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SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2020

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PRESENTS

## THE CHORDS OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
6:30 PM  
LIVE-STREAM ONLY

A Kick-off to the Christmas Season

The program will be broadcast on  
Facebook Live

## TEMPORARY Worship Protocol Nov. 22 - Dec. 13



Even in the midst of a pandemic, worship for the people of God is absolutely essential. The church leadership team (listed below) arrived at the following consensus after much

prayer and discussion.

- We will continue to offer worship In-person and live streaming via the internet Nov. 22-Dec. 13, 2020.
- To maintain the possibility of worship in these times of increasing vulnerability and out of love for our congregation and the community, masks must be mandatorily worn over mouth and nose for those not on the platform throughout the worship service.
- This is a TEMPORARY measure Nov 22-Dec. 13.
- If local conditions change, it could have to be reevaluated.
- The leadership team below will revisit this matter in early December for protocols which will be in place after December 13, 2020.
- Bible Study will return to live-streaming only for the next four weeks. No activities in the building will occur other than finishing Operation Christmas Child responsibilities with COVID19 protocols in place.
- The Wednesday Night mask-only Bible study will continue as planned, but other activities in the building will be postponed for this four-week period.
- Church staff will be encouraged to work from home whenever possible.

While not the preference of anyone, maintaining worship of the body of Christ is paramount. The entire group longs for the day when the full Family of Faith can worship side by side with no sense of fear.

The leadership team includes the Ministry Team (R. Maurice Hollingsworth, Chad Lynn, and Chad Montgomery), the Deacon Officers (Andy Donahou, Sam Chandler, and Jerry Murphy), the Trustees (Fielding Ballard, Wayne Anderson, Sarahbeth Farabee, Ralph Evitts; Barry Marston was ill and unable to attend) and the Moderator (Jene Hedden).

*Two services are planned*

*Christmas*

2:00 ——— EVE ——— 5:00  
p.m. p.m.



## ***A word from your pastor....***

My beloved church family,

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas Season 2020 has finally arrived. While some beloved traditions like **Night in Bethlehem** had to be suspended this year, celebrating the wonder of the Christmas Season is still a very real possibility. Sunday, November 29, 2020 we will begin the holiday observance with **The Chords of Christmas**. We will delight in the voices of children, the sound of the violin, the carols we cherish and the energy of worship by our praise team members. I hope you will watch online to be a part of this kick-off of the season.

Masks are temporarily required and we also need to maintain social distance. Worship, whenever possible, is so worth the inconveniences that pandemic has foisted upon us.

Think about that very first Christmas. Mary was expecting a baby and she made the journey to Bethlehem with a young, nervous groom. Then, upon arrival, they had trouble finding any place to rest and eventually deliver the baby. We are so accustomed to the time-honored traditions and planning associated with the holiday that we can sometimes forget

the chaotic details of the very first Christmas. The shepherds were caught completely off guard by the heavenly host. Their normal nightly routine was abruptly interrupted. But, when they had time to reflect upon the angelic announcement, they knew that had to be a small part of the unfolding cosmic drama. Messiah was coming, ready or not. Those lowly shepherds had to change their plans, but they were among the first to see the Christ Child.

Yes, some of the order and majesty of the traditional Shelbyville First Baptist Church observance of Christmas may be in flux this year, but the truth we are going to celebrate, Jesus, the Incarnate Word, remains at the very center of our worship. Maybe this year is God's way of saying to us, "Remember that I am at work and my plans are bigger!" Let us come together as we can, in person and digitally, to glorify His name together. He is worthy of our praise and our adoration. In His Grip,

*Bro. Maurice*



### **Bell Ringers Needed Saturday, December 12**

Would you like to volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year? First Baptist Church will be at the Pharmacy Entrance of the Shelbyville Kroger on Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Salvation Army Volunteers will deliver equipment and pick it up at the end of the night. Masks & gloves are required. Contact Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth at the church to schedule a time slot.



### **Christmas for Families**

**Wednesday, December 16  
6:30 p.m.**

Volunteers will gather to prepare gift baskets for families in need in our community. Join us to prepare and deliver baskets. Especially in the midst of a pandemic, there are many families in need.

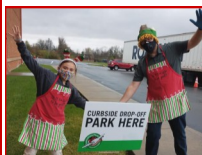


### **Operation Christmas Child**

**National Collection Week Nov. 16-23**



Thank you to everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child by packing shoeboxes. SFBC collected over 200 boxes this year! We also served as a Central Drop-off Location this year for the first time. Churches from Shelby and three neighboring counties dropped off their boxes here where volunteers crated the shoeboxes and loaded into a trailer. Special thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers and the staff of SFBC for their support of this ministry, and to Pam and Mike Vickers for coordinating the effort.



### **New Member**

Karrie Monroe by baptism



## UPWARD Basketball Registration

1st through 6th grade, co-ed

Cost: \$60 per child through Friday, December 4

Online registration only

See our website for more details and to register:  
[shelbyvillebaptist.com/events](http://shelbyvillebaptist.com/events), select Upward, or  
email [clynn@shelbyvillebaptist.com](mailto:clynn@shelbyvillebaptist.com) or  
call (502) 633-1317.

