

**December 1, 2024**



**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD**

*Opening* "Joy to the World"

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Prelude*

*1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle* *The Flesher Family*

*Prayer Concerns/Prayer*

*Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings*

*\*Doxology*

*Choir Special* "Open Up the Heavens"

*Praise & Worship* "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

*Scripture* *Psalms 100:4; Matthew 1:23*

*Sermon* *Dr. Toby Wagoner*

**"Anticipating Christmas"**

*\*Worship Song* "Away in a Manger"

*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 / Moving Mountains Youth
- Monday* **Noon** Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6:00** Trustee Meeting
- Tuesday* **1:00** Game Day
- Wednesday* **6:30** Bible Study
- Saturday* **11:30** CommUnity Kitchen – The Arringtons
- 5:00** Progressive Dinner

**Upcoming Events**

**Dec 2-** Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting; **Dec 7-** Progressive Dinner; **Dec 8-** Deaconess Meeting, **Dec 9-** BOCE; **Dec 10-** A Christmas Carol; Men's Fellowship; **Dec 14-** Painting Class; **Dec 15-** Children's Program, Deaconess Meeting; Bell Practice



Are you looking for a ministry? The Meals Ministry is looking for volunteers. You would be part of a team that prepares a meal for a member of our church family following hospitalization on a rotational basis with other meals teams. Spreading love with a good meal! Contact Kathy Hudson if interested. Text or call 304-373-8938.

*Mark your calendars! Progressive Dinner December 7.*



The next Men's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 9:00 at Tudors. All men are invited to attend.

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**Nursery Worker today – Connie Staats**  
**Children's Church – Andrea Crow**  
**Nursery Next Week – Destiny Thomas**  
**Children's Church Next Week – Brittany Pistelli**

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This week's bell ringer is Emree Mullins

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**Announcement**

What a blessing with the Shoebox Ministry! Our church collected 237 boxes and as a collection center, we were able to collect 749boxes! That means approximately 5,243 people will be reached for Jesus! Amen and praise the Lord!



*For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!*

**Welcome**

We will be observing Communion today. Please be in prayer as we remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.

The Deacons will be collecting for the Deacon's Fund at each exit today. The fund goes to help with needs in our church and community. Thank you for giving.

Our Deacons have started collecting donations for staff gifts until December 15. You can mark your checks 'staff gift' and place in the offering. Thank you.

**PAINTING WITH CHERYL:** We will be having another painting day here at the church on Saturday, December 14 at 2:00. The cost is \$45. Please contact Kristi King if interested.

*A Christmas Carol:* If you have signed up to see the play in Athens on December 10, please give your money to Kristi King The tickets are \$15. Thank you.

The Progressive Dinner is this Saturday at 5:00. We will invade the Staats home at 906 Adams Avenue then head out to the Bashaw home at 196 Watkins Lane in Sherman. All adults are welcome to come have a great time! See the enclosed flyer to sign up.

Pastor Toby is anticipating a baptism next Sunday December 8. If you are in need of being baptized, please contact Pastor Toby following this morning's service.

The Secret Place devotions are available in the vestibule.

Thank you for giving to the RMMO. We collected \$541 for the offering.

## Young Adults Group

We are extending a special invitation to those ages ~18~35 to join us for a new study on the 12 disciples. We meet upstairs in the Anchor Room on Sundays at 9:30 am and most Sunday evenings at 6 pm.

In addition, we are also involved in other mission and fellowship activities – especially during this holiday season. The bond of friendship is just an added bonus of our studies and walk with Christ.

Can you name the 12 Disciples? What do you know about them and how does that relate to your relationship with Christ today? Is Jesus Calling you to get to know Him better?

## Youth News

Our Moving Mountains Youth will meet tonight at 6:00. All youth are welcome!

MMY invites all adults to our Ugly Sweater Party on December 22 at 6:00. Come and compete against the students in games. Food & Drink provided.

God's Cadets continues their Christmas Play Practice tonight at 6:00. They will perform on December 15 during morning worship. All K-5 are encouraged to come and have a great time!

**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:*

*"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined." Isaiah 9:2*

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*The beautiful flowers at the altar today are given by Susan West for all the blessings of the Lord.*

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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).

If you have mobility problems and are interested in using valet parking, please contact Jon Moore. (Call church 304-273-9910).

# Hope

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ISAIAH 9:2



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