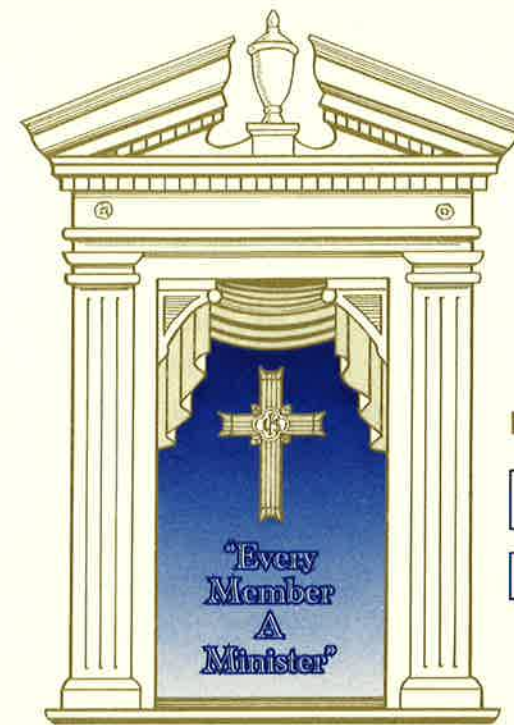


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GMC (GOD'S MATURING CHILDREN)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall

**Program: Music Provided by the
Forest Hill Elementary School Fifth Grade Chorus**



**Menu: Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert Cost: \$6.00**

**Please make meal reservations with Suzette
437-2544 ext. 18 by 2:00 P.M., on Sunday, December 10.**

**Remember the hungry with nonperishable food for the
FBC food pantry box.**

COMING UP-THE LAST TWO CHURCH FAMILY NIGHTS OF 2017!

Next Wednesday, December 6

The Little Ringers will play for us!

**Missions Program: Kevin Clark from our First Baptist Deaf
Mission will give a fascinating program about his amazing
mission work in Honduras.**

**Please note: We will also have a brief Church Conference to
receive the Committee on Committees Report for 2018.**

Wednesday, December 13

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**Our children will present "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
created and directed by Stacie Burleson**

and we will have our annual Special Visitor!

**Whether you've been naughty or nice this year –
don't miss the fun!**

COMING UP



♦ Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM- Deacons' Meeting-
Chapel

9:45 AM -Sunday School

10:55 AM -Worship Service

2:00 PM-Hospice Memorial
Service-Sanctuary

Youth Activities

4:30 PM-Choir

5:30-8:30 PM-Supper and Angel
Tree shopping with First
Presbyterian Church Youth.

♦ Monday, December 4

3:30-4:30 PM- Little Ringers-
Room 305

5:30 PM- Preschool/Afterschool
Committee-K101

♦ Wednesday, December 6

Church Family Night

5:20 PM-Serving Line Opens

6:00 PM- Celebrations and
Prayer Time

6:10 PM:

Children's Christmas Play Prep

Main Program:

Committee on Committees report

Kevin Clark- Mission work in
Honduras

Intergenerational Bells

7:00 PM-Chancel Choir

♦ Thursday, December 7

6:30 PM-Chancel Ringers

♦ Friday, December 8

9:45 AM -Women's Prayer
Group- K101

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

December 3 10:55 AM In the Sanctuary
First Sunday in Advent and our
Annual Hanging of the Green Service

Sermon: "The Everlasting Light" (Micah 7: 1-7)
Dr. Tom Bland, Jr., preaching

Youth Choir Anthem: "Hope Will Come" by James Brighton
Combined Chancel and Youth Choir Anthem:
"We Await You" by Ruth Elaine Schram

ATTENTION YOUTH (Grades 6-12)!

9:00 AM-Meet in the sanctuary to rehearse hanging the greenery!

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

*Our children age 4 through Grade 5 will participate in the service by bringing in
the poinsettias! We want them to be comfortable and know what to do, so please meet at 9:30
(sharp!) this Sunday morning in the sanctuary to practice carefully
bringing in the poinsettias.*

We will take the children to Sunday School as soon as we are finished.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Beverly Crisp



We are happy to have Beverly join our church family. She comes to us by statement. Beverly works in our FBC Afterschool Ministry. She also works at the Community House. A longtime resident of Morganton, she has many friends among our congregation. Beverly has one grown son, Chad Wilson, who is the grandson of homebound member Wilma Wilson and the late Mack Wilson. She has many interests and hobbies, including sewing singing, and traveling. She likes art, music, design, and dogs.

Welcome, Beverly!

COMING SOON! SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, December 10

The annual Combined Choirs Christmas Concert — 5:00 PM

This longstanding Morganton tradition continues in our sanctuary with singers from many churches joining together under the direction of Jim Williams to present a sparkling concert of well known Christmas carols.

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday in Advent—“Joy” Sunday – Worship Service — 10:55 AM

“An Early American Service of Lessons and Carols.” A full service of favorite Christmas music presented by our Chancel Choir,

Tuesday, December 19

Handel’s Messiah Sing-A-Long

accompanied by stringed quartet and Becky Poteat on organ!

CoMMA (City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium) Presentation in our Sanctuary at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Celebration — 6:00 PM

A beloved worship experience of Scripture lessons and carols accompanied by our organ and dual harps. We will observe Holy Communion concluding with worshipers lighting candles and going outside to celebrate the birth of the “Light of the World.”

Don’t miss this beautiful way to welcome “the reason for the season.”



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY UPDATE

Offering Received November 19 and 26.....	\$33,050
Budget Required to Date.....	\$773,760
Budget Received to Date.....	\$747,252
Organ /AV Fund Donations to Date.....	\$164,442

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, December 3
 9:00 AM- Meet in sanctuary to rehearse hanging greenery
 9:45 AM-Info and Prayer Time
 10:00 AM-Bible Study
 4:30 PM-Choir
 5:30-8:30 PM-Supper at First Presbyterian Church and shop for Angel Tree with FPC Youth

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, December 6
 Glazed Ham/Potato Salad/Green Beans/Herbed Biscuit

OR

All You Can Eat Salad Bar with Baked Potato, Biscuit, and drink (PLEASE RSVP for this option)
Kid’s Meal—Ham-Cheese quesadilla, Fries and Green Beans
 Serving Team—Betty Ann Elmore

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 3
Audrey Hall

ATTENTION CHILDREN’S CHURCH OLDER GROUP!

On *Sunday, December 10* we will have a *fabulous Advent X-tended Session and Caroling Party for kids in grades 2-5!* Right after worship we will *extend* Children’s Church by having a delicious pizza lunch, work on a craft, and have zany recreation. Then we will go caroling to a couple of our homebound members. We will end up at Sara Black’s home where her Mom Laura and Dad Scott will host us with hot chocolate and cookies!

Parents can pick up kids at the Black’s home or meet us back at the church around 3:30 PM. *This is gonna be a blast! Come and bring friends!*

IN MEMORY

A gift has been given in memory of **Vivian Schuszler.**

IN HONOR

Gifts have been given in honor of **Betty and Rance Henderson and David Thayer.**

IMPORTANT CHURCH CONFERENCES

Wednesday, December 6
 6:15 PM

Purpose: to vote on the Committee on Committees Report for 2018-2020

Sunday, December 10
 Immediately following the worship service
Purpose: to vote on the 2018 Church Budget

BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Backpack Ministry is collecting new sweat pants, children’s sizes 4-8, for children at Hillcrest Elementary School. Please place them in the box outside the church office by December 31.



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it along with a check to the church office. Cost is \$8.

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Deadline is December 19 .

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

Phone # _____