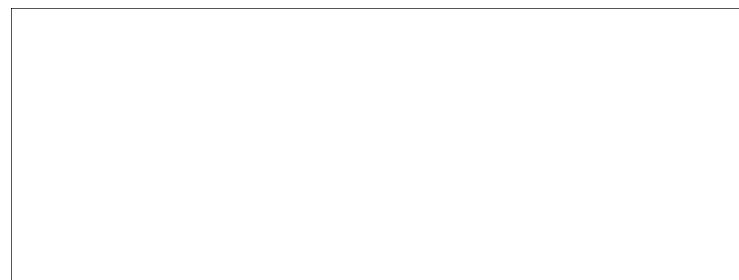


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### MISSIONS

It is the season of Thanksgiving and I want to tell you how grateful I am to be part of this community of faith. What a privilege I have to be a minister at this church. I am continually amazed at the willingness of your service for the Lord and our family of faith. God has gathered a unique group of Christ followers here and given us great responsibilities for Kingdom work in Frankfort and beyond. I believe the reason for God using us in such important ways is because you all are truly gifted and equipped to handle such duties. Please don't get me wrong. I'm not saying we are 'better' than any other church. What I do know is that 'for such a time as this' we have been chosen to care in significant ways that makes such

enormous differences in the lives of people. Thank you for accepting the calling to be a part because joining up with us is not something to take lightly. We have important things to do and each of us are needed to fulfill our church's substantial calling.

With the idea of giving thanks in mind, I also want to say THANK YOU to Cynthia. She and her family have been instrumental in carrying out God's mission at FBC. We have been gifted with her care and guidance for children and their families along with the wisdom and supervision she has provided in the area of Spiritual Formation. We will miss her greatly. We have certainly been enriched by having her as our minister. Thank you, Cynthia!!

~Keith

### MUSIC MINISTRY

For the past eight years I've had the privilege of working with the finest Children's/Spiritual Formation Minister I've ever known. Cynthia has done an amazing job of ministering to our children, their families and the church as a whole. She has taught us that children have the capacity to learn so much more than we give them credit for, and they can teach us so much about the kingdom themselves. When she took on the added task of Spiritual Formation, she took us to a new level of discipleship by offering such a variety of ways for us to grow in our faith. Beyond what she has done, her presence has changed us and made us better. She is a gifted minister of the gospel and has ministered to so many of us in our times of need. It is extremely difficult

to see her leave, but I will forever be grateful for these years together and her impact on me is eternal. May God bless her!

December is filled with music and I hope you will look elsewhere in this newsletter for dates and times. I look forward to worshipping with you throughout Advent and Christmas.

On a personal note, I pray for each of you to experience your most meaningful Christmas to date. Take time from the busyness of the season to share the love of Christ with others, to spend time in quiet reflection, and to spend time with family and friends rejoicing in the fact that our incredible God clothed Himself in flesh and dwelt among us! Merry Christmas to you and thank you for being my faith family! I love you!

~Richard

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December 2018

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## New Members

Keith and Dianne Stillwell  
October 28

Sheila White  
October 28

Wayne and Ronnie Dunn  
November 11

## ADVENT SCHEDULE 2018

November 25  
Hanging of the Green, 6:00 pm

December 2  
Children's Family Advent Breakfast, 9:45 am  
Advent Week 1 (Hope) Worship, 10:50 am

December 9  
Advent Week 2 (Peace) Worship, 10:50 am (children's choirs will sing)  
Children's Living Nativity following morning worship. ALL children, including visitors, are welcome to participate!

December 16  
Advent Week 3 (Joy) Worship, 10:50 am (Sanctuary Choir will present "Festival of Carols")  
Christmas Caroling, 5:30 pm, followed by food and fellowship

December 23  
Advent Week 4 (Love) Worship, 10:50 am

December 24  
Christmas Eve and Communion Service, 5:00 pm

Special Notes: Bible study for children and adults is offered each Sunday at 9:45 am. Nursery is provided for all morning services. Evening services are for the entire family and children of all ages are welcome.

We hope to see you at First Baptist Church!  
Please invite your friends to join us in worship!







# DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 ADVENT BEGINS 9:45 am Bible Study; Children Family Advent Breakfast 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth at Sky Zone	3	4	5 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	6	7 7:00 pm Youth Lock-In	8
9 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 11:50 am Living Nativity	10	11	12 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	13 5:30 pm Deacon's Ban- quet	14	15 8:00 am Clinic; Toy Store
16 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 5:00 pm Church-wide Christmas Caroling	17	18	19 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	20	21	22
23 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28	29
	Office Closed					
30 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	31 OFFICE CLOSED					

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

INVOCATION

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR	
Dec 02 Beverly Lovan	Dec 02 Dan Shouse	Dec 02 Tammy Shouse	Dec 02 Connie Crowe	Dec 02 Dan Hughes
Dec 09 Marla White	Dec 09 Bob Tipton	Dec 09 Helen Tipton	Dec 09 Don Hines	Dec 09 Dwight Lovan
Dec 16 Manning, Olson	Dec 16 Laura B. Branham	Dec 16 Lena Columbia	Dec 16 Christina Keyes	Dec 16 Marcus Purnell
Dec 23 Linda Gaby	Dec 23 Olivia McKown	Dec 23 Sam McKown	Dec 23 Lee Insko	Dec 23 Cynthia Insko
Dec 30 Pam Manning	Dec 30 Helen Tipton	Dec 30 Bob Tipton	Dec 30 Mary Hines	Dec 30 Don Hines

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec 02 Karen Sigler
Dec 09 Jeff Fogg
Dec 16 Curt Wallace
Dec 23 Laura Branham
Dec 30 Gary Scott

GODLY PLAY HELPERS

3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE
Dec 02 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Dec 02 Amy Thomas
Dec 09 Choirs; Nativity	Dec 09 Choirs; Nativity
Dec 16 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Dec 16 Emilee McCann
Dec 23 J Roberts, V Mitchell	Dec 23 J Roberts, V Mitchell
Dec 30 M White, E McCann	Dec 30 M White, E McCann

SCRIPTURE READERS

SCRIPTURE 1	SCRIPTURE 2
Dec 02 Cooper Hendrix	Dec 02 Gene Rose
Dec 09 Elaine Allen	Dec 09 Cindy Fogg
Dec 16 Lena Columbia	Dec 16 Laura Hughes
Dec 23 Adell Kemper	Dec 23 Clay Mason
Dec 30 Laura Hendrix	Dec 30 Karen Sigler



November 18, 2018

Dear First Baptist Church Frankfort Family,

Eight years ago this month, you hired me as your part-time Minister to Children. For that season of life, with my own young children, it was a perfect fit! I soon grew to know and love the people of FBC.

After a year of serving among you, you ordained me to the Gospel Ministry. What an honor. While I had been in ministry for years prior to my work here, I had never been affirmed and blessed in this meaningful way.

Three years ago, you graciously extended the invitation to expand my work to full-time in an effort to give more focus not just to children and their families but to the deepening spiritual formation and discipleship of the whole congregation. What a joy it has been to journey alongside you as we explore what it means to be disciples of Christ marked by love for God and for others. You inspire me!

In this current season of life, I am yearning for more time to spend with my parents, Lee, my children and my new granddaughter. I must pay attention to this desire. As you know, life is short. While I know God has gifted and called me to ministry, I've always felt called first to my family.

Furthermore, I sense God nudging me to rest, slow down and be rejuvenated for a new creative form of ministry. I'm not sure exactly what this will look like, but it will most likely involve consulting with churches, mentoring individuals and teaching others as they deepen their walk with the Lord.

Therefore, today I offer my resignation as your Minister of Children and Spiritual Formation effective Dec. 31, 2018.

My heart is full of gratitude...

For the children who teach me to wonder and to come to Jesus wholeheartedly as a little child,

For each of you who enthusiastically volunteered, supported and experimented with new programs and ministries, faithfully teaching and serving in countless ways,

For this fantastic staff: Richard, Keith, Jenny, Kara, Bob and now Steve who are simply superb at what they do and are each dear friends to me.

Finally, thank you people of FBC for your ministry to my family. Lee and I will never forget how you've loved us well, especially in our new role as grandparents. All three of our children were baptized at FBC. You showed them what a healthy, grace filled, mission focused church family is. You have indeed made an eternal impact on each of us and we will never forget you.

Sunday, December 23 will be my last day with you. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers and pledge my prayers and best effort to help make this transition as smooth as possible. The future is full of creative possibilities for each of us. I look forward to seeing how the Spirit leads FBC into new and fruitful ministry in the days ahead.

May our God who has begun a good work in us be faithful to complete it.

With deep gratitude and love,  
Rev. Cynthia Insko



CHILDREN'S NEWS

- Family Advent Breakfast is Sunday, December 2, 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. Children 5th grade and under bring your families and enjoy breakfast, make an ornament, and hear the Godly Play Advent story. We will give Advent gifts and calendars to each family for your use at home.
- Children will lead us in worship on Sunday, December 9, with their choirs. After choirs sing, all children are invited to leave the sanctuary to prepare for our Living Nativity. The church provides costumes and the children pose to reenact the story of Jesus' birth!
- Movie night and popcorn for all children's mission and choir groups ages 3 - 5th grade on Wednesday, December 12. Join us for a fun night of celebration as we wind up our missions and choir programs for the year. Kids' evening programming will then resume on Wednesday, January 9.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Pick up your Advent devotional booklet or cd at the entrances of the building or listen to the audio version on our website at fbcfrankfort.org.

