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*Serving God – Loving People*

**First Baptist  
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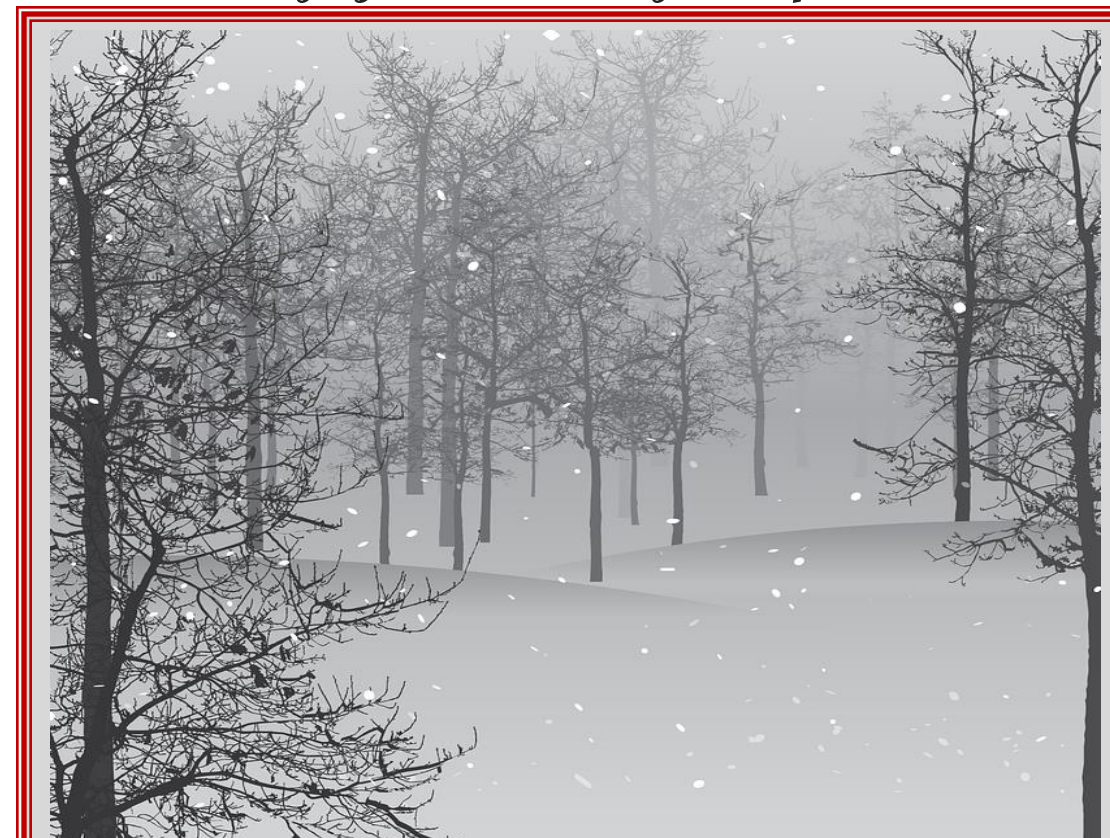
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*Happy New Year*

*You crown the year with  
 Your goodness, and Your  
 paths drip with  
 abundance. Psalm 65:11*

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**January**

- 11 – James Ward
- 14 – Wayne Haymon  
 Billy Taylor  
 Khrystian Hoffpauir  
 Travis Hillman
- 15 – Kay Brown  
 Verna Jones
- 17 – Mac Waldrop  
 William Cain
- 18 – Glenda Beebe
- 20 – Tim Tuck  
 Steve Woods

*Kaleidoscope*

*First Pineville  
 February 4, 2017  
 Cost \$40.00 by  
 Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 \$45.00 20<sup>th</sup> thru  
 31<sup>st</sup>*

**Sunday**

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
 Children's choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> GR.) 5 PM  
 RA's & I GA's (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GR) 6 PM  
 Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.

**Sunday Evening 6 PM**  
**(Beginning Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> in CLC)**

**Wednesday**

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:00-5:45 PM  
 Adults \$5.00-Children to 12 yrs. \$3.00  
 Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.  
 Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.  
 Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

**FBC State of Affairs**

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	<b>\$39,219.00</b>
Received December 4, 2016	14,614.09
Received December 11, 2016	9,298.90
Received December 18, 2016	7,128.51
Received December 25, 2016	3,727.23
Total received December 2016	34,768.73
Received January 1, 2017	8,642.50
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	<b>\$125,000.00</b>
Received to date	87,349.00
Lottie Moon Offering Goal	12,000.00
Received to Date:	9,866.40

**Sunday School Report**

	12/18	12/25	1/1
Members Present	155	<b>No Sunday</b>	
Visitors:	15	<b>School</b>	
Worship Attendance	161	149	143

**Deacons' Meeting  
 January 8, 2017  
 after PM Service**

**Youth Minister Search  
 Committee**

Our newly elected Youth  
 Minister Search Committee  
 members are: Tim Tuck,  
 Rodney Blackwell, Dustin  
 Smith, Robbie Giles, Robin  
 Brians, Rhonda Blackmon and  
 Erin Lewis. Please be in prayer  
 daily for this very important  
 committee as they seek God's  
 will for a youth leader.

