

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

December 21, 2014 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Prelude	<i>"Do You Hear What I Hear?"</i>	Handbells
Welcome, Registration & Announcements		
Call To Worship	<i>"Wonderful Counselor"</i>	Kingdom Kids
Lighting of the Advent Candle - Love		
<i>Candle Lighters: Sharon & Sydney Terrell</i>		
<i>Scripture: Psalm 103:8-18</i>		
*Hymns	<i>"The Birthday of a King"</i>	#284
	<i>"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"</i>	#292
Invocation and Lord's Prayer		Deacon Bill Hudson
Offering	<i>"Carol of the Bells"</i>	Handbells
*Doxology		#815
Prayer Reflection	<i>"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i>	Handbells
Morning Prayer		Pastor Nathan
Special Music	<i>"The Little Drummer Boy"</i>	Kingdom Kids
	<i>(Children are dismissed to Children's Worship following the Special Music)</i>	
Scripture		Matthew John 1:14
Message	<i>"In Our Neighborhood"</i>	Pastor Nathan
*Hymn of Response	<i>"Love Has Come!"</i>	#256
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

** You are invited to stand if able*

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*\*\* The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout the service for prayer. \*\**

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

**This Week's Calendar**

**Today** 9:30 a.m. .... Handbell Practice  
*December 21* 9:30 a.m. .... Children's Christmas Program  
10:40 a.m. .... Morning Announcements  
10:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. .... Caroling

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Service  
*December 24*

**Thursday** MERRY CHRISTMAS  
*December 25* CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
*December 26*



**Next Week's Scripture Reading:**

**Birthdays This Week**

December 22 Brandt Hudson  
December 24 Sue Eccles  
December 28 Donna Miller  
Mark Mullins



*If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.*



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Next Week's Volunteers – December 28, 2014

Sound System.....Eric Moody
 Prayer Kathy Ham
 Children's Worship..... Sandy Clark & Andrew Templeton

December Volunteers

Greeters Bob Templeton & Tonya Hudson
 Usher of the Month Debra Hudson
 Deacon of the MonthBill Hudson
 Trustee of the Month..... Greg Flinn

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,
 PLEASE find someone to take your place!***

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*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

**Attendance**

Sunday School.....  
 Morning Worship Service .....109

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund ..... \$3,147.01  
 Facility Usage ..... \$150.00  
 Food Pantry..... \$100.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Actual Income ..... \$221,097.21  
 Regular Expenses ..... \$203,836.11



## **New Ministry Opportunities!**

We are seeking new ways God is working in our lives and where he is leading the church. Please pray for ways God may be calling you to be a part of the following, or maybe he is speaking to you about a new ministry you can share with us!

### **Music Ministry**

We are seeking ways to teach guitar to multiple students. If you are interested in participating, by provide instruments, instruction or learning how to play an instrument, please contact Braden Hudson. We are going to start with guitar and see where God takes us from there. Please be praying for God's will to be revealed as we seek new ways to serve and praise him as the body of Christ.

### **Tutoring Ministry**

Could you help tutor students after school one evening? If so, please contact Braden and Tasha Hudson and let us know when you are available.

### **Exercise Ministry**

We're excited about an aerobic exercise program called Faithful Workouts! These DVDs combine Christian music with Bible verses and faith encouragement while leading us through a great cardio routine. (You can preview the sessions by signing up at [www.faithfulworkouts.com](http://www.faithfulworkouts.com)) If you are interested in participating, or feel confident in pushing play on a DVD player, please let Tasha Hudson or Sandy Clark know. Group aerobics will be offered for free in the CLC.



We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.

### **Prayer Concerns of the Week**

Persecuted Christians around the world

Buck Baker (*Friend of Cheri Campbell*)

Virgil Bland (*Friend of Paul Stewart*)

Steve Buccola

Jimmy Hensley (*Nephew of Sue Sanford*)

Janice Holt

Carla Hovey (*Friend of Cheri Campbell*)

“Jay” (*Co-worker of Sarah Riggins*)

Diana Lahmann (*friend of Cheri Campbell*)

Captain Chuck LaSota (Ret) & Family

Kay & Don Pierce

Herschel & Lee Pittman (*Sue Sanford’s brothers*)

Lance Seever (*Cheri Campbell’s brother*)

Charlie Stahl

Kyle Witmer & Family (*ABC Missionaries to Thailand*)

For Peace on Earth– Psalm 46:9

US Military personnel around the world



## **Caroling – December 21**

Join us tonight at 5pm to go caroling with your church family as we bring the Good News of Christmas to those around us. Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



**Going Caroling**

## **New Year's Eve Party – December 31**

Join us Wednesday evening, December 31, from 7pm-Midnight to celebrate the New Year with fun, games, and your church family.

## **Christmas Poinsettias**



The decorating committee will be ordering poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase one for yourself or in memory/honor of a loved one please fill out the order form FOUND ON THE LIBRARY COUNTER. The cost is \$8.25 each and payable at the time of ordering. Please place your order form and payment on Brenda's desk or give it directly to Betty Miller.

## **Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner – January 4, 2015**

Delene Weeks is going on a mission trip to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in April. FBC will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for her after church on Sunday, January 4. Please stay for the meal and help us support Delene as she takes this step of faith.

## **Ladies Retreat – January 24, 2015**

FBC will host the 2nd annual "Hearts in Service" Retreat on Saturday, January 24th, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is based on Matthew 19:26, "With God All Things Are Possible." Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$12.00 which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the conference. Bill Hudson and our awesome Baptist men will be preparing a delicious luncheon for us. Plan to join us for music, prayer, drama, and fellowship. Registration forms are available on the Library counter. Registration deadline is January 10, 2015. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Retreat" in the memo line. Hope to see you there. Invite a friend. Questions can be directed to Debra Hudson or Cheri Campbell.

## Coming January 11

Our Sunday Night Campfire will start a new 6 week study on Jan. 11th. Titled “gods at war” it addresses the idols that are vying for our love and attention. Think you don’t have idols in your life? You should come hear what Kyle Idleman has to say about it! Combat Journals are optional, pre-orders will be taken through Jan

## Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and during my slow recovery at home. We just ask God to bless each and every one of you.

Thanks,  
Charlie and Judy Stahl

## An Announcement About Announcements!

There are many good announcements that need to be made to the congregation on a Sunday morning, but sometimes our announcement time gets away from us. If you need to make an announcement prior to the worship service, we ask that you...

1. Please let the Moderator (Norm Sullivan) know in advance that you'll need to make an announcement.
2. Please make sure your announcement is relevant to the whole congregation, not just to a specific group.
3. Please make a good effort to keep your announcement as brief as possible.

Thanks for helping us keep the announcement time smooth so that we can prepare for worship together.

Norm and Nathan





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