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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*Dec 13, 2023*



## **Each Day Is A Gift**

A lot of effort is put in each and every year by people to find the perfect Christmas gift for those that they love. They scour the internet and visit every store in search of the gift that will bring joy to the recipient's heart. When the present is unwrapped, they wait for the response. Sometimes they nail it and the recipient is overjoyed, and other times they miss it and the recipient is thankful for the receipt in the box so it can be exchanged.

The truth is that we are given a gift by God each and every day. Each morning that the sun rises, it is a new day that the Lord has made for us to enjoy. Sometimes we wake up full of wonder and excitement that we have been given life once again. Other days we wake up oblivious to the miracle that is right before us. We should see each day that we have as an amazing gift from God Himself and rejoice over the endless opportunities that await. This is where joy is found - not only in the grandiose moments of our lives but right in the middle of the mundane. So, find joy in today. It is a gift with value beyond measure.

Together with you,

Les

(From "30 Promises of God" devotional)



*Third Sunday of Advent, December 17*

*Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Service 10:15 a.m.*

*After the service, the Board of Christian Education will hand out Christmas bags to the children.*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24*

*Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Service 10:15 a.m.*



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*December 24, 7:00 p.m.*

*Join us for our service, which will last about an hour. We will conclude with holding lit candles and singing by the candlelight. You may wear casual clothes or dress-up, whichever you prefer.*

Thanks to all who participated in our Taco Bar lunch last Sunday! There are pictures on the next page from this event.



**Teachers for Sunday  
December 17, 2023**

**Kids' Time**  
Joyce Evans  
Marcia Liddy

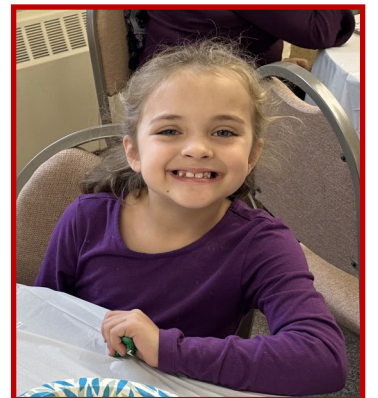
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Darcy Isch

**Stewardship**

**Dec. 3, 2023**

**Dec. 10, 2023**

General Budget	\$2,705.00	General Budget	\$1,420.00
Building Maintenance	\$150.00	Building Maintenance	\$290.00
Missions	\$190.00	Missions	\$360.00
Flowers	\$6.50	Deacons	\$40.00
Holiday	\$50.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,101.50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,110.00</b>



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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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