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First Baptist Church Newsletter

December 17, 2025



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

As I sat down to write this week's article for the link, I was reflecting on how some people have a very hard time through the winter season. Depression and loneliness can be absolutely debilitating and even amid the holidays they can sting all the worse. However, during troubled times we can always look to that silver lining.

I have gone through my own times where depression and loneliness seemed to cascade over myself to the point where I felt so lost that I even felt suicidal. Once while I was a young youth in elementary school and during my life as an adult. Both times I felt completely alone. Yet both times I had good family connections and both times I believed whole heartedly in Christ and His sacrifice. It can be so hard for anyone in those moments to see anything other than the storm, which makes it even more important to keep loved ones close and God's promises on our lips.

I hope and pray none of you ever go through moments like this, but if you or any of your loved ones go through such troubles then I hope this Scripture verse from Romans 15:13 helps as a prayer and a memorized verse to keep on your/their lips.

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God Bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, 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.



Giving Envelopes

The giving envelopes for 2026 are now available on the table in the foyer. If you would like a box, but do not have your name on one, please take one of the blank boxes.

Teachers for Sunday

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans



LOL
Darcy Isch



Stewardship

December 14, 2025

General Budget	\$990.00
Building Maintenance	\$80.00
Winter Jam	\$420.00
Missions	\$50.00
Total	\$1,540.00



The Next Two weeks Schedule:

Small Groups will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 17 and then take a two week break.

Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 17 and then will take a two week break.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Thursday, Dec. 18 at 8:00 a.m. and then will take a two week break.

Mark your calendars that Small Groups and Men's Bible Study will start again starting January 7. Adventure Kids & Youth Bible study TBD.

Christmas Bags for Children

This Sunday, December 21, the Christian Education Board will hand out Christmas bags to the children after the worship service.



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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