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- HILTON HEAD ISLAND -

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DECEMBER 2020

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR,  
BEACH TOWEL OR BLANKET.**

**Family Movie Night**  
**Outdoors Behind the Family Life Center**  
**6:30 PM – Snacks, Sodas, S'mores, Hot Cocoa**  
**7:00 PM – Showtime**  
The 2018 Animated Universal Pictures  
**“Dr. Seuss’ - The Grinch”**

**WE’LL MEET INSIDE THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
IF IT RAINS OR IS TOO COLD.**

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**Register for attendance to our Christmas Eve Worship Services through our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), use the links below, or call Lynda Hopkins at 843-785-4478.**

**4:00 PM Service -**

<https://fbchhi.elvanto.net/form/e621e3c2-8096-4e3f-a320-5cdf4f5a47ff>

**5:30 PM Service -**

<https://fbchhi.elvanto.net/form/2371fc8a-3179-43ab-b26f-e20a85a5bc0c>

**We will live-stream the 5:30 PM worship service on our website, Facebook page and Youtube channel.**

### FBCHHI

## *Christmas Eve Worship Services*

**Thursday, December 24  
4:00 PM and 5:30 PM**

Register for your seats on our website if you plan to attend one of our Christmas Eve Services as space will be limited. Registration details are on page 3. Other services may be added if needed.

We will be social distancing. You are kindly asked to wear a mask.



# From **The Pastor**

Dear Church Family,

## *Merry Christmas!*

As we approach the Christmas season, we come to one of my favorite times of the year. I love the family time and the excitement Christmas brings in our household, especially among our kiddos. I love the lights and decorations that we see around us in the community and around our church campus. And I love the atmosphere that surrounds the Christmas season within our church, especially as we gather on Christmas Eve. You can find our schedule pertaining to our two Christmas Eve services within this newsletter. If you are around, join us on Christmas Eve. We have moved the services to earlier times than normal and are asking that you pre-register for one of the services to help us ensure that we have enough room in both services to social distance.

### **NOTES OF THANKS**

I want to thank a couple of groups of volunteers. We had some amazing volunteers come to serve on our campus in two important just recently, and I want to thank them for their service. We had several men and women serve numerous days to replace the fence around our Office Building service yard, which lies next to the newly expanded sidewalk. They not only replaced the wood but elevated the height of the fence so that it's not as easy to see over into the service yard from this main exit.

We also had several great volunteers to come and decorate our buildings for the Christmas season. They worked hard to create an environment that celebrates the coming of our King, which truly seems to get us more in the Christmas-spirit!

Thanks so much to these groups of volunteers, and the many others, who are so faithful to serve through the ministries of our church as we try to make a difference in this community for Christ!

### **GREETER VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

We are still looking to fill this need, as we have listed it for roughly 4-5 months and haven't had any volunteers

yet. With Christmas upon us and the extra visitors this season brings, this ministry is especially important for us to extend a warm welcome to them. Our Greeter Team, which includes both Sanctuary Door Greeters and Parking Lot Greeters, has been stretched thin due to some with health concerns and with the addition of a second worship service. Our Greeter positions are open to men and women, or even couples to serve together as well. This is such a critical ministry, as it is our very first impression on those new to our church. We do not want deny any guest a friendly face to greet them as they enter our doors. If you are willing to help as either a Parking Lot Greeter or a Door Greeter, we would love to have you! You only need to arrive 20 minutes early for the service of your choice and have a friendly and welcoming countenance. To help, email Paulette at [pgardner@fbchhi.org](mailto:pgardner@fbchhi.org) and we will be in touch with you.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ, enter this season along with me in a spirit of reflection over what God did in sending His Son. The months between Christmas and Easter is a great time when you might consider reading through the Gospel of John as we meditate on Christ's coming and the giving of His life. He is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

*Pastor Brett*



Until the Town of Hilton Head Island lifts their ordinance regarding social distancing and wearing of masks, we will continue to ask those on our campus to comply.

Thank you for following the ordinance until it is lifted.





