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First Baptist Church Newsletter

December 24, 2025



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you has an amazing week with family and friends as you celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. I don't know about all of you, but there are different Christmas traditions that either side of my family observes when we get together each year. One side of the family likes to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus complete with a birthday cake and a candle. No, they don't try to put over two thousand candles on a cake, but that would be quite the sight. While the other side of my family likes to read Luke 2:1-21 before opening presents. In both cases Jesus and His story is put deliberately into the festivities, because ultimately it is through Jesus that we can celebrate with joyful hearts.

Of course, we live in an era now that is eagerly awaiting the return of the king. Whether due to the grand stage of global events or the very personal level of our everyday life. Thank God he cares for each of us wherever we find ourselves. I pray that this Christmas season God gives each one of us peace and rest. A time to enjoy the things we have been blessed with. Merry Christmas everyone and I'll leave you with the words of Jesus in John 14:27.


²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

God Bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild





Our Christmas Eve Offering will be going into the deacons fund to help those in our church going through hard times.



Thank you to the Christmas Eve decorators that helped after church on Sunday. We appreciate the time you gave to complete the finishing touches on the sanctuary.
- Helen

Teachers for Sunday
Sunday, December 28, 2025

<p>Kids' Time Deb Klopfenstein & Hunter Zoll</p>		<p>LOL Judy Wanner</p>
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Stewardship

December 21, 2025

General Budget	\$6,815.00
Building Maintenance	\$140.00
Missions	\$180.00
Holiday Flower	\$21.00
Holiday	\$20.00
Total	\$7,176.00



Winter Jam 2026

Join us on **Thursday, March 26**, for an unforgettable night at Winter Jam 2026! The event will take place from 5:00–11:00 PM at the **Allen County War Memorial Coliseum** in Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:00 PM.

We welcome all youth in 6th grade and up to attend. Donations are appreciated to help make this night possible for everyone.

To ensure every student has a spot before tickets sell out, we will be purchasing **reserved seats at \$40 per person**.

We can't wait to experience this incredible night together!



Looking Ahead

Right after worship service on January 4, we will take down the Christmas Decorations. Please stay and help if you are able.

Men's Bible Study will resume Thursday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome! We meet in the basement and the study lasts about one hour.

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.

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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