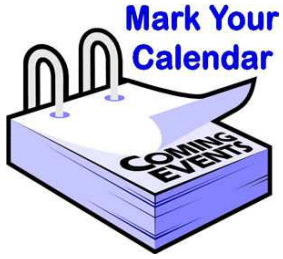


Indoor meals, meetings, and activities cancelled due to Covid-19 virus



- January 1 - New Year's Day, church office closed
- January 3 - Sunday School drive up service, 9:30 am
- January 10 - Sunday School drive up service, 9:30 am
- January 17 - Sunday School drive up service, 9:30 am
- January 17 - Deacons Meeting, conference call, 12:15 pm
- January 24 - Sunday School drive up service, 9:30 am
- January 31 - Sunday School drive up service, 9:30 am

Happy Anniversary!

1/15 Charles and Bobbie Harrill - 71 yrs




for the families of ...

Christine Shultz who passed away. She is
Bonnie Sargent's sister
Ina Haigler who passed away.

The church office will be closed on Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

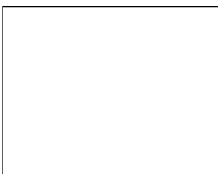


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Resource Recording Team (cancelled)

Monday, Jan 4, 2020

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, Jan 11, 2020

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, Jan 18, 2020

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, Jan 25, 2020

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Dec 6, 2020

Sunday School - Canc

Worship Service - Radio

Sunday, Dec 20, 2020

Sunday School - Canc

Worship Service - Radio

Sunday, Dec 13, 2020

Sunday School - Canc

Worship Service - Radio

Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

Sunday School - Canc

Worship Service - Radio

Sunday, Jan 3, 2020 (cancelled)

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2's & 3's: Angela Cockerton/Leah Melvin

Children's Church: TBA

Church Security: Jason Coen

Greeters: Janice Coen/Mary Joyner/Debbie Knight

Sunday, Jan 10, 2020 (cancelled)

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2's & 3's: Debbie McIver/Sally Pierce

Children's Church: Judy Harrelson/Lea Dietch

Church Security: Kenneth Robinette

Greeters: Janice Coen/Judy Harrelson/Steve and Cynthia Morris

Sunday, Jan 17, 2020 (cancelled)

Nursery: Mary Joyner

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette

Children's Church: Bobbie Sue Ormsby/Madison Jenkins

Church Security: Clay Ewing/Graham Jenkins

Greeters: Janice Coen/Frances Godwin/Bobbie Sue Ormsby/Elaine Wilson

Sunday, Jan 24, 2020 (cancelled)

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Debbie Knight/Mary Catherine Moree

Children's Church: Debbie McIver/Kathy Griffis

Church Security: Joey Moree

Greeters: Janice Coen/Mandy Allen/Dennis Holloway

Sunday, Jan 31, 2020 (cancelled)

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Debbie Knight/Mary Catherine Moree

Children's Church: Debbie McIver/Kathy Griffis

Church Security: Joey Moree

Greeters: Janice Coen/Mandy Allen/Dennis Holloway



As we enter another calendar year, we are filled with hope and optimism to handle the challenges before us. Considering these

challenges, we can take great comfort from God's Word that He is sovereign. God reigns in power, majesty, beauty, and splendor. I want to challenge you again to read God's Word more consistent for 2021. There are reading schedules available for you to help bring success in making this goal attainable.

For me, I consider Isaiah 6:1-8 a source of great comfort, a reminder to realign with God. Well, evidently, Isaiah is disturbed by the death of the great king. After all, he had reigned for 52 years. His death signaled the end of a time of great prosperity and consistency. For Isaiah and the entire nation, it ushered in a time of uncertainty, change and doubt. Yet, for Isaiah, this is to be a time of rediscovery. Apparently, Isaiah had his attention focused on Uzziah, but now that Uzziah is dead, his attention is redirected back to God. What must have been a down time in the prophet's life became an uptime. That which had his attention was removed and Isaiah had a fresh encounter with God. What happened to Isaiah in this event spotlights for us what we need during the challenging times we face.

See God's Glory in verses 1-4; See Your sin in verse 5; See God's cleansing in verses 6-7; and then see your responsibility in sharing the Good News of Salvation in verse 8.