## **R.S.V.P. FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

For so many members and visitors alike, our Christmas Eve Worship Service is a highlight of the Christmas Season Celebration. Our current national health situation is making everyone rethink how they will prepare for and participate in their traditional holiday activities. First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island is no exception. The church staff has put much thought into how to hold our traditional Christmas Eve service yet keep those attending safe according to our current community guidelines. Because of the many that will be attending, we are limiting the number of people in each worship

service and we kindly ask that you wear a mask and social distance.

We offer two worship services -- one at 4:00 PM and another at 5:30 PM. Reservations will be limited at each service leaving several spaces open for visitors. You are asked to make a reservation for the number of people in your group. Reservations are free of charge and can be made through our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org) or use the links in your browser found on the newsletter cover and in The Friday 5. If your first choice of service time is filled, we encourage you to choose the other one. If there is a need, we will add an additional service at a later date. We will keep you posted if another service is added. We will also live-stream the 5:30 PM service through the usual venues of our website, Facebook and Youtube channel.

## **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS**

### **#1 - Adult Sunday School Class**

Education Building - Room #7 *(Please enter from the parking lot door and not the Preschool Hall door.)*

The study is from Lifeway's Bible Studies for Life and will be led by

Tommy Myers and Richard Duncan

### **#2 - Adult Sunday School Class**

Family Life Center - Room #4

Dick Sanders continues a study of Genesis, the Biblical account of Creation, and how science backs this truth.

Due to distancing regulations, this class is currently full.

### **#3 - Adult Sunday School Class**

Family Life Center - Room #5

Howard Wright will lead a study of Lifeway's Explore the Bible, Luke 1-9.

Due to distancing regulations, this class will be full at 14 participants.

Please sign up for this class by emailing Paulette Gardner at [pgardner@fbchhi.org](mailto:pgardner@fbchhi.org).

### **#4 - Adult Sunday School Class**

Education Building - Room #8 *(Please enter from the parking lot door and not the Preschool Hall door.)*

John Richardson will lead a new class using Lifeway's The Gospel Project literature.

### **#5 - Family Sunday School Class for Parents with their Children and Youth**

Held in the Student Building

This class will be led by Pastor Brian and Pastor Brett and includes a lesson followed by a family discussion time.

**PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 20 OR 27.  
THE CHURCH WILL HAVE BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES,  
ONE AT 9:00 AM AND ANOTHER AT 11:00 AM.**



From the Student Pastor - Brian Parker

# FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

Happy Holidays! As we begin the journey toward a busy holiday season, we're so thankful how God has provided for us this year in spite of all the challenges and we look forward to what He will do as we look toward next year.

## Sunday School Option Continues Sundays at 10:00am

Don't forget our family Sunday School session provides youth and families the opportunity to connect over the Word together. We have had a great turn-out of families and are still collecting youth as we journey back to getting more Sunday School connections up and running at church. Don't miss this year's last opportunities to connect in this way. Class begins at 10 am in the Student Building the month of December. The Family Sunday school WILL NOT meet December 20th, and 27th for the Christmas break.

## Wednesday Sessions @FBCHHI - 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Our Youth sessions continue each Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. We will take a break from Wednesday night sessions on December 23rd and 30th.

## Friday December 11th - Grinch Outdoor Family Movie Night - 6:30 pm

Come get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the wonderful winter evenings in the Lowcountry. This year come connect with the church family and enjoy time with your family as we set up the outdoor movie screen and watch the Grinch. We will have a couple of fires for building smores and getting warm by. Snacks, cocoa, and cider begin at 6:30 pm with the movie beginning at 7 pm. This is a low to no COVID risk event where we'll have plenty of space. Please don't forget to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Can't wait to see you there.

## Thursday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services @ FBC

This year is unlike others in the past, but one thing remains the same, we will gather at First Baptist on Christmas Eve to celebrate the greatest gift we have ever been given. This year's services are at 4 and 5:30 pm. You must reserve your seats. You can do this through our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org).

