



NEWS and VIEWS

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A Word from the Pastor

January 9th

OBSERVANCE OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER
&
DEACON ORDINATION

Dear church family,

As 2021 comes to a close and 2022 comes to the fore, we have much for which to be grateful. In the last year, we have returned to in-person worship and Wednesday night activities. We have added new members. We have expanded our missions and focused on the Main Street Mulberry Mile. In so many ways, our church has been tested, and yet has overcome. Make no mistake about it—this comes not only through our human efforts, but more importantly, through God's providence and grace.

With that said, as we consider the new year, what will we do to be found faithful? Will we make renewed efforts to attend worship and Bible study? Will we seek new ways to serve those in our community and beyond? Will we invite our neighbors, friends, and those we meet to join us in our efforts and unite with our fellowship?

2020 and 2021 were trying for our church. 2022 may be much the same. Yet regardless of what may come, we take comfort in trusting in God's love and mercy. And we repeat the prophet Isaiah's famous oration: "Here am I, send me." Here we are Lord...send us, use us, mold us, and make us for your glory and in your service.

Happy new year!

Josh Hughes

Calendar

Sundays

9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
6 PM Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:15-6 PM Supper Served
6 PM Bible Study, Adult Choir,
Children's & Youth Activities

Saturday, January 1

4 PM Room at the Table

Sunday, January 2

No Sunday School
No Evening Youth

Monday, January 3

OFFICE CLOSED
Youth Work Day 9AM

Wednesday, January 5

Supper & Evening Activities
Resume

Sunday, January 9

Lord's Supper
Deacon Ordination

Wednesday, January 19

Church Forum 6 PM

Saturday, January 22

Deacons Retreat 9AM-Noon

*Thank
you*



Dear Congregation,

FBC has been able to provide Christmas for students at West Caldwell again this year. We are grateful for your generous support this Christmas. Teenagers often get overlooked at Christmas, but they did not this Christmas because of you. When we ask students what they want for Christmas, as they make their list, most of our students struggle to name the things they want or even need. We, also, have students tell us they don't need anything. Caldwell County has great needs. At the same time, Caldwell County has great resources. Thank you for being a willing giver this Christmas.

West Caldwell Student Support Services

Dear Sisters and Brothers of First Baptist,

There are not enough words to express the joy, peace, comfort, hope...when given the Christmas concert. Due to illness, our family gathered around the laptop and worshipped in a very special way. The songs were inspiring, the sing-alongs brought us into the worship, the orchestra made each note speak a special message, and it goes on and on. Thank you once again for including First Presbyterian, as we are one in the Spirit. Much, much love,

Ann & Steve Sime

Thank you for your support of our Angel Tree at William Lenoir Middle School this year. Your generosity is very appreciated. I enjoy working with you each year and look forward to next year,

Nikki Lutton, WLMS

On behalf of the students and families of Hibriten High School, thank you for your donation towards our Angel Tree. Your thoughtfulness and compassion was such a blessing to others. YOU are appreciated! With Panther Pride,

Jennifer Crowe, School Social Worker

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your support of Caldwell County Schools. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by the students and staff. Education is the key to success. Thank you for helping to make education a reality for our students.

Gamewell Middle School, Child & Family Support Team

First Baptist Church Family,

Every year I am amazed at the generosity of your ministry by providing coats for our students in need. Thank you for your love and support. I wish you could see the joy and excitement on their faces as they try on their coats and know they get to keep them!

Tonya Brady, School Counselor LCES



WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:00 PM each Wednesday. Please add your name to the permanent reservation list or contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday.

- January 5Pot Roast with Potatoes & Carrots, Green Beans, Slaw, Roll, Dessert
- January 12Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- January 19Swedish Meatballs with Egg Noodles, Butter Beans, Slaw, Dessert
- January 26Chinese Chicken, Fried Rice, Sauteed Mixed Vegetables, Sauce, Dessert

WORSHIP volunteers

January: Harry Polly, John & Helen Dockery, Joe & Shirley Davis, Tom & Donna McRary, Dan & Ervil Anderson, Scott Fox



- Sunday, Jan. 2 No Evening Youth Activities
- Monday, Jan. 3 Youth Work Day at Church
9AM—Noon
- Sunday, Jan. 9 Parent/Teen Night
6PM Supper; 6:45 Program
- Sunday, Jan. 16 Regular Schedule
- Sunday, Jan. 23 Regular Schedule
- Sunday, Jan. 30 Regular Schedule

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1/1 Kathryn Kincaid
- 1/2 Jimmy Coggin
Katie Kaufman
- 1/4 Eva Barber
Jenna Pennell
- 1/6 Rocky Brooks
Wanda Ellis
Betsy McSwain
- 1/7 Todd Champion
Gracie White (11)
- 1/9 Wendy Tucker
- 1/10 Clint Story
- 1/11 Louise Bradshaw
Sharon Coggin
Bud Fisher
Dawn Hall
- 1/13 James Davis
- 1/14 Dan Anderson
Rob Winkler
- 1/15 Joey Hoyle
- 1/18 Macy Johnson
- 1/20 Frances Malcolm
Doug Walker
- 1/21 Carlie Blevins (15)
Barbara Jolley
- 1/22 Mo Smith (9)
- 1/25 Lena Annas
David Sellers
- 1/26 Crystal Dula
Diane Palmer
Kathryn Perdue
- 1/27 Jesse Holder (3)
- 1/28 Joseph Reid
Hallie Winkler
- 1/29 Mavis Lackey
Betty Lewis
- 1/31 Jessaca Brown
Gail Holland
Becca Lawing
Darrell Pennell

STAFF

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Robert Benfield

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