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First Baptist Church Newsletter

December 10, 2025



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are having a wonderful week and that God is blessing you in multiple ways. Additionally, not only that you recognize each of those blessings, but thank God for them as well. After all, life is a series of mountains and valleys that we must traverse as we grow in our relationship with God.

It can be rough when we find ourselves in a valley or see someone we care about going through their own trials. During those circumstances it is easy for us to wish for an immediate relief and answer to our prayers. Especially in today's day and age when waiting for things isn't much of a thing. With the click of a button almost anything can be at our fingertips whether it is information or shopping for items without having to leave the warmth of your own home.

I would encourage any of you going through your own troubles or worried for those you care about. God's timing is everything. I know it can be hard to hear that, but through trials and troubles we can grow the most in our relationship with Christ. Consider Paul's words to the Galatians in Galatians 4:4-5.

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Undoubtedly a question that ran through the minds of those waiting for the Messiah was when will the Messiah come? After all, the very first words that pointed to a messiah was spoken all the way back in Genesis 3:15. What Paul was speaking to the Galatians was telling them essentially that sometimes we must wait to mature. That there is purpose behind the waiting. Cling to God. Hold on to his promises. God's timing is always best.

God Bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild



Goody Bags

Each Holiday season, we take goody bags to our homebound members. This year we will have 9 bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items like snacks, puzzles, books, tissues, lotions, and cards or notes. The deadline for the collection is Sunday, December 16th, so that the deacons can distribute the bags by Christmas.



Winter Jam 2026

Join us on **Thursday, March 26**, for an unforgettable night at Winter Jam 2026! The event will take place from 5:00–11:00 PM at the **Allen County War Memorial Coliseum** in Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:00 PM.

We welcome all youth in 6th grade and up to attend. Donations are appreciated to help make this night possible for everyone.

To ensure every student has a spot before tickets sell out, we will be purchasing **reserved seats at \$40 per person.**

We can't wait to experience this incredible night together!

Teachers for Sunday Sunday, December 14, 2025

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum &
Chris McFarren



LOL
Traci Heller



Stewardship

December 7, 2025

General Budget	\$1,896.00
Building Maintenance	\$520.00
Missions	\$50.00
Total	\$2,466.00



Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles

Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick

Melaine Shady

Sandy Langel

Christian Care

Bob Hiester

Bob & Judy Grove

River Terrace

Karen West

Mary Bishop

Carolyn McBride

At Their Home

Don Reeves

Ted Ellis



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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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