



Year-End Giving

At this time of year people give generously to numerous non-profit organizations. Please do not forget to support your local church.

The FBC family strives to help people in many practical ways. This past year we had several people commit their lives to Christ for the first time. Others followed Jesus by being baptized. We continuously try to teach and preach God's word, while seeking to maintain our faithful witness for the LORD in this geographic region.

The best way to financially support FBC is to place a check or cash into an envelope and write your name on the outside. This envelope can then be placed in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or can be mailed to the church at 202 W. Cherry Street, Bluffton, IN 46714. If there is a possibility FBC might not have an accurate address for you, please also include your address on the outside of that envelope. Giving statements will be sent to everyone later in January or early February. Of course, our primary reason to support our local church is because we love the LORD Jesus.

God will richly reward your service in and support of First Baptist Church.

Thank you,

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 13

5:15 p.m. - Movin' Up
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Saturday, Dec. 16

7:00 p.m. - Sounds of Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 17

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:05 a.m. - Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. - Worship Service
11:15 a.m. - Christmas Caroling

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Angie Bynum/ Jessica Bynum

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

LOL

Michelle Tonner

Last Week

Dec. 10, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service - 99
Sunday School - 48

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

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| Current Expense | \$3249.00 |
| Missions | \$225.00 |
| Building/ Maint. Fund | \$66.00 |
| Deacons Fund | \$10.00 |
| Holiday | \$20.00 |
| Total: | \$3570.00 |



Caroling

Pizza and Christmas songs – what a great combination! This Sunday, we will have a pizza lunch in the fellowship hall and then go Christmas caroling to our homebound friends. If you want to come, but missed the RSVP last Sunday, please call the church office by Thursday (824-1558) to let them know. We want to have plenty of food.

Recycle Your Bulletins

Most of us have recycle dumpsters where we live. Please take your Sunday bulletins home and recycle them, when you are done with them. This is one way we can be good stewards of this amazing planet God has gifted to us.



Christmas Display



A special thanks to the Isch family for setting up our display at the Ouabache State Park's Wonderland of Lights. The event will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. this Friday, December 15 through Sunday, December 31. A \$5.00 donation is collected at the Main Gate which goes to support the state park.

Christmas Eve



On Sunday, December 24, we will fellowship and worship together at our regular times. Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. and the Worship Service is at 10:15 a.m. Plan to come back at 7:00 p.m. in the evening for our Christmas Eve Service. Our evening will include familiar carols, choir pieces, and inspirational readings. We will conclude by singing while holding lit candles. Feel free to dress casual or dress up, however you prefer.

Staying Warm

Thanks to all who have already donated mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for local school children. We will collect them for a few more weeks. Please leave your donations on or beneath the mitten tree located in The Gathering Place.



DECEMBER

16



Sounds of Christmas
CONCERT

First Baptist Church
December 16th
7 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating this beautiful season with the
universal language of MUSIC.

There will be a reception following the concert!



202 West Cherry Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714



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:
Fellowship Baptist Church
Pastor Lenny Stringer

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