

Deacon of the Week

11/29 - Jet Scarbrough

12/6 - Jim Williamson

12/13 - Lee Rogers

12/20 Reed Scarbrough

12/27 - Brian Sellers

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for November 29

"Light in the Darkness"

John 1:1-5

Menu for Wednesday, December 2

(for Noon Lunch and Evening Take Out)

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,

Buttered Corn, Biscuit and Banana Pudding

KIDS: Hamburgers and Tots

Adults: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - November 29

Preschool Extended Session

Taylor Thomas

LAUNCH

Christie Daugherty Beth Lewis

Worship Welcome

Landry and Fay Adkins

Neil and Amanda Henry

Greeter

Allan and Diane Tolleson

Security Team 3

Clifford Holloway, John Anderson, Alan Lamar,

Jody Richardson, Brad Garrett

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 29

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - NO Acteens

4:30 - Youth Bible Drills

In-person Sunday School Classes have been temporarily suspended.

TUESDAY, December 1

9:30 - Even Better than Eden/Laird

WEDNESDAY, December 2

12:00 - Sr. Adult Noon Day Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

All Wednesday Night Activities have been temporarily suspended.

It's time to decorate First Baptist Church for Christmas!

If you would like to join the Flower Committee in the "hanging of the greens", please plan to come Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Green.

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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*A Season of Hope
and Expectation...*

Advent
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



A Time to Prepare.

LET'S JUST DO THIS

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord."

Exodus 12:14a

Advent is the season in The Church Year which is encompassed by the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time set aside for preparation to celebrate the birth of The Christ Child. A natural question is, "Why all the fuss about preparation? Let's just do Christmas!" But preparation is ever so important if celebration is to be meaningful.

The Jewish people of the Old Testament would never think of moving in to a time of festivities without giving attention to a time of preparation for that celebration. Remember the eleventh chapter of Exodus that deals with the event of the Passover. The children of Israel always celebrated that great event and sought never to lose sight of what God had done for them through the experience. They learned something that most of us have never discovered: the degree of meaning of an event is very much related to the degree of preparation for that event. Let me repeat this in case you missed it the first time: the degree of meaning of an event is very much related to the degree of preparation for that event. God forbid that we move in to this season of Christmas in our usual condition of huffing and puffing, frustration and total exhaustion.

Instead, I hope that we will move in to this great season with a new sense of commitment, to one another and to God, and that we will open ourselves to new experiences that will add a depth of meaning to this beautiful time of year. The time to begin preparation is right now!

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**THE SOUNDS
OF
CHRISTMAS**
at
First Baptist Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
6 O'CLOCK P.M.
presented by the
**SANCTUARY CHOIR,
ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRA**

F260 WEEK 49 READING beginning 11/29/20

Monday - Hebrews 7

Tuesday - Hebrews 8-9

Wednesday - Hebrews 10

Thursday - Hebrews 11

Friday - Hebrews 12

Memory Verses: Galatians 2:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17



The Festival of 9 Lessons Carols and Candles

Sunday, December 13th

6:00 o'clock p.m.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season in honor or in memory of someone special. Please send in this order form with your payment. **(\$10.00 each)**

Given by: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

In Memory
of: _____

In Honor
of: _____

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

Memorials...

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of: Ellen Rogers

Trinidad Ministry Fund

In memory of: Ellen Rogers



Sunday, December 6

Lottie Moon Emphasis in Morning Worship
10:30 a.m. Special Guest - Dr. Jim Futral

Monday, December 7

Week of Prayer Program FBC Chapel 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8

Homebound Visitation