2020 calendar of events

[www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org)

December Edition

## Guys and Girls Weekend... Moved to Spring.

Our event has been pushed to spring 2021. It is not new news that the virus has shifted our calendar around and we are moving one more event. Our guys/girls' weekend will get moved to spring so we can maximize our attendance, volunteer help, and options for fun events during that weekend. We had good feedback from our parents and volunteers, and I felt like we would be safer having this event in the spring. Hopefully by that time we'll be beyond some of the virus effects.

## Winter Weekend Retreat- Camp Longridge February 26th-28th 2021 (Because of COVID concerns we've bumped back a month.)

Let's do it, let's get away... not far but far enough to go have some fun. Camp Longridge is our destination as we break the mold to go worship and play. This weekend is all about getting away, worshiping, and having fun together not too far from home. Come enjoy a great weekend celebrating the Lord and having fun with friends during events like paintball, high/low ropes, canoeing, fishing, and more. This is a Friday evening-Sunday morning trip. Cost is \$75 and includes lodging and meals. Please mark your calendars as we gear up to go. Deposits (\$50) and balances can be paid to First Baptist now.

# FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH SHOP FOR, PREPARE AND DELIVER *Thanksgiving Baskets*



Our youth had the opportunity to pray with the families that received the Thanksgiving Baskets. We are blessed seeing their servant's hearts in action..



# MISSIONS



## ANNUAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Your contributions to our Annual Missions Offering help us fund many mission projects. We are collecting for our Annual Missions Fund again Sunday, November 1, and continue collecting through April 30, 2021.

The goal this year is \$40,000.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to this fund annually. Our prayers are that God will bless this money to His service and for His purposes.



The Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes we collected this year were delivered on Friday, November 20th. We collected 105 shoeboxes at the church and heard that our church members purchased 34 shoeboxes online. That makes the total number of shoeboxes prepared from our church equal 139, plus an \$18.00 donation for postage. The children who received our shoeboxes will not only be filled with joy but will also have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and learn how much Jesus loves them. Thank you, everyone, for continuing to participate in this very special annual mission project.

### LET'S STOCK 'OUR' WELL WITH NEEDED GOODS FOR DEEP WELL

Our local social service agency serving our Hilton Head Island needs 'wish list' items for their pantry shelves. Our church family is asked to participate to help them restock their shelves with the requested items below.

Bring items to the Family Life Center foyer and drop them in our 'well' anytime.

Read about Deep Well's work with their 'Livable Housing Program' and 'Furniture Program' and other projects here: [deepwellproject.org](http://deepwellproject.org).

#### "Wish List" from The Deep Well Project

Deep Well is currently very low on personal hygiene items shown in the "non-food" part of this list.

Families may not use their food stamps to buy toiletry items. These items become even more of a luxury for many families.

#### Items Needed in the Deep Well Pantry:

##### Food Items

(easy-open cans are best)

- Tomato Products
- Sloppy Joe sauce/Manwich
- Taco shell kits
- Refried beans
- Oatmeal
- Breakfast Bars

##### Non-Food Items

- Hand Sanitizers (individual use, not refill size)
- Quart size food storage bags
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Disposable Diapers
- Baby Wipes



*Find the "Well" in the Family Life Center at the end of the hall just beyond the Restrooms.*

# The Greatest Story Ever Told! Advent Calendar

Daily thoughts to ponder during the month of December about some things associated with the birth of Jesus.



**1. Angel wings**  
(Angel Gabriel)  
Luke 1:26-28, 31

“In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you... You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus.’”

**2. Two gold rings**  
(Engagement)  
Matthew 1:18



“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”



**3. Music** (Mary’s Song)  
Luke 1:46-55

“And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is His name.

His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with His

arm; He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

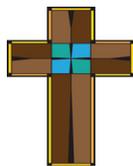
He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”



**4. Guardian Angel** (Angel)  
Matthew 1:20

“...an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”

**5. Cross**  
(Salvation through Jesus’ sacrifice)  
Matthew 1:21



“‘[Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus because He will save His people from their sins.’”

**6. Bridge** (Jesus bridged the gap between Heaven/God and earth/humanity)  
Matthew 1:22-23

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him



Immanuel’—which means, ‘God with us.’”

