

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2019

# THE CARILLON



Greetings Church Family and Friends!

These are also wonderful and exciting days at First Baptist Church. While it is at a slow pace, it is evident that God is moving in a powerful way as people are trusting Christ and the church is growing both in unity and membership. In that vein, I wanted to use my next few *Carillon* articles to highlight some of the activities and opportunities currently at First Baptist and invite you to participate in them if you are not already.

The first opportunity I wanted to highlight is our **Sunday Evening Service**. The reality is that because of the steady decline in attendance and participation on Sunday Evenings, many churches have seen it best to

let the Sunday Evening service slowly disappear. If I am honest, there is a part of me that understands and even knows that I would likely enjoy the occasion to relax and be home with my family before another busy work week begins. However, there is another part of me - a larger part - that desires more time for our church to gather for corporate prayer, fellowship, mutual encouragement, and less formal but more interactive Bible Study. The author of Hebrews writes:

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*  
**Hebrews 10:23-25.**

The Bible, here, instructs us that we, as believers ought to gather to encourage one another "all the more - not less - as we see the day approaching". Certainly, we are closer to 'the day' than we have ever been and it seems appropriate that we strive to keep this clear command from scripture. Furthermore, scripture refers to the Sabbath as "The Lord's Day". Let me be clear, scripture certainly does not mandate a second service on Sunday Evening, however surely the language of the *Lord's Day* at least means we should consider devoting to him more than just the morning Sunday School hour or worship time. Isn't he worthy of more? And what better place to begin with your family for the week ahead - with all its unknown twists and turns than time in prayer, Bible Study, and fellowship with the Lord's people?

With that said let me share with you both what our current Sunday evening service looks like as well as some upcoming changes. Over the last several months, Bro Carl and I have shifted the Sunday Evening worship time of prayer and teaching that lasts **one hour**. The prayer time is done in three stages:

- **Prayers of Praises** - these offer thanks to God for the ways we have seen him work,
- **Prayers of Petition** - these are physical needs, surgeries, sickness, etc.
- **Prayers of Intercession** - these are needs that are of a Spiritual nature such as a lost family member or friend, a loved one's growth in Christ, our church, or our One, etc.

In addition, the evening service is also a time for us to do an abbreviated Bible Study that provides more interaction and dialogue than the usual Sunday Morning sermon. We have also recently begun to meet in the chapel as we feel that because of the numbers that attend, this provides more of an intimate setting for our fellowship with one another than the sanctuary currently does. Moreover, beginning in January, First Baptist will be launching community groups that meet off campus at various homes one Sunday evening a month. These groups will provide all of the benefits that we have mentioned above while at the same time providing a time of enhanced fellowship and encouragement for those in similar life stages throughout our church (similar ages, young families, retired, empty nesters, etc.) as well as an opportunity to engage unchurched and lost friends who may feel more comfortable meeting in a home initially.

Please, hear my heart on the matter, this in no way is intended to guilt you or make you feel bad. Rather, the purpose is to encourage you with what is happening at First Baptist, inform you of the opportunities present, and highlight the Sunday Evening service. Thank you for the joy of being your pastor!

In Christ,

*Pastor Chance*

# WORSHIP

When you reminisce of your childhood do you remember time moving quite a bit slower than it does today?

I think everyone would agree, time moves increasingly faster the older we become. So much so that at times we seem to blink, and another year has passed. It

becomes difficult to differentiate between past years. History seems to be jumbled together separated only by specific events that stand out as landmarks. Holidays, weddings, births, illnesses, deaths, and other major events are the things we remember vividly while the day to day happenings of the previous year seem to be lost in a sea of forgetfulness.

While these memories may be difficult to remember and time continues to speed up, it is important for us to take some time to reflect on the past. Each moment, those that stand out and those that fledged away without a thought are moments given to us by God. He has sustained us through the times of trial. He celebrated with us in moments of victory. He encouraged us in times of discouragement. He laughs with us in moments of celebration. He saved us in the moments when we didn't even realize we needed saving.

In a few weeks we will take the time to join with our families, eat a meal and likely watch a parade and some football. We call that day Thanksgiving and it has that name for a reason. It is a day set aside to Thank God for all the ways he has sustained us over the past year. There will likely be moments we remember Gods hand at work very clearly. Likewise, there will be times we don't remember seeing God at work, yet, if we examine these moments, we will see the hand of God at work.

