



There are several reasons why numerous people choose to attend the Christmas Eve Service at First Baptist Church.

- Absolutely gorgeous sanctuary and decorations
- Stunning acoustics for instruments and voices
- A sanctuary choir sings in the service
- Nice blend of traditional and modern music
- Brief and inspirational devotional
- Able to sing familiar Christmas carols
- Lit candles to end service are breathtaking
- Offering supports a worthy local charity
- People can dress up or dress casually

Memories do not make themselves. Why not carve time out of your schedule to attend this amazing worship service? Bring your friends and family with you. I hope to see you there.

Blessed in Christ,

Les

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 20

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec. 24

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:05 a.m. - Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. - Worship Service

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

LOL

Remain in Service

Last Week

Dec. 17, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service - 128

Sunday School - 48

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2427.00
Missions	\$230.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$80.00
Deacons Fund	\$200.00
Holiday Flowers	\$12.00
Christmas	\$5.00
Total:	\$2954.00

Wonderful Christmas Concert

Thank you to Sarah for a delightful evening of Christmas music and refreshments last Saturday. Thank you to Cathy Jambora for also helping. A generous \$211.00 was donated at this event and was given to Helping Hands.

Address Updates and Corrections

- Bob and Judy Groves have gone to Texas for the winter. Their winter home didn't move, but the address got changed. Please update their winter address in your directory to: 2545 S. Bentsen Palm Dr. Lot C-9
Mission, TX 78572
- Judy Bierie has a temporary address change. We will keep you posted if it needs future updates. Her cell phone is still 574-952-9075. Her room phone is 574-941-1623. Her address: Judy Bierie
Katherine Casper Life Center
P.O. Box 1, Room 268
Donaldson, IN 46513
- I have the wrong zip code in the church directory for Danny and Norma VanDoorn. Uniondale's zip code is 46791, not the one listed. Thanks!

Christmas Display



You still have an opportunity to see FBC's display along with the rest of Ouabache State Park's Wonderland of Lights. It will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night through Sunday, December 31. A \$5.00 donation is collected at the Main Gate which goes to support the state park.

Thank You

- Thank you FBC for your continued support in this semester's finals! It is always a great feeling to know your church family is still thinking about you while you are away at school. Finals and school wouldn't be the same without your live and encouragement. Love in Christ and Merry Christmas, Spencer Tonner
- Thank you very much for the care package! I enjoyed all the goodies and since I commute from home, the \$30 came in handy for gas! Much Thanks, Alexis Collins



Help Needed

It's crazy to think about already taking down Christmas decorations! Please mark your calendar for January 7. We will stay right after the worship service to take down and put away the church decorations.



Photos of Christmas Caroling

We had a fun time singing and visiting with our homebound friends last Sunday. Thank you to all who filled their goody bags, which were delivered.

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Les will be on vacation December 25 – January 1. If you need pastoral care during that time, please call a deacon. Also, there will not be a newsletter next week. On Sunday, Dec. 31, Brandon Evans will bring us the morning message. For those of you that don't know Brandon, he is Rodger and Joyce Evans' son. He grew up in the church and served several years as the Director of Student Ministries.



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:
First Church of Christ
Pastor David Baynes

First Baptist Church

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fbcbluffton.com

 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell
Cell phone: 260-273-9073
Music Director: Sarah Landell
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

Sunday:
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