

**Last Sunday's Record - December 1, 2019**

First Baptist SS: 237      Offering: \$34,840.41

**January 1, 2019**

Requirements:    \$1,244,046.24  
Receipts:            \$1,176,234.17  
Lottie Moon Offering: \$5,983.00

**Deacon of the Week**

12/8 - Randy Chesney    12/15 - Ward Calhoun  
12/22 - Mark Williams   12/29 - Freddie Poitevent

**RE M I N D E R**

*All 2019 contributions must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 29th or paid ONLINE or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in your 2019 contribution statement. Thank you.*

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**December 11**

Bacon-Wrapped Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Yeast Rolls, Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS: Hot Pockets**

*Adults: \$5.00    KIDS (12 and under): \$3.00  
Family Maximum \$20.00*

**SERVERS**

JoAnn Braddock    J.B. and Teresa Griffith  
Bill Simcox

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for December 8**

**PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION**

Elliot and Betsy Brewer

**LAUNCH**

Caitlin Braud    James and Donna May

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

Leonard and Betsy Cobb    Wallace and Janet Heggie

**GREETERS**

Greg and Kathryn Monsour    Brian and April Sellers

**SECURITY**

Ryan Haarala    Walter Rogers

**SUNDAY, December 8**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:00 - Library Open  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
6:00 - THE SOUNDS OF CHRSTMAS

**MONDAY, December 9**

9:30 - Week of Prayer Program/Chapel

**TUESDAY, December 10**

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Laird  
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**

4:30 - English as Second Language  
5:00 - Family Night Supper  
- YOUTH HANDBELLS  
5:30 - Young Ringers, YOUTH CHOIR  
6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs  
- D-Group Leader Training/John Temple  
- YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING/Youth Room  
6:30 - Church-Wide Lottie Moon Emphasis  
- G.A.s, R.A.s and Mission Friends  
- YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY, December 13**

6:00 - G.I.F.T.

**COUNTING**

Leslie Dunn, Chris Lauderdale, Lee Rogers,  
Freddie Poitevent, chairman

**TV MINISTRY**

Jet Scarbrough, Reed Scarbrough, Connie Calhoun,  
Brad Henry, Tim Maloney, Isabell Long, Parker Henry,  
Priscilla Scarbrough, Ray Denton

**USHER TEAM 3 - DECEMBER**

Adkins, J. Anders, J. Anderson, Covington, Dunn,  
Ellis, R. Garrett, Haarala, Heggie, G. Hill, Pettey,  
L. Rogers, W. Rogers, Sills, B. Williams

*Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor*

*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*

*Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth    Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*

*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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*The Sounds of  
Christmas*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

PRESENTED BY  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SANCTUARY CHOIR  
AND ORCHESTRA  
YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S  
CHOIRS  
ENSEMBLES**



## Church Family,

The season of Advent is a time of anticipation and—for many—  
anxiety. Each of the four Sun-  
days of Advent reminds us of

the focal truths of this Season that give us per-  
spective on our lives in light of the salvation  
heralded by our Savior’s birth. This Sunday, **the  
second Sunday of Advent**, we light the “Peace”  
candle. The peace candle always reminds me of  
a famous quote from Augustine’s *Confessions*:  
“You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts  
are restless until they can find rest in you.”  
Peace (*shalom* in Hebrew, *eirene* in Greek) is  
not ultimately understood as the *absence* of  
conflict or adversity, but as the *presence* of  
right, life-giving relationship.

True peace can only be found in the One who  
creates life and—through the sacrifice of  
Jesus—redeems it. So many of our anxieties  
highlight all of the things *other than God* that  
we pursue as the source of our peace. How  
appropriate that Jesus is prophesied as the  
“Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6), and that His earli-  
est followers speak of having a “peace that  
surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7)!  
Believing in Jesus may not make all of your situ-  
ations understandable, but it *can* provide a  
peace beyond your understanding.

As we light the Peace candle this Sunday, may  
we be reminded that despite all that is wrong in  
the world, Jesus has made us *right* with God.  
That’s more than *something*; ultimately, it will  
be *everything*. Peace to you until we meet  
again.

**Shalom,  
Your Pastor**



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS December 8 - 14

**Monday, December 9**

**Missions Program FBC Chapel 9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, December 11**

**Church-wide Lottie Moon Emphasis  
Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.**

**Our Lottie Moon Offering Goal: \$58,000**

**ATTN: SENIOR CARE MINISTRY TEAM!**

**Don't forget to pick up your Christmas Treat Bag for  
your Seniors immediately after morning worship  
in the Welcome Center!**

## Children Sing of Christmas

**Wednesday,  
December 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.**

**presented by  
Preschool Choir 1  
Preschool Choir 2  
Children's Choir  
Young Ringers**



**F260**

**Would you like to be a part  
of an F260 Small Group?**

There will be a Sign Up Sheet **THIS WEEK**  
in the Welcome Center and you will be  
contacted with details!

## IMPORTANT YOUTH & PARENT MEETING!

**Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**in the Youth Room**

**PLUS Youth Christmas Party  
@ 6:30 p.m.**



Welcome to our newest member...  
Cooper Dean

## Memorials...

### Music Ministry Fund

In memory of: Myles Frank  
Merle Jeffares

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of: Justin and Brent Cobb  
In honor of: Tommy and Rita Davis  
John and Donna Temple

## Happy Birthday, Jesus Party

Sunday, December 8  
9:15 a.m. FBC GYM  
for Preschoolers and Children



**G.I.F.T.**

**Friday, December 13 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Birth through 6th Grade

Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway  
@ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, December 8**

## Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during  
the Christmas season (\$7.00) each in honor or in  
memory of someone special. Please send in this  
order form with your payment.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pick up your poinsettias after the  
Christmas Eve service.**