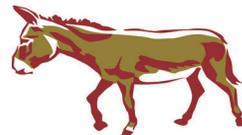
Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”



**7. Star of David** (House and line/chain of David, Jesus’ genealogy)  
Luke 2:4

“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.”



**8. Donkey** (Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem)  
Luke 2:5

“[Joseph] went [to Bethlehem] to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”



**9. Lion** (Lion represents the house of Judah, Purple indicates royalty)  
Micah 5:2

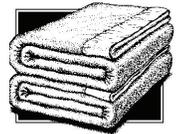
“‘But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are of old, from ancient times.’”



**10. Baby** (Baby Jesus)  
Luke 2:6-7

“While they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for the baby to be born, and [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn, a son...”

**11. Piece of soft cloth**  
(Swaddling blanket)  
Luke 2:7



“...[Mary] wrapped [Jesus] in cloths and placed Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.”



**12. Peace sign** (Jesus is Prince of Peace)  
Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**13. Shepherd’s staff** (Sheep and shepherds)  
Luke 2:8-11

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be



for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.”



**14. Pieces of straw or hay** (Manger)  
Luke 2:12

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



**15. Many gold “halos”** (Multitude of angels)  
Luke 2:13-14

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’”

**16. Bells** (Spreading the word and carrying the message to others)  
Luke 2:15-18



“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”

**17. Dirt or rocks**



(Kneeling on the ground – our right response to Jesus as God)  
Psalm 95:6

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.”



**18. Heart** (The emotions of Mary as Jesus’ earthly mother)  
Luke 2:19-20, 33-35

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

... “The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about [Jesus]. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be spoken against so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’”

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**19. The name Jesus** (The name Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua, which means, “the Lord saves”)  
Luke 2:21

“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise Him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before He had been conceived.”

**20. Two doves or feathers** (Sacrifice of doves by Joseph and Mary, Holy



Spirit like a dove at His baptism later in life)  
Luke 2:22-24

“When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took [Jesus] to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons.’”  
Luke 3:21-22

“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you, I am well pleased.’”



**21. Eyes** (Revelation of Jesus as Christ the Savior to Simeon and to all people)  
Luke 2:25-32

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon Him. It had been revealed to Him by the Holy Spirit that He would not die before He had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, He went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying:

‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in sight of all

people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’”

**22. Scroll**

(The wisdom and knowledge of the Magi)  
Matthew 2:1



“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.”



**23. Crown,** (Jesus is King of Kings)  
Matthew 2:1-2

“... Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.’”



**24. Star** (Star that the Magi followed)  
Matthew 2:9-10

“After [the Magi] had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.”

**25. Three gift boxes** (Gifts from the Magi to Jesus)  
Matthew 2:11



“On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”



## NEW WIDER SIDEWALK AND NEW HVAC FENCING BY THE MUSIC SUITE & BREEZEWAY

Our roofing company could not help but damage the sidewalk that comes up by the Music Suite into the breezeway by the Sanctuary because of the heavy equipment needed for the roofing job. They graciously agreed to replace it for us. We decided to take advantage of this opportunity and widen this sidewalk so our golf cart can pull up to let passengers off and not be in the way of others walking the sidewalk into the breezeway. This greatly improves safety.

As the workers were clearing out the vegetation that needed to be removed, it became clear that the fence enclosing the HVAC system was in great need of replacement also. We are grateful to the volunteer team that did this repair work for us. Please say thank you to these men for their help: Dennis Matson, Sr., Dick Sanders, Tommy Myers, Hal Sanders, and Gary Conlin, Sharon and Richard Duncan.



# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



Sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help us decorate our church for the Christmas season. Your work allows us to spread Christmas cheer to those who attend Sunday School and Worship services during December.



