



THE CALENDAR

Expressing the Mission and Ministry of First Baptist Church
Chippewa Square Savannah, Georgia

CHRISTMAS EVE

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 6 P.M.



“O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel”

FIRST THOUGHTS

LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS CAN BE FOUND RIGHT HERE

Interesting, isn't it, how scripture so often rises from the written page and then returns at another place and time, begging for attention – urging re-reading, prompting reflection, and suggesting a changed application.

That was my experience this week as I read these words from the Psalms,

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. (Psalm 3:3-4 NIV)

Without saying more than I should about recent personal history, I want to focus attention on YOU, the members and friends of First Baptist Church, for YOU are the ones whose love and faithfulness have been so obvious and persistent during the last few weeks. Your cards, personal care, phone calls, meals, gifts, expressions of encouragement, and warm embrace, have shortened my recovery time and deepened my appreciation of what it means to be IN and PART of a Christian congregation – THIS Christian congregation.

I can never thank you enough, nor can my children who looked to you for help for their Dad when they could not be here in person. Folks who are not aware of the love and faithfulness of a church home, or who have allowed themselves to fall away, simply cannot know how life-giving such faithful men and women and young people can be.

To those of you whom we see less frequently, give it some thought. You might be missing the time of your life, and love and faithfulness will never leave you – especially if you are here!

God bless you all!
– Dr. Tom McCann
Intentional Interim Minister

Deacons Serving in January

Doug Craig, captain
Fran Arnsdorff
Sarah Davis
Emily Garrard
Richard Lewis
Ashley Williams

Ushers Serving in January

Reed Creaser, captain
Glenn Arnsdorff
Charles Davis
Joe McNellage
Bill Plunkett
Dale Willhite

January Responsibilities

Audio: Phil Campbell
Ordinances: Scot Pool
and Tifani Pool
Sanctuary: Joe McNellage

**Family Night Activities
will resume on
Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

Hospitalizations

Barbara Creaser
Candler – Room 539

At Home

Margaret Hardy

Schedule of Activities December 17-31, 2017

SUNDAY, December 17

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
1:00 Youth and Children's
Skating Party

MONDAY, December 18

6:00 Transition Team
Conference Room

SUNDAY, December 24

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
6:00 Christmas Eve Service
of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, December 31

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Booklets are still available in the narthex or throughout the Education Building. The devotionals are also posted to the website each day at www.fbc-sav.org.

MORNINGSTAR ANGEL TREE

Please remember to return your Angel Tree gifts to Lewis Hall by Friday, December 15. Gifts should be wrapped and include the original tag from the tree. Thank you for helping to make a brighter Christmas for the children of Morningstar.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Youth, children, and their families are invited to participate in a fun outing after church on Sunday, December 17. We will travel to Sk8 City in Pooler (4 Towne Center Dr., Pooler, GA 31322). The cost is \$10 for children (skates included) and parents skate free. If you have questions please talk with Rebecca Sutton, chair of the Youth and Children Committee.

GRACE AND GLORY

Grace and Glory will meet at the Pirate's House for lunch on Thursday, December 21 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Thelma Browne for more information.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

On Christmas Eve the sanctuary will be decorated with red poinsettias which you may purchase in honor or memory of a loved one for \$12. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase a poinsettia. These may be taken with you at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve service.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

If you plan to make final 2017 contributions after the first of the year, please make sure your check is dated before December 31, 2017 and is delivered to the church office no later than Friday, January 5, 2018.

OFFICE CLOSED

Honoring holiday leave and earned vacation time, the church office will be closed December 21-January 1. It will reopen Tuesday, January 2.

The ministers are on call for any emergencies, and will be retrieving messages left at the office number on a regular basis. Do not hesitate to call them at home should an emergency arise. The next issue of *The Calendar* will be dated January 3, 2018.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Children's Christmas Program will mark the final Wednesday Night for this semester. Family Night Activities will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

I would like to thank all the members of the church who visited me and prayed for me during my recent illness. The care and support from each of you meant so much to me.

– Nell Pharis

Happy Birthday!

The following persons have birthdays during the month of January:

- January 1- Holly George, Sean McCulley
- January 3- Cindy Stevens, Nancy Sutton, Heather Valentine
- January 4- Bill Heard, Pam Sebastian, Karen Terry
- January 5- Lilly George
- January 6- Libby McIntosh, Ginger Pruden
- January 9- Nancy Beard
- January 10- Lorne George, Jennifer Hartenhoff
- January 11- Wilson Johnson, Bill Sutton, Jack Willhite
- January 12- Loxie Lamar
- January 13- John Foxx Willhite
- January 14- Ellis Pool
- January 15- Norma Finley
- January 16- Andrew Durden, Vivian Geiger, David McCulley, Andy Thompson
- January 17- Tripp Cervino, Rob Kilgore, Randy Murray
- January 18- Chip Usher
- January 19- Ella Dunn, Rebecca Sutton
- January 20- James Richardson
- January 21- Glen Minckler, Andrew Schroeder
- January 22- Paul Moriarty
- January 23- Nan Lewis
- January 26- Jennifer Currin-McCulloch
- January 28- Van Pool
- January 31- Barbara McClung, Bill Roberts

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The Calendar

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Children’s Time on December 17

Josh Brewer

Lay Reader on December 17

Frances Mills

Nursery Volunteer on December 17

Tricia Craig

Sanctuary Flowers on December 17

The white poinsettias in the sanctuary throughout the Advent season are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allene and Vreeland George by their children.

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Eleven O’clock

Sermon:

“Why Heaven Came Down”

Dr. Tom McCann

First Lesson:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Second Lesson:

Psalms 126

Gospel Lesson:

John 1:1-5, 10-14

Anthem:

“Come, Savior Come”

by Dana Mengel

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