

TO OUR GUESTS

**Welcome to First Baptist Church!** We’ve compiled a list of a few things you might find helpful, especially if this is your first visit. We are excited about how the Holy Spirt is working through our church and we would love to share the journey with you!

**What We Do** Everything we do here can be summarized by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We live to love Jesus and others well because He first loved us (Romans 5:8). As a result, we earn the privilege to share our faith with others. Once someone comes into a relationship with Christ, we encourage them to grow through the process of discipleship.

**Where to Start** Be sure to check out the Welcome Desk. Our friendly volunteers will connect you to information about the various ministries we offer. We would love for you to fill out a communication card so we can keep in touch - we promise not to call during dinner!

**Kids** We love kids and have something for kids, baby through high school. Whether you want to keep them with you in the worship service or send them to be with ones of similar age, we’re cool either way. During the Sunday School hour, children up to 5th grade meet upstairs. Children through fifth grade may remain in Children’s Ministry while their caregiver worships during the 11:00 service.

**Bible Study** The Bible is pretty awesome. We offer a wide-variety of Bible studies on Sunday morning for all ages. A brochure of these opportunities is at the Welcome Desk.

ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School—All	62
Worship Service	70
Lighthouse 11 am	10

UPCOMING EVENTS  
Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday  
9:30 am  
11:00 am  
11:00 am

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service  
Lighthouse—Children’s Ministry

Monday  
7:00 pm

Praise Team Rehearsal

Tuesday  
900 am

Circle Fellowship

Wednesday  
6:15 pm

Worship Choir Rehearsal

God’s Reasons for Christmas

Rev. Bruce M. Conley – Director of Missions, BRBA

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus - who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2: 5-11 (NIV)

THE R\_\_\_\_\_of Christmas - GOD \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

THE R\_\_\_\_\_of Christmas - GOD \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

He was born like us. Matthew 2:1

He grew up like us. Luke 2:52

He was tempted like us. Matthew 4:1

He suffered like us. Matt. 26:38

THE R\_\_\_\_\_for Christmas – JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s love.

Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.

THE R\_\_\_\_\_of Christmas – JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_ !!

What should my response be to Christmas?


- \* I acknowledge that Christ is really God (Triune God)
- \* I believe that He is Master of everything
- \* I commit all of my life to Him!

"If you confess with your mouth, 'JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be the saved." (Romans 10:9)

The Worship of God


December 7, 202511:00 AM

Opening	Just Another Christmas	Congregation
Prelude	Organ	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #78	Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming	Congregation
*Praise Song	Angels from the Realm of Glory	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Pastor Bruce Conley
Welcome and Greeting		Pastor Bruce Conley
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn #86	O Little Town of Bethlehem	Congregation
Lighting of Advent Candle		Stacy Steinhaus
*Praise Song	Heaven Everywhere	Congregation
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	“Why do we do this?”	Video
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Bruce Conley
Offertory		
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	Call His Name Jesus	Worship Choir
Sermon	God’s Reasons for Christmas	Pastor Bruce Conley
Communion		Pastor Bruce Conley
*Benediction		Pastor Bruce Conley
*Response of Fellowship	O Come All Ye Faithful	Congregation




The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministry Team and Their Families; Unity within Our Church Body; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Church Volunteers; The Lighthouse Children’s Ministry; Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Sandy Schrock and family; Ginny Greene and family; Sungheui Bae-Park and family; Ken Whitmore; Mickey Late; Vicki Pressel’s mother; Lori Williamson’s Dad (Bob Hartman); Joan and Bill Golliday’s son; Sharon Rectanus’ brother; Lucky Brittain; Ron and Jean Banta; W.R. Bryant; Gene and Phyllis Thomas; Rus and Yon Hwa Kuck; Pat and Dan Johns; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Barbara Wetzel; Santford and Janice Williams’ family; The Krauss family; Liz & Tom Brady and family; Phyllis Dinsmore’s family; Jon Hunt; Sandy Haller’s family; Linda Collins; Rene Peoples; our community; Military Personnel and Families; our country; our world; and we pray that we listen and take action as God directs us. Please contact Peggy Van Bibber at [peggyvb@aol.com](mailto:peggyvb@aol.com) to add to the prayer list, to update the prayer list, or if a specific prayer is no longer needed.

## MISSIONS December



*‘I felt the love of Jesus through the shoebox!’*  
**Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child**  
 Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PACKED OR DONATED ONLINE! We packed over 40 boxes!