As you prepare for this coming holiday season and all the joyful moments that are to come, I encourage us all to slow down taking the time to reflect and thank God for all the ways he has proven himself to us. Do not take for granted the work of the Lord. When we begin to take him for granted, we will begin to lose sight of him in our daily life.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Bro. Carl*

## EVERY CHURCH, EVERY NATION LOTTIE MOON OFFERING 2019

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering theme this year is "Every Church, Every Nation." The International Mission Board of the SBC reports over 2.8 billion people who have little or no access to the Gospel. Your prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are a tremendous support and blessing in getting His Message out to the nations. The Lottie Moon national goal is \$165 million. The First Baptist goal is \$1,000.



As you may have heard, beginning with the first Sunday evening in January (January 5, 2020), First Baptist will be implementing an intentional time of fellowship known as “**Community Groups**” or “**CGs**” which will meet in the homes of church members. You may be new to First Baptist or you may have been here for years, regardless of whether you fall into the former or latter category, I want to invite you to consider participating in a CG. As your pastor, my job is not simply to minister but also to equip you to do the work of ministry (Ephesians 4). God intends for you to be intimately connected with others in the body of Christ. Community Groups provide that very opportunity, and I pray you will take advantage!

So, what is a community group and what does a community group do? The foundation for community groups is rooted in our mission, vision, and values at First Baptist (Love, Grow, Commit, Go). All that we do as a church is intended to support this mission and vision. To that end, let me share with you what we hope to see from this intentional time of fellowship:

**Vision:** Community groups at First Baptist are small groups of people, connected by similar life stages (ages, retired, empty nesters, etc.) who gather together in homes or at the church to build intentional relationships, be transformed by the Gospel, and be sent to live life on mission. CGs are designed both for those within our church and also as an avenue to invite those who are apart from Christ or unchurched. Generally speaking, CGs gather regularly in homes to enjoy fellowship (usually over a meal or dessert) for prayer, Bible Study, and fellowship. While there are many benefits to CGs, the main focus is two part (1) Growing deeper in Christ (2) Growing deeper in relationship with others.

### **GROWING DEEPER IN CHRIST**

**HEBREWS 10:24 – 25 & ROMANS 12**

We do not want community merely for the sake of community. We want community centered on the Gospel. Community groups at First Baptist are intended to glorify God by making and growing disciples. We know true life transformation will only come through the power of the Word of God by the Holy Spirit. That means our CGs

must be focused on seeing men and women transformed by the Word to be more like Christ. We want to help everyone take the next step, in faith, toward Christ-likeness.

### **GROWING DEEPER IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS**

**GALATIANS 6:2**

We all want to be known. We want to feel that someone knows us, loves us, and is for us. We were built for community, and the Gospel itself calls us to community. Community Groups at First Baptist provide an opportunity for you and your family to know others

deeper and to be known deeper. CGs are designed to foster a community in which you can live out the Christian life with others. Your CG is a place for people to feel known and loved; CGs are designed to foster deep and lasting relationships. More than making it through a list of discussion questions or sticking to an outlined agenda, we value building relationships. We want to be transparent about our struggles and our victories. We want to encourage and be encouraged, to exhort and be exhorted. These kinds of relationships are messy. They're messy

because we are messy. None of us have it all figured out; therefore, we need each other. These deep relationships are not built over night. They are built by weeping together, rejoicing together, and living life together over time. Our CGs prioritize relationships.

## **Coming To A Home In January 2020!**

Overall, community groups are not designed to be an event you attend but a family to which you belong. This is the place where we encourage one another, bear each other's burdens, pray for one another, hold each other accountable, and remind each other of the Gospel. I hope you will consider participating as a family and take advantage of this fellowship opportunity.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Chance*







JOIN FAMILY & FRIENDS TO  
DECORATE THE SANCTUARY  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**DECEMBER 1**  
**6:00P.M.**



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Purchase a Poinsettia  
In Memory or In Honor  
Family & Friends

**Cost - \$15**

Please contact the church office  
or complete order form in church bulletin by  
Wednesday, December 11.



**MANY THANKS**  
FOR HELPING TO DECORATE  
THE SANCTUARY FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON



**TAYLORSVILLE COMMUNITY**

## **TREE OF LIFE**

# *Come Meet Jesus!*

**December 5 - 6:30 p.m.**

**December 6 & 8**

**Performances 5:30 & 8:00 p.m.**

**Tickets - \$2**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE:** The Tea Cup ❖ The Red Scooter or Sarah Hickman: 502.249.6425

# **NEW DISTRIBUTION TIME**



Beginning December 2019  
Distribution Time will be  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

## **Opportunity for Service**

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS  
NEEDED**



Each Tuesday  
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
For More Information

### **CONTACT**

Monica Cox 502.477.8090

CHURCH  
**BUSINESS**  
MEETING

## **SPECIAL CALLED**

To Approve the  
2020 Church Budget

**December 29, 2019**

*Immediately following the  
morning worship service*



**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**December 15, 2019**



**American  
Red Cross  
Blood  
Drive**

**Save a Life, Give Blood**

**December 10**  
**Fellowship Hall**



One of many Christmas traditions is cooking and eating. First Baptist is blessed with many families who have wonderful recipes of special dishes prepared during the holiday season!

