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SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022

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SFBC Goal: \$30,000
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100% of your gifts go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® to enable gospel transformation among the unreached.



Sunday, December 11
6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this traditional British style brass band concert, including our own Curtis Moss, on tuba.



CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

You are invited to spread holiday cheer! We will meet at the church then go out into the community to sing, then meet back at church for treats.

Sunday,
December 18
5:30 p.m.



*Make a joyful noise
unto the Lord!*

Christmas for Families WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 P.M.

Join us to pack fruit baskets and distribute to needy families in the community, along with a Kroger gift card.



Please contact the office if you can help deliver the baskets.



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 P.M.



With Lord's Supper
Observance

A word from your pastor....

Dear Friends,

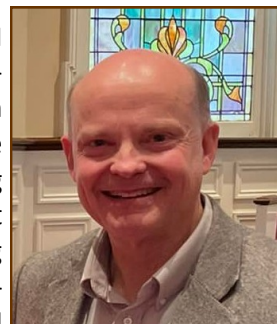
December is for most the busiest month. Instead of pouring energy into us, it often depletes us. One of the purposes of Advent is to guard us from ending the year feeling exhausted and often destroyed! Life is too short and too important to have it reduced to something that doesn't please God.

Here are some tips to help us manage December instead of allowing it to manage us:

1. Spend some quiet with God daily. Open His Word. Pray specifically for what you need or lack.
2. Empty your life of the things that don't fill or bless you. One of the great lines in the Christmas Story, "Joy to the World" is "Let every heart prepare Him room." That means we need to intentionally eliminate some things that weigh us down and then fill all the blessed spaces with the things of God.
3. Christmas always amplifies loss in our lives. We need to find a way to "turn the tables" on grief. Find a way to honor the person you miss. I always miss my mom a little more at Christmas. My best memories of my mom are Christmas related. I still cherish the memory of sitting at the kitchen table even before my feet could touch the floor. My mom would be baking while I ate her splendid coconut cake and drank her amazing boiled custard. Since her passing, I sit at our kitchen table and eat a piece of coconut cake and drink a glass of boiled custard during Christmas. As I do that, I think of her and thank God for giving her to me. Find a way to honor and amplify the person you miss.
4. Focus on people and not events. Jesus never was enslaved by His schedule or the events to which His disciples pushed Him. He took time for children, the forgotten, and those that felt like they had forfeited any chance at a relationship with God. Take time with people. Listen to them. You can never go wrong imitating Jesus.

Bless you in December. I pray it is a month to be enjoyed and not endured.

Bill



Your Year End Giving Makes a Difference

End of year tithes and offerings can be accepted and will appear on your contribution statement for 2022 if received in the church office by Friday, December 30, 2022, or submitted online or postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2022. Offerings postmarked or submitted after these dates will go on your 2023 record.

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.

To Do
☐ Take RMD From IRA

WMU® Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us monthly in the Chapel.



Wednesday, December 21
3:00-8:00 p.m.

SFBC volunteers will ring the bell for the Salvation Army Christmas collection at the Kroger produce entrance.

Congratulations to...

- ♥ Timothy & Diane Salmon on the birth of a granddaughter, Emma Grace Salmon.
- ♥ Bill & Patience Fort on the birth of twin grandchildren, a boy named Sawyer Wallace and a girl named Ember Grace.

The Church Offers Condolences to the Families of...

- † Don Baxter, brother of Patty (Mike) Tracy
- † Dr. Ronnie Waldrige, Jr., son of Ron & Kay Waldrige
- † Lillian Sorrels
- † Patsy Marlin, mother of Troy Marlin



Let's Pray!

Pastor Search Committee Weekly Prayer Requests



December 4— Philippians 1:9-10
Pray for complete alignment with God's will for each member.

December 11— Matthew 6:10
Pray that God would direct our steps toward our goal for a God-led leader.

December 18— 1 Peter 5:7
Pray that each member would give their anxieties over to God.