*Welcome reception  
 for*

*Bro. & Mrs.  
 Morris Goins  
 January 15 from  
 2-4 PM @  
 VBA Building*

## A Note From the Pastor

I am sure we all experienced mountain tops and low valleys in 2016.

Some incredible things happened and some not so incredible things happened.

Now, we could miss out on much of this new year if we wanted to by simply spending our time moaning about all the bad, but I want to suggest we do as Paul told us...

Philippians 3:13b

but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, Faith looks to the future. Those names listed in Hebrews 11 are all there because they were looking forward in faith, not back in failure.

We will not get to heaven until one of two things happen, either we pass on or Jesus comes back and until that day, we need to realize God has a wonderful plan for each of us and I believe it brings Him great joy to see us fulfill that plan and purpose because He desires to bless us as His children.

It is my desire that we all press on this year, personally and corporately as a church family.

That we move beyond our differences and our failures and that we fully embrace all God has for us.

I am thankful we are back into the full swing of things, with Bible study and worship on Sunday mornings, Sunday evening teaching in the CLC, and AWANAs and prayer meeting on Wednesdays. I want to encourage you again to be involved in what God is doing here.

I would to ask that you begin praying for our staff. We have a retreat coming in a couple of weeks to prepare for the events in 2017. Pray for direction and wisdom as we seek God's will for First Baptist.

Our verse this week comes from Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (ESV)

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

## Music Notes from Bro Craig

I hope that each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas and that 2017 has started out to be a blessed New Year. Certainly for the state of Louisiana and for much of our church family, 2016 was a trying year. Still as we look back on the year, we can declare that God is faithful, and can look forward to 2017 with anticipation, as long as we are following Him. Let us all remember to acknowledge Him in all of our ways. HE will be faithful to direct our paths.

I want to thank those who have offered their talents in worship during the Christmas season. To those who sang or read in the candlelight service, to the Hand Bell Choir, and to Jane and Elizabeth, thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service. Also, to the Adult Choir, thank you for your faithfulness. When both Christmas and New Years fall on a Sunday, it is often hard to get enough choir members to be present for them to be able to sing, but we were able to sing both Sundays. What a blessing you have all been to us.

It seems like in the days after the holidays, it is hard for folks to get motivated. I know that the first two Sundays after Christmas are always the hardest to get people involved in worship. Whether it is exhaustion from the busy-ness of the season, or post holiday depression, or whatever, it seems that folks are in a fog, and I must admit that I am usually no exception to that rule. During this time, let us be inspired by the work that Christ has for us. I do want to remind everyone that shut in visitation is this Thursday, January 12. Please meet at 9 AM in the CLC.

DMA, we are looking forward to a great year. It is time once again to sign up for the Jubilee Conference. The dates will be April 23-27. This year we will have the opportunity to hear the Collingsworth Family, Guy Penrod, Legacy Five, the Lefevre Quartet, Allison Speer, The Inspirations, with Comedian Dennis Swanberg and preachers Johnny Hunt and Will Graham (grandson of Billy Graham). Please sign up as soon as possible. \$50.00 deposits are due by January 29.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.



*Breakfast in Bethlehem  
1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sunday School*



Choir Party-in case you are too young to remember -it was a 50's theme



*Glenda Beebe & Roger Rolon-Winners  
of the ugliest Sweater Contest.*



Younger Preschoolers  
decorating their tree with food  
for the birds and animals!

*If you missed  
Christmas at First  
Baptist this year,  
you should make  
plans now to  
attend the  
celebration of the  
birth of Jesus next  
year here at FBC!!*



*Tapestry*  
*January 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*Please bring finger foods!*  
*If you have never been a part of Tapestry, now would be an excellent time to begin!*  
*Everyone welcome!!*  
*Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the CLC.*  
*Devotionals, good fellowship & delicious food!!!!*



*December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candle Light Service*

WMU  
Quarterly  
Meeting @  
Canaan  
Baptist  
Church  
9:30 AM  
  
Jan. 10,  
2017