This edition of the *Carillon* features recipes in memory of some faithful servants and excellent cooks. All of these recipes are delicious!

## Pineapple Cheese Ball

2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese  
2 T. chopped onion  
1/2 chopped green pepper  
1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple - drained well  
1/2 c. chopped pecans

Mix and form into ball. Roll the cheese ball in chopped pecans. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

From The Kitchen Of  
Clara Mae Shouse

## Scalloped Tomatoes

28 oz. can tomatoes  
3/4 c. white sugar  
2 biscuits crumbled  
2-3 T. butter

Combine tomatoes, sugar, crumbled biscuits and butter. Stir and pour into a casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

The Kitchen Of  
Roberta Bennett

## Mom Brookshire Dumplings

3/4 c. water  
1 egg  
2 c. plain flour  
1 t. salt  
1 T. shortening

Combine ingredients to form dough. Add extra flour as needed. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut dough into 1 inch wide strips by 2 inches long. Cook in boiling chicken or turkey broth for 10 minutes. Thicken broth if needed. Drop chunks of chicken or turkey into broth and serve hot.

From The Kitchen Of  
Minnie "Mom" Brookshire

## Biscuits

2 c. flour  
3 t. baking powder\*  
4 level T. shortening  
3/4 c. milk (approximate)  
1 t. salt

**Sift together and then add:**

Cut in shortening with two knives until the mixture looks like corn meal. Add milk a little at a time. Knead and roll out on a floured board or wax paper. Bake in hot oven at 475 degrees.

*\*Note: If using self-rising flour - omit baking powder and salt.*

From The Kitchen Of  
Ruth Shelburne

## Yellow Squash Casserole

8 - 10 small yellow squash, sliced  
salt & pepper to taste  
2 T. Sugar  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 sleeve Ritz crackers  
margarine

Wash and slice squash. Place in a pan with water and cook until almost tender. Drain the squash and put back in pan. Add cream cheese. When cream cheese has melted, carefully drain any additional liquid from the pan before stirring. Add salt, pepper, and sugar. Pour in a greased baking dish. Crumble crackers over the top of the mixture. Top with pats of margarine on top of the crackers. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 - 30 minutes.

From The Kitchen Of  
Daphna Noel

## Green Pepper Casserole

3 medium green peppers  
2 small jars chopped pimentos  
1/2 lb. cheddar cheese, grated  
2 hard boiled eggs  
1 can cream of celery soup  
1/4 c. half & half or milk  
1/4 lb. Ritz crackers

Grind or chop green peppers. Add chopped boiled eggs, cheese, pimentos, celery soup, and milk. Pour into 1 quart greased dish in the following layers: pepper mixture, crushed crackers, and pats of butter. Continue to layer until the top layer is crushed crackers and butter. Bake in 425 degree oven for 30-45 minutes.

From The Kitchen Of  
Elyther Harris





# DECEMBER

						
1  Hanging of the Green 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Coffee With Carl 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup  Love My Neighbor	4  Dress Rehearsal	5  6:30 p.m.	6  5:30 & 8:00 p.m.	7  CHRISTMAS ON MAIN ST. 6:30 P.M. PARADE
8  5:30 & 8:00 p.m.	9  Tree Deconstruction	10 Coffee With Carl  Grossman WMU Blood Mobile Love My Neighbor Trustees' Meeting	11 	12  DEACONS CHRISTMAS DINNER	13  Grown N Love Ingram Class Christmas Party	14
15  Deacon's Meeting 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Coffee With Carl The Tea Cup  Love My Neighbor	18 	19  DARE TO CARE FOOD BANK	20	21  Empty Spool Quilt Friends Christmas
22  No Evening Service	23	24  Christmas Eve	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29  Special Called Business Meeting Following AM Service No Evening Service	30	31 	<b>WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:30 a.m. - Worship Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship			

## DECEMBER CALENDAR CHANGES

**Evening Services Cancelled on the following dates:**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

**The Church Office will be closed December 24-25<sup>th</sup>**

# Celebrate Christmas With Worship

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD FROM  
*Reverend Chance McConnell*

**Each Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.**

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH PROVIDED



## Celebrating Advent Jesus Has Come To Save . . .

December 1 - Religious People

December 8 - People With A Past

December 15 - Struggling & Suffering People

December 22 - All People



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