December 25— Hebrews 10:25
Pray that each team member would be encouraged to meet as we draw closer to who God has chosen to lead our church.

Christmas Backpack Distribution

Saturday, December 3

The Student Ministry will take over 300 backpacks to Stearns, KY to help Integrated Community Ministries. Students will leave SFBC at 5:00 a.m. and return mid-afternoon. Contact Andy Donahou for more information.





Weekday Preschool Christmas Program

Monday, December 12
6:30 p.m.
Directed by
Elizabeth Huling
SFBC Sanctuary

PRESENTING THE

West Middle School Christmas Concert

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15
6:00 P.M.

**SFBC
SANCTUARY**
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Thank you!

Thank you to all our church friends and family for all the calls, visits, texts and all the food that was provided during the loss of my son, Jeremy. We cannot thank you enough. Blessings,

Billie & Chris Silverhorn

Thank you so much for the love and support during my brother's sickness and death. The cards, calls and texts meant so much to me! I realize God is always in control, but having a church family and support means the world to me. God bless First Baptist Church in all things! Love,

Patty Tracy

To our dear Church Family, Just a note to say thank you for all the prayers that you said for our family. They were felt and we appreciate all of them. God is good and He gave us peace. Ronnie told us the same thing. He felt your prayers for him. Also, thanks for the cards, kind words, food and your support. We love our church family.

Kay & Ron Waldrige & Family

To the Bereavement Ministry, What a beautiful job you do. Thanks for all the hard work and for the lovely meal you provided for the Waldrige family during our time of sorrow. I think this is a wonderful ministry our church provides for our members. Thanks again for your hard work.

Kay & Ron Waldrige & Family

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

December 2022

Deacon of the Week

Dec 4 Jesse Swindler 502-321-7629
Dec 11 Mike Tracy 502-487-0935
Dec 18 Drew Overstreet 502-548-7650
Dec 25 Matt Kemp 502-489-1582



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UPWARD Basketball

Boys & Girls
Kindergarten through 8th grade

Practice begins the week of January 9, 2023.
Games are on Saturdays beginning January 21.
Cost is \$75 per player.

Sign up at shelbyvillebaptist.com/events



Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m.

No Worship Care, No Bible Fellowship Classes

A Christmas Time Encounter

by Don White

It was Christmas time when I saw this man.
He was walking a busy street.
He carried a bag with notes in side,
That He offered to those He'd meet.

Most He met would turn away
As they viewed Him with alarm.
But those who looked into His face,
Found something bright and warm.

So some, in passing, took His note
And read with slowing pace.
Each then stopped and turned about
With contentment on their face.

With tattered clothes and shoes so worn
He continued on His way.
I made sure He caught my eye
For what could that note say?

His eyes conveyed such love within
And what did I just see?
Was that a scar upon His hand
When His note He gave to me?

He smiled at me as I walked on
Then anxiously I read
And I too, stopped and turned about
For here's what that note said:

"These words I give to all who would hear
His message from above,
Be of good cheer, for I'm still here
And you will always have My love."

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Bible Study Fellowship

Each Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

BSF for women breaks after Dec. 8 and resumes on Thursday, Jan. 6. to continue the study, "People of the Promise, Kingdom Divided." To learn more and sign up, go to www.bsfinternational.org or contact Tammy at 502-641-8373.

Wednesday Night Menus



5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Adults-\$6, Kids or 1/2 adult entrée-\$2

Dec 7: Rib-eye Steak or Italian Chicken
Breast with Cheese, Spring Mix Lettuce
Salad, Wild Rice, Glazed Carrots, Hawai-
ian Rolls & Dessert

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Corn Dogs or
1/2 Portion of Adult Entrée, Wild Rice or
Glazed Carrots

Next Level Resumes

Wednesday,
January 11, 2023.

Church Offices Closed

December 26-28, 2022
& January 2, 2023