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The Church Office will be closed

Thursday, December 25th .

Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Monday,
December 22

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm 4:00pm
Friday
9:00 am - noon
Staff Meeting
Monday 1:30 pm



The Church Staff would like to wish
everyone a very
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Pastor Robb, Chris Roth
Steve Livingston, Pam Caruthers
Michelle Gaines David Thrasher
Val Waggoner



Monday, December 8TH
11:30 am-5:30 pm
FBC FLOC Building

Youth Christmas Party!

Wednesday, December 17th

Everyone wear your P.J.'s - Breakfast is on the Menu!

Collision Youth 6:30 pm - Scavenger Hunt

Prayer Warriors

Gifts for school personnel need to be in the office by

Wed. Dec. 10th

YAH Crafters

10:45 am Thurs. Dec. 11th

Assembling gifts for delivery
to schools



Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering-Goal \$13,500
Will be collected through the month of December

The Christmas Mailbox



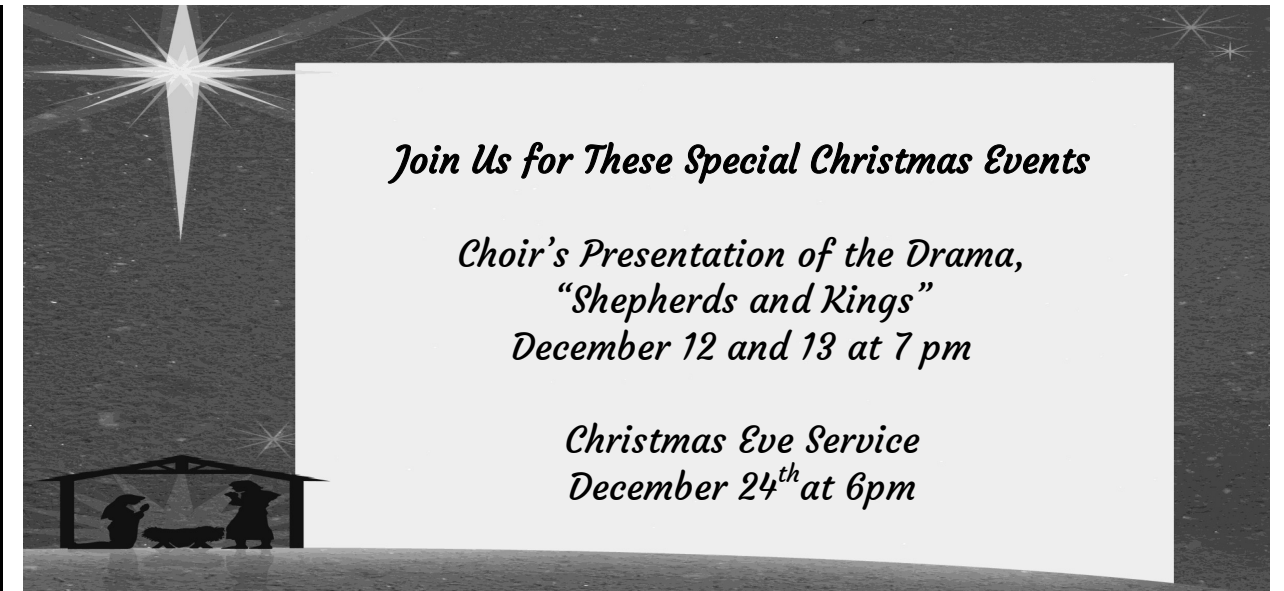
The mail box is set up across from the office
window for your convenience to give cards to others.
Please remember that the postage you save may be given
to Missions.

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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known



Activities for children and their Families

Team Kids invites the Children's families to
the Christmas Party to enjoy pancakes,
singing, games and learning on
Dec 17th at 6pm

FBC's and 123's Christmas
program is
Dec. 18th at 10:15 am



Winter Devotionals & magazines are available in the Gathering Area.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are quickly approaching the Advent Season, and our thoughts turn to celebration of the coming of the Christ child. I understand, to some degree, the sentiments of an older pastor, who states that he doesn't like this season because we're preaching the same sermons year after year. Yet, these passages still have something new for us year after year, if we allow the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the old story.

Year after year we need the message of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, no matter how familiar it is to us. God, who created the world, desires to have a personal relationship with us. In order to do that, He sent his Son to live, love, and die for us. During this season we celebrate the incarnation, Immanuel, God with us.

Come celebrate with us!

