



### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, November 28

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
4:30 - Bible Drills/ Youth

#### MONDAY, November 29

6:00 - Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal

#### TUESDAY, November 30

7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's  
9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

#### WEDNESDAY, December 1

4:15 - English as Second Language  
5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
YOUTH BELLS  
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR  
Young Ringers  
6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs  
6:15 - Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, and  
SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING  
(Sanctuary Renovation)  
6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s and Mission Friends)  
- R.A. Pinewood Derby  
- YOUTH WORSHIP  
7:15 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, December 2

6:45 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville

#### Special Called Business Meeting

to approve Sanctuary Renovations  
Wednesday, December 1 6:15 p.m.

#### USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman,  
J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake,  
Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour,  
Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes,  
Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson

*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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#### Deacon of the Week

11/28 - Ray Denton 12/5 - Mark Williams  
12/12 - Bobby Berg 12/19 - James May  
12/26 - Don Evans

#### Deacon's Breakfast - December 5

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

#### Sermon for Sunday, November 28

*The first Sunday of Advent*  
"What Child Is This?" Luke 3:23-38

#### Family Night Supper

#### Wednesday, December 1

Chicken Alfredo and Penne Pasta, Steamed Broccoli,  
Garlic Breadstick, Strawberry Cake

KIDS: Pizza and Applesauce

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

#### SERVERS

Denise Lewis Pam Gray  
Robert and Janet Berg

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - November 28

#### Preschool Ext. Session

Timothy and Candice  
Maloney

#### Launch

Will and Katie  
Carpenter

#### Worship Welcomers

Jimmy and Tammy  
Matthews  
Neil and Amanda Henry

#### Greeters

Allan and Diane Tolleson  
John and Gaile  
Culpepper

#### Security Team 1

Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin  
Anders, Wallace Heggie,  
Neil Henry

#### Counting Committee

Freddie Poitevent,  
*chairman*  
John Anderson,  
Lee Rogers, Susan Hill



#### Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we begin to light the candles  
of the Advent Wreath in anticipation of the  
Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

The Sounds of Christmas  
presented by the Sanctuary Choir  
and Orchestra

Youth and Children's Choirs Ensembles  
6:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Children's Happy Birthday,  
Jesus Party  
9:15 a.m.

The Festival of 9 Lessons,  
Carols and Candles  
6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Children Sing of Christmas  
Music for 3's, Preschool Choir and  
Children's Choir Young Ringers  
6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Communion Service  
5:00 p.m.



**BETTER GET READY**

*"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 special time set aside by the church for the preparation to celebrate Christmas. 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 into 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. God forbid that we move into this season of Christmas in our usual condition of huffing and puffing, frustration and total exhaustion.

Instead, I hope that we will move into 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 this preparation is right now!

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# THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS



*at First Baptist Church*

**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6 O'CLOCK P.M.**

*presented by the  
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra  
Youth and Children's Choirs  
Ensembles*



**Join us for  
The Festival of  
9 Lessons  
Carols and Candles  
Sunday, December 12  
6 o'clock p.m.**

**Happy Birthday, Jesus Party**  
**Sunday, December 12**  
**9:15 a.m. FBC GYM**  
**for Preschoolers and Children**  
**AND...don't forget to bring your**  
**Lottie Moon "Dollars"**  
**to hang on the Christmas Tree!**



## ALPHA AND OMEGA INTERWINED

Another of our beautiful Chrismon ornaments is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the



Greek alphabet, intertwined in this beautiful shape. Both letters are symbolizing divinity, the beginning (Alpha) and the end (Omega). The Chrismon Tree will be going up this week and will be ready for viewing the first Sunday of December. Make this a special part of this Advent season and come by to view these beautiful symbols of Christ.

### **Memorials...**

#### The Music Fund

In memory of: Tommy Boren  
Jane Thompson (*Jamie Presley's mother*)  
Leneal Massey (*Joe Pettey's sister*)  
Charlie Harrison (*Michael Harrison's father*)

### The Disciple's Study Calendar

**Week 49 (Nov. 29 - Dec. 3) Colossians 3**  
*Sunday School Lesson for December 5*

**CHURCH...WE CAN HELP!**  
**Church-wide Baby Shower for**  
**The Center for Pregnancy Choices**

Help us by bringing **NEW unwrapped** baby clothes, diapers, sleepers, baby wipes, blankets, etc. There is a drop off table in the Welcome Center. Please bring your baby gifts **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5.**

**Gloria Leake Sunday School Class**

