

December 3, 2023



**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD**

Opening "Joy to the World"  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Prelude  
 1<sup>st</sup> Candle of Advent Hickman, Varney, Mullin Family  
 Prayer Concerns/Prayer  
 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
 \*Doxology  
 Choir Special "We Need a Savior"  
 Praise and Worship "What Child Is This"  
 Scripture John 14:6  
 Sermon Pastor Toby Wagoner  
 "The Way, Truth and the Life"  
 \*Worship Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
 Holy Communion ~ The Bread, The Cup  
 \*Benediction "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

The final hymn is an invitation to those who wish to follow Christ as Savior and Lord, to renew their faith, or to unite with the membership of this church.

**This Week at FBC**

**Sunday** 9:30 Sunday School  
 10:45 Morning worship  
 6:00 God's Cadets  
 6:30 Jr & Sr High Youth  
**Monday** Noon Red Cross Blood Drive  
 6:00 Trustee Meeting  
**Wednesday** 6:30 Adult Bible Study  
 6:30 Jr & Sr High Youth  
**Thursday** 6:30 Deaconess Meeting  
**Saturday** 11:30 CommUnity Kitchen – Susan West



**Upcoming Events**

**Dec 3-** First Advent; **Dec 4-** Red Cross Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting; **Dec 7-** Deaconess Meeting; **Dec 10-** Second Advent; **Dec 11-** BOCE; **Dec 12-** Deacons Meeting; **Dec 13-** Handbell Practice; **Dec 17-** Children's Christmas Program; Handbell Practice; **Dec 19-** Financial Committee; **Dec 20-** Youth Christmas Program; **Dec 22-** Office Closed; **Dec 24-** Christmas Eve Cantata; **Dec 25-** Merry Christmas!



Thanks to all who helped support the CIRCLE missions this year! We pray you have a wonderful Christmas holiday season.



There is no Men's Fellowship in December due to the holidays. Thank you for a good year of fellowship men! See you January 9, 2024! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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**Nursery Worker today – Skyler Hickman**  
**Children's Church – Brittany Pistelli**  
**Nursery Next Week – Grace Shirley**  
**Children's Church Next Week – Ashlee Wyant**

*If you are willing to help with the children, contact Ashlee Wyant.*

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**Giving can be done in many ways.**

- Mail to FBC, 215 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164
- Drop it off at the church
- Use [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) on line for a quick, easy way to give. Go to our website and click on Online Giving at [www.fbcraenswood.org](http://www.fbcraenswood.org)

**Welcome**

Today we begin our Christmas Journey with the lighting of the Advent Candles. The Hickman/Varney/Mullin family will be lighting the Candle of Prophecy and Preparation. Let us begin our focus on the Christ Child.

Thank you for supporting the RMMO. Our goal was \$800 and we received \$973.00 (not including Tithely).

Give Life – Give Blood! Tomorrow in the Fellowship Hall. Noon to 5:00.

The Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at 6:00.

Adult Bible Study resumes this Wednesday at 6:30.

The 2024 Altar Flower Calendar and CommUnity Kitchen Calendar are posted on the side office door.

The Deaconess Meeting will meet this Thursday at 6:30.

You can donate to the staff gifts for Christmas by marking your checks 'staff gift'. The deacons will be collecting these gifts until December 17.

We will be helping with the Adopt-a-Family again this year. Please take an Angel from the doors of the sanctuary and use the angel after you bring the gift back. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall for the gifts. All gifts should be returned by December 17. Thank you.

Sign up today to give blood at our blood drive on December 4. Everyone who gives blood will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email. If you can help with registration that day, please contact Susan.

### Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group meets each Sunday at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm upstairs in the Anchor Room. We are currently studying the series "Making Your Case for Christ" as we grow in ways to share the gospel with others. Come and check it out—there is a place for you in this great group of our church family!

We have established a GroupChat and would like to invite all young adults in the church to be a part of this.

### Youth News

The Youth meet Sunday and Wednesday at 6:30 for Bible study and fellowship. All Jr. and Sr. High youth are welcome. We are practicing for our Christmas Program that will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30.

God's Cadets have started their Christmas play practice. They will meet Sundays at 6:00. Their play will be Sunday morning December 17.

**WELCOME** to our service of worship on this Lord's Day! If you are looking for a church home, we would have you consider First Baptist.



**FAITH** is always personal, yet not private, and is expressed freely and openly within the community of faith.



### *December Memory Verse:*

*"And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.'" John 6:35*

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*The beautiful altar flowers today are given by Nancy McCoy, Deb & Burt Lyons in honor of Ed and Charlotte McCoy's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

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You are important! Sign in Please! The Attendance Pads are in each pew. Sign in and pass it on. **YOU COUNT!** Thank you.

### Watch from Home

Our services are streamed live on Sunday on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchRavenswoodWV](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchRavenswoodWV).

# Hope

THE LORD HIMSELF  
SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN;  
BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL  
CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON,  
AND SHALL CALL  
HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

ISAIAH 7:14



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