These verses help redirect us back to our vital relationship with God. Don't focus your eyes and energy on the stuff; focus on the Savior. Have a fabulous and wonderful New Year in service to our Creator, Savior, Sustainer.

Blessings, Jack





1/1 Peggy Harris
 1/3 Michael Beal
 1/13 Vivian Hilton
 1/16 Jerry Garris
 1/21 Lisa Lee
 1/29 Nicholas Ewing

1/2 Fumiko Davis
 1/4 Ben Moss
 1/14 Grey Goodwin
 1/16 Elaine Callicutt
 1/27 Jeannea Lemoine
 1/30 Betty Davis

1/3 Louise Ervin
 1/5 John Dawkins
 1/15 Dicky Smith
 1/17 Mark Cockerton
 1/28 Laurene Ennis
 1/30 Payton Pope



Over two thousand years ago, God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, a gift that brought God and humanity closer together. God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ, offered the power of being with us. According to Matthew's Gospel, one of the names given to Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

God sent His perfect gift all those years ago, however quite a few people have strayed away from His ever-present grace and mercy, using idols of the world to fill their emptiness. Although, we have hurt God through sin and separation, God has remained dutifully near us, urging us to return to Him.

The year of 2020 tried to separate us. Fear of a very real virus caused us to quarantine, remain 6 feet apart when in public, wear masks and scare us into our homes. Political separation has cause opinions to be louder and relationships to sever.

Yet, while physically separated, people have had extra time to spare. We have delved into hobbies and passions, picked up our bibles more frequently, prayed harder, and used our time more wisely. We found a connectedness with our families (slowing down to enjoy quality time with one another including family meals). We began to reach out to loved ones and friends through digital media or means of distanced communication.

Through COVID-19, God brought us together. God uses everything for His good. Humanity has come to realize that we are still in desperate need of a personal relationship with God through the savior, Jesus Christ because of the state the world is in.

I urge you to embrace 2021! Continue to seek out relationships. Be there for those who have a need. Show the love of Jesus Christ through your daily walk. Reach out to those you do not get to see or speak to as often to show them your care. Shinning a little bit of God's light onto others may light a flame you do not know needed burning. Happy New Year!

In Memory

Butch Strickland
 Gary and Deanna Wyatt

Evelyn Marks
 Fred Marks

BT Phillips
 Susan Wheeler

Ina Haigler
 Gloria McLaughlin
 WMU Group 1, FBC
 Susan Wheeler
 Marjorie Rainey
 Margaret Day
 Tommy and Annie Thompson
 Buzzy and Velinda Dismukes
 Carl and Brenda Mabe
 Steve and Cynthia Morris





Christmas is the season for giving. Because God gave the world His son and our Savior, we also have the privilege, the blessing, and the responsibility to give our prayers and money to support Baptist Missionaries who seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through multiple avenues around the globe. Such a monumental task requires participation from every believer, and at FBC we have the opportunity to support missions through two Baptist groups:

- The Global Missions Offering (CBF)
- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (SBC)

Please designate your gifts to either missions organization.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

Giving Summary	November 2020	December 2020
General Fund	32,540	69,963
Challenge to Maintain	0	0
Missions (CBF)	45	0
Missions (SBC)	300	0
Memorials & Honor	745	822
Radio Ministry	800	800
Fellowship (Wed Meals)	0	0
Heating and Air Cond.	245	290
Organ Fund	75	50
Baptist Men	0	0
Sound/Light/Sponsor	400	400
Ramp Fund	500	0
Lottie Moon	0	325
Local Missions	0	50
Total Gifts	35,650	72,700
Budget req. to date		341,420
Gifts to date		339,204
YTD req. under actual gifts		(2,216)
% giving to req.		99%

Tithes and Offerings

As the Covid-19 virus continues to alter our church activities, we want to remind you to keep your financial obligations to First Baptist Church as current as possible. Also, do not forget payments and pledges toward the HVAC loan. As you continue to either mail or drop-off your gifts we want to thank you for your support.

Finance Committee



Wednesday Night Cook Teams

Due to ongoing efforts to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus, all Wednesday Night Meals are cancelled until further notice.