

December 17, 2023



**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD**

Opening "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Prelude  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle of Advent The Cole Family  
 God's Cadets Christmas Program  
 Deacon Presentation Danny Dzierzanski  
 Prayer Concerns/Prayer  
 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
 \*Doxology  
 Choir Special "The First Noel/Noel He Is Born"  
 Scripture Luke 2:8-20  
 Sermon Pastor Toby Wagoner  
 "Sharing the Good News"  
 \*Worship Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
 \*Benediction

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  
 Reception to follow  
 5:30 Handbell Practice  
 6:00 God's Cadets  
 6:30 Jr & Sr High Youth  
**Tuesday** 6:00 Financial Meeting  
**Wednesday** 6:30 Youth Christmas Program  
 Reception to follow  
 7:30 Choir Practice  
**Thursday** 6:30 Cantata Practice  
**Saturday** 11:30 NO CommUnity Kitchen – Holiday



**Upcoming Events**

**Dec 17-** Children's Christmas Program; Handbell Practice;  
**Dec 19-** Financial Committee; **Dec 20-** Youth Christmas Program;  
**Dec 21-** Cantata Practice; **Dec 22-** Office Closed;  
**Dec 24-** Christmas Eve Cantata; **Dec 25-** Merry Christmas! Office Closed;  
**Dec 27-** Youth Party; **Dec 31-** Office Installation; New Year's Eve Silent Prayer;  
**Jan 1-** Happy New Year! Office Closed; **Jan 4-** Deaconess Meeting; **Jan 5-** Movie Night; **Jan 7-** Breakfast with the Wisemen



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 – Scarlet Mullins**  
**Children's Church – Andrea Crow**  
**No Nursery Next Week**  
**No Children's Church Next Week**  
*If you are willing to help with the children,*  
*contact Brittany Pistelli.*

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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.fbcravenswood.org](http://www.fbcravenswood.org)

**Welcome**

This is the 3rd Advent for our Christmas Journey. The Cole family will be lighting the Shepherds Candle. *Let us focus on the Christ Child.*

Today God's Cadets will be performing their Christmas Program during the service. *Many Thanks to Jane Moore and Ashlee Wyant for the hard work and leadership for this group.* A reception will follow this morning's service.

Come out this Wednesday night at 6:30 to watch the Youth Christmas Program, *The Word Became Flesh.*

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

Please consider helping with CommUnity Kitchen for a mission outreach. If you have any questions, contact Burt Lyons or Susan West. Sign up today!

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.

The Adopt-a-Family gifts are due today. Thank you to all who are helping with this project.

Luminaria Memorials are still available. Please contact Susan.

Remember, you can save postage by using the church mail box outside the office door for those who are currently attending our services. *Don't forget to check your box!*

## Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group meets each Sunday at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm upstairs in the Anchor Room. 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.

We are planning a Christmas party/trip to Christmas Cove but don't have a date for that yet. Contact Jo Hendricks or any Young Adult for more information. We will be filling the Blessing Boxes, work on Adopt a Family and send out final cards for our card ministry.

## 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 **The Word Became Flesh**. It will be performed on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30.

God's Cadets Christmas Program is today during the worship service - **The Noisy Night** and **The Good News Flash!** Please stay for cookies following the morning worship. We will still meet tonight at 6:00 and have our Christmas party.

**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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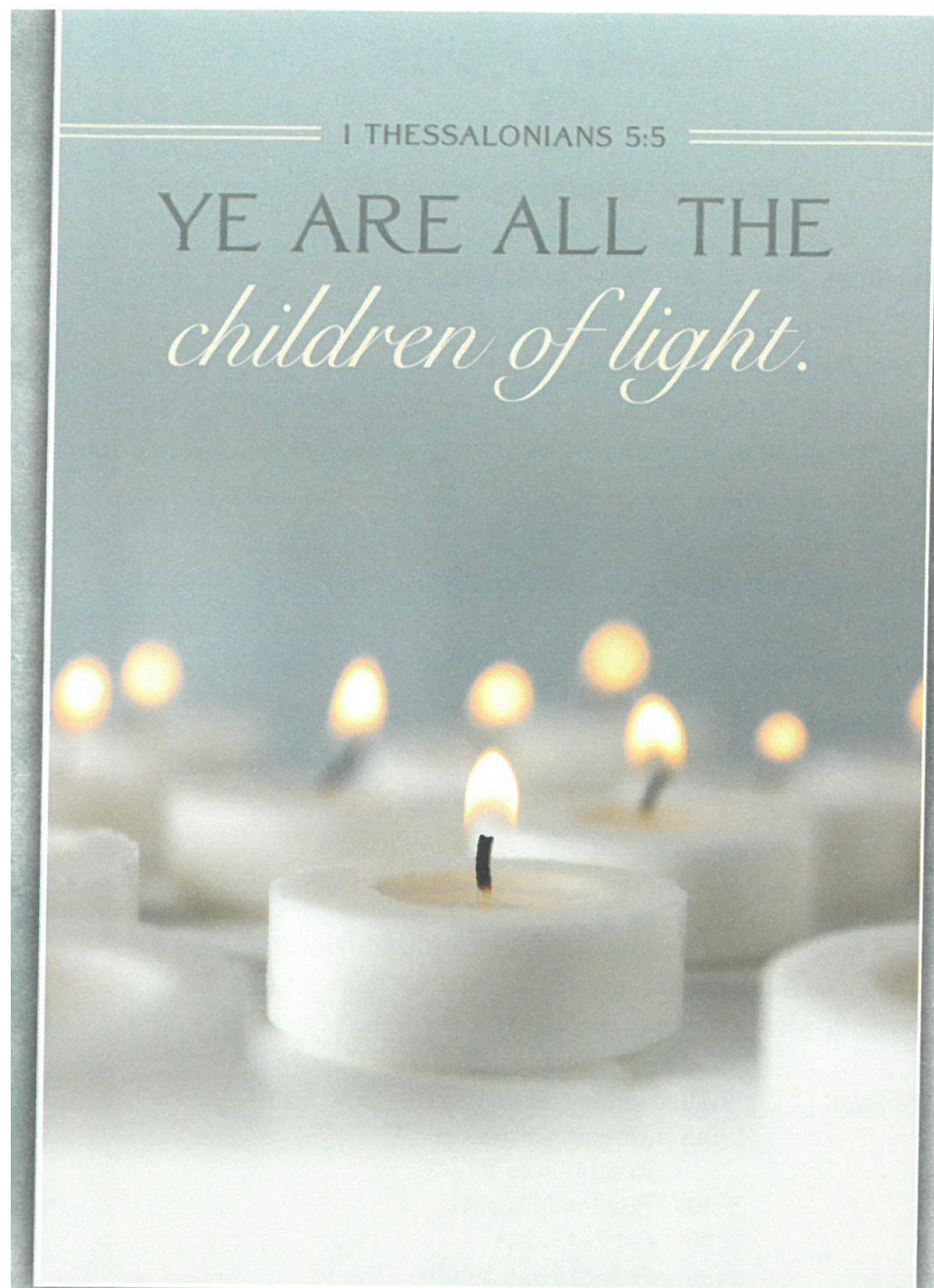
*The beautiful altar flowers today are given by Jim Speer in memory of his parents James and Nola Speer and his sister Frankie Bolt.*

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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).



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YE ARE ALL THE  
*children of light.*

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