**Lottie Moon Offering**  
 Our offering sends and supports missionaries worldwide. We will be inviting a missionary to visit and share their story. Our Goal this year is \$5,000. Contact: Janeen Littrell

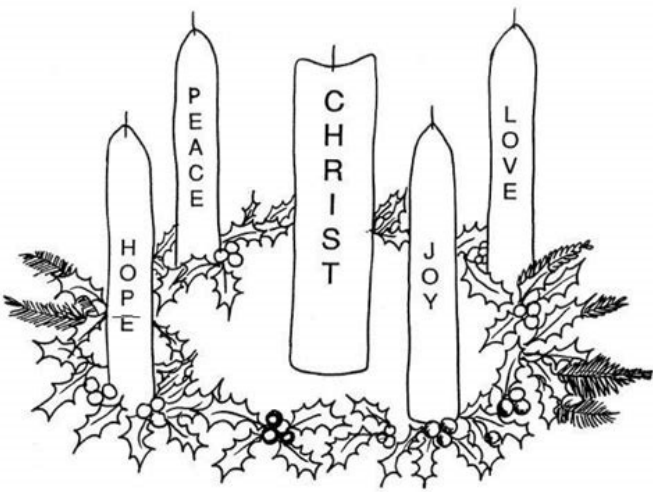


**The Mitten Tree is BACK!**  
 Please take the time to sign up and sponsor a child or a caregiver for Christmas. We have a few children from the Department of Human Services as well as a few children from Little Lights that need a sponsor for Christmas. Each mitten has the age/gender of the child and the information about what that child would like for Christmas. Please take that paper in the mitten and bring back the gift UNWRAPPED by **December 14th**. We will wrap these gifts that Sunday and then deliver them to the families. Please attach the paper to all of the gifts that you bring back. THANK YOU for supporting families in our community this Christmas season.

**Food Pantry** Donate non-perishable food items to support the Frederick community and the Frederick County Department of Social Services (DSS). There is a collection box left of the Welcome Desk.


### 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Peace Candle

Luke 2:13-14  
 says “*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men on whom God’s favor rests.’*”



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children’s Christmas Shopping TODAY!**  
 On December 7th we are taking the children Christmas Shopping for their family and friends. We will leave the building at 9:30am, go to the Dollar Store, and then come back to the building to wrap gifts. If you are interested in having your child participate there is a sign up sheet at the Children’s registration desk. We WILL be using the church bus that morning. Your child will also need \$2 per person for who they would like to buy gifts for and a list of who they are buying gifts for.




**Birthday Party for Jesus!**  
 On December 21st the children’s ministry will have a birthday celebration for Jesus! We will start at 10am and we will have cupcakes, ice cream, games, fun Christmas movies, and a Christmas craft. Please bring your child and have them invite a friend!

**Looking For Volunteers**  
 We are looking for people who like to eat goldfish crackers, don't mind loud singing, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with everyone that they meet! Our children's ministry is a small group but we plan to grow and we need your help. Please stop by the children's welcome table outside of the children's ministry to get info on how you can be a part of a fun team.

**Wednesday Night Children's Missions Program**  
 We’re taking a short break from this program for now, but don’t worry—we’ll be back when other activities start up again!

Rachel Pyles, Director Children’s Ministry

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE—COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Mailchimp** is used by the Office for church-wide emails. If you’ve never signed up but would like to receive church-wide emails, please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/34c34vf3> or use the QR code to sign up. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose. You may easily unsubscribe at any time by clicking the link at the bottom of any email that you receive.



Betsy Devilbiss, Chair of the Deacons

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**CIRCLE FELLOWSHIP**  
 9:00 AM on Tuesdays we gather at the church for fellowship and prayer. All are welcome to join.

### Constitution & By-Laws Review

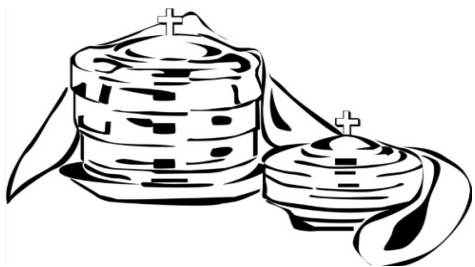
3:00 pm 11th of December in Room 200  
 6:15 pm on 18th of December in Room 200



THANK YOU!!  
 Thanks to all who came and took the time to decorate our church in celebration of Christmas. We appreciate your time to bring joy to our eyes!

### MINISTRY TEAM

Rachel Pyles	Director Children’s Ministry
Marilyn Buchen	Organist
Sungheui Bae-Park	Pianist
Betsy Devilbiss	Chair of the Deacons



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