



## **It's the most wonderful time of the year....**

...or so the old song goes. Yet it doesn't always feel that way. Sometimes it is marked with loneliness or missing a loved one who has passed on. And the often-hectic nature of the season can pile on more challenges and stress. The good news is – there is hope.

Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace – to be exact. Let's continue to make this Advent season one to set aside time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Take a few minutes each day to read your devotion, pray for those you know who are hurting, and embrace our corporate gatherings for worship and celebration.

God is with us, and it really is a wonderful time of the year.

- Les

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, Dec. 11  
5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Sunday, Dec. 15  
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. – Christmas Concert

### **Teacher Schedule**

Dec. 15, 2019

#### **Nursery**

Mary Bishop/ Brooke Tonner

#### **Kids' Time**

Ruth Ann Monroe /  
Chris McFarren

#### **LOL**

Michelle Tonner

### **Stewardship Report**

Dec. 8, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	3048.00
Missions	430.00
Building/Maint Fund	800.00
Deacons	325.00
Music	100.00
Christmas	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,708.00</b>



Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This time of worship is a rich and powerful Christmas tradition. We will conclude the evening by singing with lit candles. Feel free to dress casual or dress up, however you prefer.

We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves to donate to our local schools for children that need them. There is a tree in The Gathering Place by the office door. Please put your donations on or under the tree.



### Christmas Caroling





# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring

**Brad Byerly, Ryan Herschy,  
Randy Kistler, and Julie Crandall**

at the

**First Baptist Church**

on

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019**

**4:00 p.m.**

**An elevator is located on the south side of the building along with  
handicapped parking.**

**A love offering will be received.**





202 West Cherry Street  
Bluffton, Indiana 46714



## 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

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

### First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

Cell phone: 260-273-9073

#### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service