Thanks to all who contributed by writing, reading, editing, and singing! These are written by our church members and staff and designed to unify us in our observance of Advent as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Please share the link with your friends on social media and invite them to come and join us for any of our Christmas services. Advent is one of the best times to reach out! People are looking for a place to worship and serve!



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## THE BARNABAS GROUP

On November 16, 23 members of The Barnabas Group (TBG) went to Shelbyville for a fun lunch. Bob Browning surprised and thrilled the group by joining us there. It was a great time of good food and lots of laughter. After lunch, we walked through the Wakefield-Searce Gallery. Pictures are on the church Facebook page.

Our next event will be caroling with the church on December 16. There will be a warm meal before caroling and hot chocolate after. This sounds like a wonderful tradition to me. Everyone seems to love Christmas carols, so I hope to see you there.

The church staff graciously gave me some time at staff meeting to work with them on plans for most of 2019. TBG will kick off the year with TWO January events. First will be a short meeting before Sunday School (9:15am) on January 13. There you can pick up the proposed list of events for the year. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for the service projects we talked about in September. For the second event, I will be hosting a "Tea" in my home on Saturday, January 26 from 2:00-4:00 (UK doesn't play until 6:00 that night). This will be a relaxing time of coffee/tea/cookies/sandwiches and fun. In February, there will be a Health Fair (2/19) and in March we will be going to a play at the Woodford Community Theatre (3/24). To find out what else we have planned, be sure to attend the meeting on January 13 and get your schedule.

~Mona Carpenter  
[TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com](mailto:TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com)

Hello Church!

I hope all's been going well whenever you read this. I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's almost December already! Where has time gone??

Regarding recent activities with our youth group, we've gotten into several different endeavors that I'd like to briefly highlight for you.



In Sunday school, we've been discussing Absalom and his story in 2 Samuel these past few weeks. The youth have had a chance to not only learn and ask questions about Absalom's actions, character, and personality, but also explore what his story means for them today.

Wednesday evenings have included different activities, including *Lectio Divina* readings and playing games like "Telephone Pictionary". We've also started to collect donations for the Frankfort Backpack Food Drive, which will continue through the end of November. Thank you if you're one of those donors! The amount of donations we've received is nothing but incredible so far.

Regarding Sunday evening activities, some of the youth enjoyed going out to East Frankfort park to play disc golf, braving the cold and mud like champs. We also held the annual Youth Family Thanksgiving meal at the church filled with good food, laughs, and fellowship.

Other than this, stay tuned for more updates on upcoming youth events for December! If you'd like to do some sort of volunteering with our youth, please feel free to contact me and we'll get you plugged in somewhere!

Peace be with you!

~Marcus J. Pernell

## From the Pastor Search Committee:

The pastor search team has begun the process of reviewing and analyzing resumes. In an effort to speed the process, we are doing so as three subgroups. We are not waiting until we no longer have any resumes coming in, with the hope of being as efficient as possible while making sure each person who sends us a resume receives the respect and consideration they each deserve. We are fully aware of our responsibility to our Church, and we also feel we have a responsibility to fairly consider each candidate. Each member of the committee is grateful for the trust you have placed in us to serve in this way and to know we will work diligently and expeditiously to seek the person God has and is calling to serve as our next senior pastor. Please continue to pray for us as a group and individually.

## From the Interim Pastor:

It's cold outside! Snow and ice before Thanksgiving! I usually call this time of year "the blur season." "Oh, that was Christmas!" This year I'm thinking of a new expression, "the BURR season!" The really good news I've found is that First Baptist has a very warm and friendly fellowship! I'm extremely grateful this season to be your "temporary shepherd!" Your kind acceptance and encouragement have meant the world to me! I love the way y'all do church from the sanctuary to the clinic and the mountains to Morocco! And, I can't wait to see the toy store open and the miracle of Christmas happen for the children (and the elves!).

Speaking of gifts! Let's pause as we prepare for Advent and remember, "God so loves the world," so much that the very best gift has been given! Jesus, our Savior!

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!

~Steve Hadden

## From the Youth Transition and Search Team:

The Youth Transition and Search Team continues to meet and work. During this time, they ask for your continued prayers for God's guidance. Pray specifically for our young people and for the person God is preparing to lead them at First Baptist Church.