

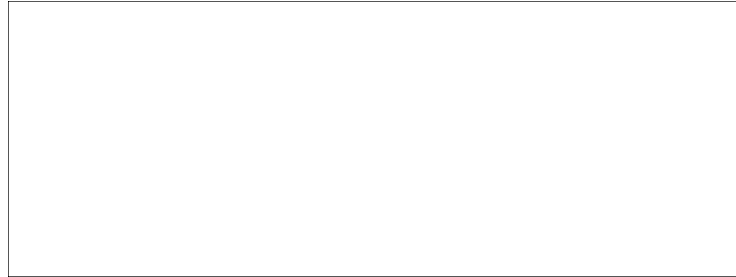
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Church,

It's my sincere hope that you are reading this while snacking on Thanksgiving leftovers and watching reruns of your favorite T.V. show. That's what the holidays are all about right? At least that's what it's like in the Youth ministry. Every time we get together we have good food and even better fellowship. Coming into the holidays makes even more opportunity for that to happen.

In news, we have a couple of opportunities for our youth to be involved with Prince Hall. Both their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are coming up and we are glad to have the opportunity to serve the people of that community. We encourage you to find opportunities to do the same.

In Christ, Clint Walker

The following Deacons  
were approved for serving  
in the 2018-2020 years.



Laura Branham  
Connie Crowe  
Jeff Fogg  
Joe Manning  
Gary Scott  
John Semones  
Karen Sigler  
Curt Wallace

Thank you to all the Deacons who  
serve the church in so many ways.

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## ADVENT SCHEDULE 2017

November 26

Hanging of the Green, 6:00 pm

December 3

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

December 10

Advent Week 2 (Peace) Worship, 10:50 am (children's  
choirs will sing)  
Children's Living Nativity in Fellowship Hall following morn-  
ing worship.

December 17

Advent Week 3 (Joy) Worship, 10:50 am (Sanctuary Choir  
will lead service)  
Christmas Caroling, 5:30 pm, followed by food and fellow-  
ship

December 24

Advent Week 4 (Love) Worship, 10:50 am  
Note: No Sunday School this day.  
Christmas Eve and Communion Service, 4:00 pm

Special Notes: Except for December 24, Bible study for chil-  
dren and adults is offered each Sunday at 9:45. Also, ex-  
cept for the Christmas Eve and Communion Service at 4:00  
pm on December 24, nursery is always provided.

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

Hope  
Peace  
Joy  
Love





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Cellar Dweller Sunday School Class Dinner
3 9:45 am Advent Breakfast For Families with Children 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	4	5	6 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 6:30 pm Deacon's Banquet	8	9
10 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service Children's Living Nativity 5:00 pm Youth Activities	11	12	13 Note: No Clinic Tonight 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	14 2:45 pm Center for the Arts Recital	15	16 8:00 am Clinic
17 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Christmas Caroling	18	19	20 NO FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES OR CLINIC	21	22 Youth Christmas Party	23
24 10:50 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service	OFFICE CLOSED					

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
Dec 03 Beverly Lovan	Dec 03 Dan Shouse	Dec 03 Tammy Shouse	Dec 03 Connie Crowe
Dec 10 Laura Hendrix	Dec 10 Bob Tipton	Dec 10 Helen Tipton	Dec 10 Don Hines
Dec 17 Pam Manning	Dec 17 Laura Branham	Dec 17 Mary Hines	Dec 17 Christina Keyes
Dec 24 No Sunday School	Dec 24 Jennifer Lewis-Bass	Dec 24 Larry Hadley	Dec 24 Stephen Bass
Dec 31 Linda Gaby	Dec 31 Helen Tipton	Dec 31 Bob Tipton	Dec 31 Lee Insko

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec 03	Don Hines
Dec 10	Doug Hendrix
Dec 17	Angie Scott
Dec 24	Dave Crowe
Dec 31	Bob Tipton

