's Friendship → Recognizing Each Day as a Gift
Psalm 118:24

Dec. 24 - God's Provision → Receiving Life-Flow from the Lord
John 15:5

Christmas Eve - God's Sign → Rejoicing in God's Arrival Here
7:00 P.M. Isaiah 7:14

Together with you,

Les





Fellowship Dinner December 10

We will have a Taco Bar downstairs right after the worship service on Dec. 10. You can make your own taco, taco salad, or tortilla wrap. The church will provide the meat, shells, tortillas, drinks, and table service. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer with how many are coming from your family, and what you will bring.

GOODY BAGS

Each holiday season, we take goody bags to our homebound members. This year we will have four bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items like snacks, puzzle books, tissues, lotions, and cards or notes. The deadline for the collection is Sunday, December 17, so that the deacons can distribute the bags by Christmas.



THANKS!

Thank you, to all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas! Words cannot express how grateful I am for the gift of your time.

Sincerely, Helen



Teachers for Sunday December 3, 2023



Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

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Remain in service

ENCOURAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

College students



We like to remember our college students and those studying away from home. If you would like to contribute toward a financial gift for the students as they finish their semesters, please give it to Howard or Jan Jones. They will send the students the gifts from their FBC family.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Kyla Isch
- 4th Rodger Evans
Frank Davis
- 6th Monroe Heller
- 14th Evalyn Fate
- 17th Melanie Shady
- 19th Ed Jambora
- 25th Jim Hiester
- 30th Brent Isch

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	7 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10 ALL-CHURCH TACO BAR 11:15 a.m.	11	12	13 Youth Bible Study only 6:00 p.m.	14 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	15	16
17	18 Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	19	20 Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	22	23
24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.	25 Rejoice! ★ Christ is Born	26	27	28 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	29	30
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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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