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead in December

December	2	7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
December	3	5:30 pm RAK Evangelism Class 6:30 Community Youth @ FCC
December	4	5:30 YAH Christmas Outing
December	6	8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast
December	7	Advent of Peace 12:00 pm Deacon's & Wives Banquet 4:00 pm Women's Christmas Fellowship
December	8	11:30 am-5:30 pm Bloodmobile FLOC
December	10	Prayer Warrior Gifts are due in office Usual Wed. Night Activities
December	11	10:45 am YAH Crafters Assembling/ Delivering gifts to schools 11-7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing At Walmart
December	12	"Shepherds and Kings"
December	13	"Shepherds and Kings"
December	14	Advent of Joy 4:30 pm Carry Out Dinners 5:00 pm Church Wide Christmas Meal 6:00 pm Business Meeting
December	17	6:00 pm Team Kids Christmas Party 6:30 pm Collision Youth Scavenger Hunt, Christmas party
December	18	10 :15 am FBC's & 123's Christmas Program
December	21	Advent of Love
December	24	6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
December	25	Christmas Day-Office Closed
December	28	Lord's Supper

Annual Christmas Church Dinner

Sunday Dec. 14th

Come & Stay for the Business Meeting

Carry out or Dine In options

4:30 pm Carryout Meals Ready for pick-up

5:00 –6:00 pm Dine In

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sign Up in the Gathering Area or call the church office

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
CHURCH FAMILY

Charles Ritchey Jordan Potter Chastity O'Neal Mae Cooper

Karen Lawrence Tharran Gaines

Jeff Schwinn Oscar Bronson Del Thatch Bill & Jan Bowman

Gerald Swearingen Wayne Dingman Russ Bennett

Maksim Bary Jim Coon

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Michael Stewart & family, son of Kevin Stewart ,

Sally Burkholder, sister of Linda Jones , Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Chris & Dana Sheat

Gary Gordon, friend of Lynn Ann and Ron Sandberg

Tamee Kreek, daughter of Jeff and Barbara Schwinn

Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter Bruce Belline, friend of Tom Main

Becky Saddler, sister of Barb Gaines

Jim Kinney, brother & Tyler Sportsman, son of Sheila & Gary Stevens

Suzanne Hill, wife of Drew Hill Irene Vancil, mother of Pam Manitz

Susan Ball, sister of Oscar Bronson & Anna Voorhees

Christina Perkins, daughter of Oscar Bronson

Ryan Danley, brother of Jimetta Thomas Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls

Karen Mosher, cousin of Stephanie Siebert Brenda McKay, sister of Chris

Lisa Mitchem, friend of Jolene LeeMasters

Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope

Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees Jeanie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn

Janelle Vice, daughter/in/law of Harvey Vice

Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris

Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff

MILITARY/1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Bryce Greer, Air Force, Washington State, nephew of Chris & Dana Sheat

Major Thomas Rossiter, Pentagon, Washington D.C. grandson of Sue Hobson

Amanda Dunford, Navy, VA, family of Russ & Rita Bennett

Brian Jenkins, Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat

Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache

Richard Jones - Army-Washington, son of Linda Jones

Mark Jones –Navy– Texas, son of Linda Jones

Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed!

December 11th

11 am–7 pm at

Lamar Wal-Mart

sign Up in the Gathering Area or call the church office

Our Deepest Sympathy To:

in the recent passing of Judy Abernathy

And

Linda Ewers at the passing of David Ewers

And

Harold VanDeMark at the passing of Althea

Music/ Family Ministries

For many of us, Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, a time to be spent with family and friends...a festive, happy time. But for others, the same holiday season only serves to underscore the loneliness, pain, and hopelessness of their own lives.

On **December 12th and 13th at 7:00pm**, we will be presenting the musical drama, **"*Shepherds and Kings*"**.

In our story, Susanna King's bright spirit and love for life overrides her circumstances; you see, Susanna has been recently diagnosed with cancer. But in spite of bad news and challenging times, she lives with the joy of Christmas in her heart. Mrs. Shepherd, bitter because of the sadness and loneliness in her life, needs to see God's love expressed though the patience and kindness of Susanna King. Share the hope and good news of Christmas with our church and community this year, through our presentation of **"*Shepherds and Kings*"**.

Steve



New Office Hours Effective
December 1st

Monday—Thursday

9AM—Noon 1 PM – 4 PM

Friday 9 AM—Noon

December Homebound

Please Keep the following in your prayers and send them a card, text or email of encouragement.

Rosmarie M^cMullen, Howard Smith, Dorothy Todd,
Junior Hammons, Joyce Stone,
Justine M^cManis and Nancy Bowman



Congratulations to

Phajjia and Rylan Wooldridge on the birth of
Ryker Michael Duval Wooldridge on November 14, 2025.
Grandparents are Kristi Gordan and Dean Westbay

And

Isaac Reed and Kenzi Pink on the birth of Zaenan Scott
Reed on Novembe3r 21, 2025.

Grandparents are Larry & Gina Reed

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Because of our church family's generosity, a total of 308 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled by individuals, our youth and children during their Packing Parties.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped during Collection Week, serving **45 Volunteer hours with 11 workers**. Our church served as a Drop-Off Site during Collection Week and there were **1,163** shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to children all over the world.

Each child who receives a shoebox will have an opportunity to hear about God and His love for them. Please pray for these children and those who will deliver the shoeboxes.

Please pick up your coolers from the Fellowship Hall. Thank You to all that helped in any way to

Vital Signs for November, 2025

Average Attendance for November
Morning Worship - 261
Sunday School - 149

Treasurer's Financial Report for October
Total Income: \$53,578.69
Total Expenditures: \$62,305.92