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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*Dec. 20, 2023*

## **STAY CONNECTED**

Have you ever experienced the frustration of pulling out your phone to send one simple text, only to find that your phone has died? Technology was designed to help us do wonderful things, but if we don't keep them connected to their power source, they will soon be dead and their power will be gone.

Jesus tells us to treat our relationship with Him in a similar way. He says that He is the vine, while we are the branches. And if we truly love Him, we will follow Him closely every day of our lives. This means staying connected to Him through reading the Bible, through prayer, and through spending time with those who also follow Him. Going to church on a Sunday morning or Christmas Eve is a great way to stay connected, but our relationship with Jesus has to be more than just attendance in worship. We must stay connected to Christ each day. Because when we stay connected to our source of power, we will experience the abundant life God wants to give us.

Together with you,

Les



(adapted from "30 Promises of God" devotional)


**THIS SUNDAY**




**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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. Our offering from this service will all go to the local Helping Hands.

God fills us with hope, so that we can give that hope away to others. How is hope transmitted? Simply by letting the light of Christ inside of us shine through to others, drawing them to Jesus. The Savior is the only one who can impart true and lasting hope. Let the light of Jesus blaze in you and through you.



**Teachers for Sunday  
December 24, 2023**

**Kids' Time**

Deb Klopfenstein  
Logan and Hunter Zoll

**LOL**

Remain in service

**Dec. 17 , 2023**

**Stewardship**

General Budget	\$2,795.00
Building Maintenance	\$140.00
Missions	\$200.00
Deacons	\$25.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,185.00</b>





⇒ Sunday, December 31 - Pastor Les will take this Sunday off. We will welcome Pastor Rob Schlatter to bring the message that day.

⇒ Sunday, January 7 - We will take down the Christmas decorations right after the worship service. Please stay and help if you are able.



⇒ Wednesday, January 10 - Adventure Kids and Youth Bible Study start for the new year. They meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.



*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:9-11*

River Terrace  
Karen West  
Carolyn McBride



*Remember Our  
Homebound Friends*

Christian Care  
Bob Hiester

Ossian Healthcare  
Ted Shady

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## **Sunday**

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**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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