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS	3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE
Dec 03 Caroline Insko	Dec 03 Jenny Luscher, Elaine Allen	Dec 03 Cynthia & Sarah G. Insko
Dec 10 Caroline Insko	Dec 10 Choirs/Living Nativity	Dec 10 Choirs/Living Nativity
Dec 17 Caroline Insko	Dec 17 J. Luscher, Emilee McCann	Dec 17 C. Insko & S. Whitworth
Dec 24 No Sunday School	Dec 24 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Dec 24 Cynthia Insko
Dec 31 Marka & Erica	Dec 31 Jenny Luscher (Combined)	Dec 31 C. Insko & Julie Roberts



Advent is my favorite time of year in the life of the church. It is the beginning of the year for us, a time to reflect on what it means to receive anew the gift of Emmanuel, God With Us. If we are not careful we will rush through the days of December and not even notice that we are coming close to this life changing miracle. It’s truly sad when we arrive at Christmas Day too tired, too busy and too stressed to say, “Yes, God! I receive this gift of love with an open heart.”

And so, as a community of faith we make room in our calendars for children singing, live nativities, giving gifts of time and money to those in need, decorating our sanctuary, and spending daily quiet time in prayer and scripture. I hope you will take advantage of these rituals we celebrate together and mark them on your calendar as sacred time that will ultimately open you in new ways to love Jesus more dearly than you have before. As *O Little Town of Bethlehem* reminds us, “Where meek souls do receive him, still, the dear Christ enters in”.---- With Anticipation, Cynthia

- Cynthia Insko

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

These free guides have been written by our lay people and staff to provide a daily scripture, reflection and prayer beginning December 3, the first Sunday of Advent and ending on January 6, Epiphany. These will also be read and recorded along with several well known carols and made available to you through our website at fbfrankfort.org or in printed form. Hard copies will be made available at the doorways of the church beginning Sunday, November 26, at our Hanging of the Green service.

PRAYING IN COLOR

To mark the weeks of Advent, people of all ages are invited to join in coloring beautiful Advent posters that will be added each week to form a wall of murals in the front hallway near the sanctuary. Posters will be available to color on Wednesday nights in the Nexus room, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, November 29 and December 6 and 13. They will also be out in a local coffee shop with Cynthia each Thursday afternoon, November 30 and December 7 and 14, 2:30 - 4:30 pm for folks to stop by and color. Check our church facebook page for the coffee shop location each week. Join us in this relaxing, creative way to celebrate Advent together.

LIVING NATIVITY

Our Children’s Living Nativity will be Sunday, December 10, in fellowship hall immediately following morning worship. After their choirs sing, children will leave the sanctuary to prepare for the nativity. Costumes are provided. Parents may pick up children in fellowship hall at 12:15 following the nativity. Visiting children are welcome to join us!

HANGING OF THE GREEN

Sunday evening, November 26 at 6:00 pm, we will prepare our minds, our hearts, and our sanctuary for the upcoming Advent/ Christmas season through the reading of scripture, the singing of hymns, and by decorating our TWO new Chrismon trees. Join us for this family friendly interactive service and worship with us.

CHILDREN’S FAMILY ADVENT BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 3, 9:45 am in fellowship hall, our wonderful youth will cook breakfast for us as our children and families, ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, create family advent wreaths to take home and receive a family devotional and coloring packet to use during the Christmas season.





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I have so much to be thankful for that to begin listing here would take the entire newsletter for months to come. I am blessed with the most incredible family and with so many material blessings. But I want to spend this small space expressing thanks for First Baptist Church. Here are a few of the things for which I'm grateful:

- 1) You seek out to live the gospel of Jesus Christ by ministering unto the least of these. I am so thankful for the focus on missions that exists in our church. Daily lives are being affected out of love and hope is offered.
- 2) You are family. My family has witnessed first hand how you respond in times of need. I have witnessed multiple times when you have expressed love to each other in the most tender and generous ways.
- 3) You worship! You take worship seriously and participate through responsive readings, prayers, reading scripture and singing. You are engaged and not just an audience.

You recognize that you are active participants in worship.

