

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*  
December 24, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.



**Welcome/Prayer**

John Bailey

**Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love**

*Candle Lighters: Steve & Cheri Graf and Family*

*Scripture Reading: John 3:16-17*

**Hymns**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* #249  
*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* #277  
*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* #259  
*(v. 1, 2 & 5)*

**Offering**

**Doxology\***

#815

**Morning Prayer**

**Special Music**

*“We Three Kings”*

The Trio

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 12:1-17

**Message**

*“When God Gives Birth”*

Nathan Brooks

**Closing Hymn\***

*“Joy to the World”*

#270

**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. \*\**

**This Week's Calendar**

**Today**            9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*December 24*      10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                        10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship  
                        6:00 p.m..... Christmas Eve Service

**Monday**                                  **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

*December 25*

**Tuesday**            6:00 p.m..... Cottage Prayer Group

*December 26*

**Wednesday**      6:30 p.m..... Flames

*December 27*

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***Birthdays this week:***

December 24    Sue Eccles  
December 28    Donna Miller  
                        Mark Mullins  
December 31    Bruce Porter  
                        Tiffany Brooks

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*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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**\*\*\*There is no Children's Worship today.\*\*\***

## Next Week's Volunteers – December 31

Prayer ..... Ginger Stewart  
 Sound System..... Eric Moody  
 Children's Worship..... No Children's Worship  
 Nursery..... Open but unstaffed

## January Volunteers

Deacon of the Month ..... Jason Nicholson  
 Trustee of the Month..... Greg Flinn  
 Usher of the Month .....  
 Greeters ..... Anne & Brad Ellis

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



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### A Look at Last Week

**Attendance**

Sunday School ..... 71  
 Morning Worship Service..... 121

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$3,288.00  
 Bright Beginnings ..... \$100.00  
 Library Fund ..... \$400.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Income ..... \$231,942.87  
 Expenses..... \$241,001.68  
 Net Income..... \$-9,058.81



## **New Bible Study**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins January 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with Nathan leading. All are welcome!

## **Leadership Retreat**

All deacons and church council members are encouraged to participate in a retreat here at the church on Saturday, January 6, from 9AM to 3PM. Lunch will be provided. The purpose of the retreat is to discuss the theme "love your neighbor" and generate questions to help us discover how we might more effectively love our neighbors, as individuals and as a church. We will begin in the sanctuary. If you are not a member of the council or deacons, please join us in praying for this day, that we would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## **Thank you**

Rex and I offer our sincere thanks to our church family for helping us in so many ways the past few weeks. Your cards, calls, food, transportation and especially prayers all have been heartfelt. God bless you all for showing us His love.

Thank you kindly for the nice Christmas gift that was presented to me by John Bailey on Thursday. That was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated. I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

Brenda Nichols