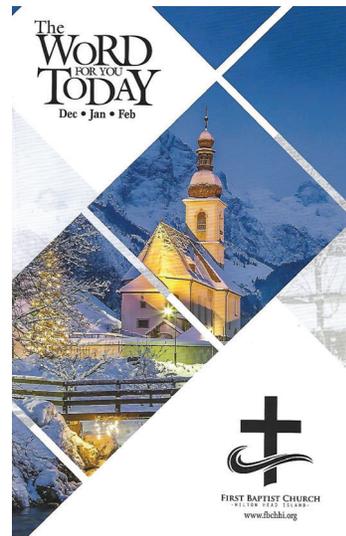
## Awana Will Return in January 2021

Awana will begin again January 6, 2021 with a bang! We will begin with our awards banquet that we were unable to have last year. We would like to acknowledge the work the kids did last year. Then, we will begin with our regular meetings on January 13. We will try to offer a virtual option also.

If your children want to begin Awana in January, please go ahead and sign up so we know how many leaders we will need. A new registration form will be on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org) under the Ministries>Children tab.

We are in need of some new Awana leaders as some have moved away, and some of our older leaders are not quite ready to return. If you can help us, call the church office at 843-785-4478 and let us know.

To God Be The Glory!



**THE DECEMBER, JANUARY, FERUARY ISSUE OF THE WORD FOR YOU TODAY IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYERS OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER AND SANCTUARY.**

**ISSUES ARE COMPLIMENTARY.**



**Online Prayer List**

Contact Lynda Hopkins at [lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:lhopkins@fbchhi.org) or 843-785-4478, to have your email added to the listing to receive a weekly online prayer list.



## Poinsettias

Wednesday, December 9th is the deadline to order poinsettias if you desire to have one or more placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in honor or memory of someone, please complete the form below. Check the appropriate box indicating if it represents "in Honor of" or "in Memory of", and return the form with payment (\$10.00 each) to the church office by the deadline of Wednesday, December 9th. The names will appear in the December 13th announcement slides before worship. Clearly mark your checks for "Poinsettias". Attach additional pages if necessary.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one box for the name above:

- In Honor of                       In Memory of

Poinsettias may be removed from the Sanctuary following the final Christmas Eve Worship Service.

Poinsettias will be disposed of that are not picked up by Monday, January 4th.

Dear Church family,

We've sold our home in Bluffton and purchased a home in Sevierville, Tennessee. We moved in mid-November.

FBC is a great church family. We will miss you, but always remember, "Friends are friends forever when the Lord is the Lord of them." You will always be in our prayers.

Love always,  
Jim & Eloise Murphy



## New Offering Envelopes

New 2021 Offering envelopes will be available in either the Sunday School Room where you attend Sunday School or in the

foyer of the Sanctuary beginning the first Sunday in December. If you prefer having your envelopes mailed to

you, or if you need to have a box, please call Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478.

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to FBCHHI so our ministries can continue to reach people for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, both locally and abroad.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church offices will be closed the following days in observance of the Christmas holiday,  
Thursday, December 24 - Close at Noon  
Friday, December 25 - Closed  
Monday, December 28 - Closed  
Thursday, December 31 - Close at Noon  
Friday, January 1 - Closed

## 2021 Budget Vote

A vote of affirmation was taken on Sunday, November 22, at the end of both morning worship services. The vote passed unanimously and the 2021 Budget for FBCHHI was approved.

## Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 10/31/20	\$721,837
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 10/31/20	\$744,417
Year-to-Date Expenses 10/31/20	\$670,641
Budget Receipts Goal for November 2020	\$83,946
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 11/30/2020	\$73,309
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 11/30/2020	\$67,476
Annual Mission Offering Goal \$40,000	\$845

## End-of-Year Tithe Deadline

Please note that the final day to bring an end-of-the-year tithe into the office will be Thursday, December 31 by Noon because the church offices close at noon that day.

Tithes that are postmarked December 31, 2020, will be credited to this year.