- 4) I have the privilege of working with incredible vocational ministers on a daily basis. I am honored to be a part of such an amazing staff of persons of great faith, character, and action. I love coming to work.
- 5) I'm grateful for the wonderful spirit of cooperation and mission at FBC. The trust level is extraordinarily high among members, members and staff, and staff with staff. There is transparency in all things.
- 6) I'm grateful for our music. Obviously I am passionate about music in ministry and I cannot express enough the gratitude I have for the myriad of persons who selflessly give their time and talents in the music ministry. They inspire me constantly! I'm also grateful for the significant investment you make in the music ministry through having the position I currently hold, to budgeting for music and accompanists. You value music and worship and I am so thankful.

I'm already out of space and yet not nearly out of thanks. I thank God for you!



We are excited about this year's edition of the **CHRISTMAS TOY STORE** that will help in excess of 300 children in need! The shelves are packed, the toys are displayed and the volunteers have worked many hours getting the store in order. Beginning November 15 and going through mid-December, the toys will be distributed to families in need and Christmas will be a little brighter because of all the toys **YOU** have contributed. Thank you for being this kind of church that brings the giving spirit of the holidays to life.

On November 13, I had the privilege of speaking to the **WOMAN'S CLUB OF FRANKFORT**. I spread the word about how FBC is the most missions-minded church I know. My main topic was the **Mission Frankfort Clinic**, however, I could not help but talk about the **Emma Quire Mission Center**, the **Toy Store**, the **Clothes Closet**, the **Payday Loan Ministry**, and so on! I'm always thrilled to share how much FBC is doing in our community and for our Lord Jesus Christ. I appreciate Pat Geveden asking me to speak to this great group who have also been very generous supporting the Mission Frankfort Clinic.

The Board of the **EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER** will meet on December 5 and will have large docket of items to discuss. Many of you know our roof is in desperate need of replacing. I am extremely pleased to announce that because of the kindness of some generous donors, we will be getting a new roof in the near future with the approval of the board. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

THANK YOU to Laura Hendrix for heading up our **ECUMENICAL FOOD DRIVE** for the Franklin Co Emergency Food Pantry. I'm grateful for every one of you who contributed to the drive. I took a Jeep load of non-perishables to the pantry and they were very appreciative.

- Keith Felton



## Thanksgiving

Once again it is time to gather with family and friends around a table filled with delicious food and pleasant aromas. Thanksgiving is certainly not the only time this is done, but it is special.

Recently, I mentioned in Prayer Meeting the importance of making special occasions special. This doesn't just happen, as we all know. Special events--holidays, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, reunions--require planning and hard work.

Looking back, I failed to realize this as a child. I took all the planning and preparation for granted. It never dawned on me how much effort special events required or how expensive they were.

As an adult, I know this and am eager to do my part. Making special occasions special is one way I can pay it forward, and each time I do, I thank my parents and grandparents for being good role models.

When you gather with family and friends in a few days, be sure to thank those who made this Thanksgiving special. Even if you worked alongside them to make everything happen, look them in the eye and express your gratitude for their contributions.

In addition, recall the names of some of your role models who taught you how to make special occasions special. Brag on them and tell those around you how much their gracious and giving spirit meant to you.

I am struggling to think of what you might do Thanksgiving Day that will make a bigger impression upon your children and grandchildren.

## Christmas

As you make your holiday plans, may I ask a couple of things of you? **Make the programs and services planned by the staff a priority.** All of them are designed to help us remember the reason for the season. Without them, I fear we might lose sight of the true purpose of this holiday and fail to see the gifts God wants to give us--hope, peace, joy and love.

**Invite family members and friends to come to church with you.** Everybody needs a home for the holidays, especially a church home. Let's offer them First Baptist.

I have found people to be most receptive to an invitation to attend church during Advent. No one wants to be alone this time of the year. They want to join hearts and hands with others as they sing Christmas Carols, drink hot chocolate, decorate for the season, share memories and give and receive hugs and well-wishes.

I believe many are hoping someone will invite them to our holiday activities and services, so you be the one to do it. Call a friend or family member or invite someone you meet in the coffee shop or the grocery store.

Thank you for providing Jackie and me a wonderful place to worship and serve the Lord, not just for the holidays but all year long. You are truly a gift from God.

Until Sunday,

Bob