Sign up early, space will be limited this year.

If you would like to coach or referee,  
please contact Chad Lynn or Chad Montgomery.

### The Church Offers Condolences to the families of

- ✝ Judy Searce
- ✝ Frank Jagers, father of Darlene Bingham
- ✝ Ryan Cunningham, brother of Cheryl Ballard
- ✝ Dorothy King, mother of Wayne King
- ✝ Ira McKinley, father-in-law of Candora McKinley
- ✝ Dr. James Murphy, father of Tamara Murphy



Thank you so much for the offers of condolence for my mother, Frances Roberts. They have been such a blessing for our family as we struggle to deal with her passing. Your support has been very much appreciated and will always be remembered.

*Marian Biagi*

We wish to express our sincere thanks for your friendship, kindness and prayers during this time of great sorrow. Thank you Brother Maurice for the beautiful service and support, Brother Chad with the help of my children, Sunday School class for the amazing support, church family for all the prayers, phone calls, and texts we have received and are still receiving during the loss of our dear husband, Father, Abuelo and friend, Allen. It means a lot to have such a great church family.

*The Allen Clark family*

Church offices will be closed

Thursday, December 24-Monday, December 28  
and Friday, January 1

**Have a Blessed Christmas!**



an area-wide  
FEATURING  
**JENNIFER  
ROTHSCHILD**  
& FRIENDS  
women's event

**FRESH  
GROUNDED  
FAITH**



LISA WHELCHER  
best-selling author/actor



TYRUS MORGAN  
worship leader

FRI 7:00 PM-9:30 PM  
SAT 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

**SHELBYVILLE MARCH 5 & 6, 2021**

SFBC is co-hosting this live event!

#### LOCATION

Shelby Christian Church  
2375 Frankfort Rd.  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

#### TICKETS

Tickets are available at SFBC with special pricing. Contact the church office at 502-633-1317 prior to January 8, 2021 to reserve your ticket at \$44.

[FRESHGROUNDEDFAITH.com](http://FRESHGROUNDEDFAITH.com)

## Congratulations to...

- ♥ Ryan & Meredith Ellis Shephard on the birth of a daughter, Willow Brooke. Grandparents are Ron & Lori Shephard and Glenn & Liz Ellis.
- ♥ Andy & Kelsi Shipley Edelen on the birth of a daughter, Ellie Fay. Grandparents are Todd & Michelle Shipley.



## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



We can't believe it's already been a year since **Lisa Stargle** joined us as Ministry Assistant! She joined our office staff in October 2019. You can always count on Lisa to offer a greeting with a smile and be willing to help wherever needed. We are so thankful that Lisa found her home here!

Thank you **Vicky Spencer**, our Building Supervisor, for 20 years of dedicated service. Vicky has met the challenge this year to keep our facilities sanitized and safe, and is always committed to getting the job done and providing good leadership to her crew. Thank you Vicky for all you do!



Thank you **Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth** for seven years of awesome service as senior pastor. The challenges of a pandemic have forced some adjustments this year, but you have provided amazing leadership to get us through the storm. We are thankful and look forward to the future. The Sheep love the Shepherd!



Mission Statement: "To Live by Faith, To be Known by Love, To be a Voice of Hope"

December 2020

A Great *Multitude* + You  
Rev 7:9

**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering**

**SFBC Goal:  
\$30,000**

**2020 Week of Prayer for  
International Missions  
November 29-December 6**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**YOUR YEAR-END  
GIVING  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

End-of-year tithes and offerings can be accepted for 2020 if received in the church office, submitted online, or postmarked by December 31, 2020. They will appear on your annual contribution statement. Offerings postmarked or submitted after December 31, 2020, will go on your 2021 record.

**To Do:** Did you know you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA? You can make your IRA Required Minimum Distribution directly to the church. Please remember SFBC!

☐ **Take RMD from IRA!**

**Budget Report as of Oct. 31**  
Budget Need: \$904,313  
Budget Receipts: \$766,454



**Building Debt**  
Balance as of Nov. 11, 2020  
**\$228,622.58**

**Passing Years**

by Don White

Years just seem to vanish  
So relentless in their passing.  
Material things we won't hold.  
Only love is everlasting.

Events in life across the years  
Become memories locked away,  
Recalled in thoughts and pictures  
That forever stay that way.

Choices we make are crucial.  
They determine paths we take.  
Some have happy endings  
And some keep us awake.

Wisdom comes with passing years.  
We learn from things we've done.  
We're diverse and individual,  
Yet in truth we are but one.

A taste of life we're given  
With the sweet and bitter too.  
Understanding will escape us  
Not meant for me and you.

Every life becomes a story  
And each will write his own.  
God is with us on this journey,  
We need never feel alone.

**Remember your mask!**



Masks are temporarily required at SFBC through Dec. 13. Do your part to keep yourself & others safe!

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