# DECEMBER

- Tuesday, December 1 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- Wednesday, December 2 1:00 PM - Connection Leadership Meeting, Family Life Center  
5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room  
6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Ministry, Student Building  
6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study, Education Building, Room #8  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- Sunday, December 6 **Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #1 - Education Building, Rm #7  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #2 - Family Life Center, Room #4 (This class is full.)  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #3 - Family Life Center, Room #5  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #4 - Education Building, Rm #8  
10:00 AM - Family Sunday School for Children, Youth and their Parents, Student Building  
11:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook, and Youtube  
11:00 AM - Children's Church, Education Building  
12:00 PM - Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library
- Tuesday, December 8 10:00 AM - Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room  
10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- Wednesday, December 9 4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Ministry, Student Building  
6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study, Education Building, Room #8  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- Friday, December 11 **Family Movie Night**  
6:30 PM - Snacks & Sodas, S'mores & Hot Cocoa, Family Life Center  
7:00 PM - Movie Showtime - "Dr. Seuses' The Grinch" Family Life Center Back Yard
- Sunday, December 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #1 - Education Building, Rm #7  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #2 - Family Life Center, Room #4 (This class is full.)  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #3 - Family Life Center, Room #5  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #4 - Education Building, Rm #8  
10:00 AM - Family Sunday School for Children, Youth and their Parents, Student Building  
11:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook, and Youtube  
11:00 AM - Children's Church, Education Building
- Tuesday, December 15 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Wednesday, December 16 6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Ministry, Student Building  
6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study, Education Building, Room #8  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Sunday, December 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #1 - Educaiton Building,Rm #7  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #2 - Family Life Center, Room #4 (This class is full.)  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #3 - Family Life Center, Room #5  
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class Option #4 - Educaiton Building,Rm #8  
10:00 AM - Family Sunday School for Children, Youth and their Parents, Student Building  
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
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11:00 AM - Children's Church, Education Building

Tuesday, December 22 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Wednesday, December 23 **No Wednesday Night Activities due to the Christmas Holiday**

Thursday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**  
Church Offices Will Close at Noon  
4:00 PM - Christmas Eve Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
5:30 PM - Christmas Eve Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 25 **Christmas Day**  
Church Offices Are Closed for the Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 27 9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
**No Sunday School Classes Today**  
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org),  
Facebook, and Youtube  
11:00 AM - Children's Church, Education Building

Monday, December 28 Church Offices Are Closed for the Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 30 **No Wednesday Night Activities due to the Christmas Holiday**

Thursday, December 31 **New Year's Eve** - Church Offices Will Close at Noon

Friday, January 1, 2021 **New Year's Day** - Church Offices Are Closed for the New Year Holiday

*Meeting times listed on the December calendar are subject to change.  
Check with your Committee Chairman or Group Leader for final details.*



**Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year!**

## THE PERFECT GIFT -1

Do you stress about finding just the right gift for everyone on your Christmas list? Does it make the season more a hassle than a joy? Pastor Mike Slaughter reminds us that Christmas isn't about perfect presents for people, as if it were their birthday — or ours. Christmas is about the perfect presence of Immanuel, God with us, through the birth of Jesus; it's His birthday, after all!

If Christmas Is Not Your Birthday (Abingdon), Slaughter writes, "How funny that it can be so hard to find gifts that will please certain family members or friends — the people who seem to have everything — and yet it is so clear what the Lord of lords and King of kings wants for His birthday. God wants you — your time, your talent, and your treasure — used in service to others."

## GIFT-GIVING SOLUTIONS

Trying to find gifts for certain people — or letting others know what you want — can be quite challenging. After all, most of us don't need anything.

Realizing that the best gifts aren't material items offers a new perspective on giving and receiving. Consider these insights from author Charles Swindoll:

"Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone 'I love you.' Give something away — anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy."

## THE PERFECT GIFT -2

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, "Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth to look outward with us in the same direction, from our perspective and experience.

Jesus was an ordinary person: He learned to talk and walk like any toddler, learned a trade from his father and acquired the habits of faith from his family. In adulthood, Jesus experienced life as we all do: the challenge of hard work, grief at a loved one's death, heartache over oppression and the world's great needs — but also joy in celebration, fellowship with neighbors and deep friendship.

God personally knows our every experience, emotion and need — because Jesus, while fully divine, lived as a full human being. He has gazed at the world, life and even death from our direction, giving us the perfect Christmas gift: love.

## CHRISTMAS TO-DO LIST

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among brothers,  
to make music in the heart.



—Howard Thurman



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