

All Joy reminds. It is never a possession,
always a desire for something longer ago
or further away or still "about to be".

. CS Lewis (Surprised By Joy)



Your Message Notes

Joy As a Choice

Luke 1:5-23

Past sermons are available at madisonfbc.org.

Copies (CDs) are available upon request.

Activity pages for children are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Traditional Worship

8:45 a.m.

* = *please stand for hymn*

Prelude	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”	<i>Brahms</i>
Welcome & Opportunities		
Invocation		

***The First Baptist Church Choir Presents:
“Born in My Heart” by Schlosser***



Lighting of the Advent Candle	“Joy”	Mike & Nita Scarff
Offertory Hymn #154	“What Can I Give Him?”	
Prayer & Offertory	“Noel”	<i>Roques</i>
*Doxology #624		
Moment in Mission		Emogene Carter
Congregational Prayer		
<i>Children dismissed to Kidz Worship</i>		
Message	“Joy As a Choice”	Randy Crutchfield
*Invitation Hymn #143	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Once He Came in Blessing”	<i>Buttstedt</i>

Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opportunities		
Moment in Mission		Emogene Carter
Congregational Prayer		
Congregational Singing		
Offering		
Lighting of the Advent Candle	“Joy”	Al & Sharyn Whitman
<i>Children dismissed to Kidz Worship</i>		
Special Music		
Message	“Joy As a Choice”	Randy Crutchfield
Invitation		
Benediction		

Coming Events & Notices

THIS WEEK

TODAY! Church-Wide Caroling Come share Christmas cheer as we get together to sing for some of our shut-ins today. We'll meet at 3p in the lower auditorium before heading out to sing.

NEXT WEEK

Christmas Eve Services We'll hold two services on Christmas Eve. Invite family and friends and join us for a celebration at either our 5:30p or our 7p service! (Our praise team will lead music for the 5:30p service. Music will be led from the organ and piano for our 7p service.) *Please note: No childcare will be provided for these services.*

COMING SOON

Combined Worship We'll hold a combined worship service at 10:30a on Sunday, December 30th. Sunday School will be held at 9:30a. (All evening activities will be canceled on December 23rd and 30th.)

REMINDER/NOTICE

Offering Envelopes Ready Your 2019 Offering envelopes are ready. Please pick yours up in the lower auditorium today.

College Scholarships Forms and guidelines for the American Baptist Women State scholarships are available in the lower auditorium. Applications are due February 15th.

Ornament Fundraiser Christmas gift idea! We're selling ornament sets to help pay off our stained glass window restoration costs. (See display in the lower auditorium for an example set.) Sets are available for donations of \$80 or more to go to the Window Restoration Fund. Contact Sara Minor (812-273-6169) or our office if you're interested. We only have 9 sets left!

Bulletin announcements are due the Thursday before the Sunday you'd like it printed. Guidelines for writing one are available outside our office.

Opportunities

GIVING & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DUE TODAY! Angel Delivery All gifts need to be dropped off TODAY! We still have angels left on our nursing home tree. If you'd like to share God's love this Christmas by giving a gift to nursing home residents, please stop by our display in the lower auditorium and pick an angel. ALL Gifts need to be wrapped (please tape the angel to package/gift bag) and returned TODAY.

DUE TODAY! Staff Love Gift Our church staff works hard to provide us with opportunities to connect with God and with others throughout the year. You can thank them by designating envelopes to "Staff Love Gift". Please place gifts in the offering plate or send them to our office by TODAY.

Sister Church Scholarships You can be a blessing to the children, youth, and young adults of Shekina Baptist Church in El Salvador by helping students attend primary school, high school, and university! We have helped over 40 students, many who have graduated from the University and are now working to help improve their country. To donate to our Sister Church scholarship fund, designate gifts "ES Scholarships". Money due December 23rd.

Retired Ministers & Missionaries You can thank ministers who have served around the world by donating to RMMO. Some of our own retired ministers, including Harold and Emogene Carter and Dennis Bickers receive a portion of this offering. To give, please use the envelopes in your pew, or designate gifts "RMMO."

Help with Membership Rolls Our membership rolls are in great need of organization, but it's a big job! Our church clerk, Virgie Dowell, is looking for people willing to help organize our paper files so we can have searchable records. If you'd like to help, please contact Virgie at 812-599-3955.

Basement Kitchen Help We need to clean out the basement kitchen cabinets before remodeling begins. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Judy Wright at 812-701-2222.

Newsletter Deadline If you're involved in a ministry with First Baptist, you can encourage our church family by sharing a brief activity update, photos, and/or a story for our newsletter. Guidelines are available outside our church office. Submissions for January's newsletter due Thursday, December 20th.

Kidz Worship Teachers Want to make an eternal difference? Be a Kidz Worship teacher! Kidz Worship, for ages 4-12, happens each Sunday during the sermon time. Teachers are provided with complete lesson plans. Teachers are asked to commit for serving a month at a time, choosing which months work best for them. If you're interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kelly at 265-2331 or sign up in the lower auditorium.

Please Keep Us In Your Prayers

In Our Thoughts & Prayers	Audrey Andrews (Hickory Creek)	Kit Peters (Hanover Nursing Center)
	Claude Dale (Res Care)	Laura Jean Risk (Home)
	Phil Eades (Home)	Don Royce (Thornton Terrace)
	Melanie Fuhrman (Home)	Bea Rusk (Thornton Terrace)
	Paulina Giltner (Thornton Terrace)	Dru Tripp (Home)
	Mary Jo Goins (Home)	Margaret Sage (Home)
	Chris Hassfurder (Home)	Irvin Stockdale (River Terrace)
	Judie Ingalls (Home)	Irene Youngblood (Hickory Creek)
	Louis Jenkins (Home)	

Military Personnel *Please pray for the safety of those on active duty*

Major Nathan Barr - <i>Ft. Rucker, AL</i>	Brady Lattire - <i>Army, Ft. Gordon, GA</i>
Nick Bohn - <i>Navy, San Antonio, TX</i>	Alex Marion - <i>Coast Guard</i>
Jacob Childs - <i>Air Force</i>	Calvin McClelland - <i>Navy, Travis AFB, CA</i>
Captain Matt Cuthrell - <i>Ft. Bragg, NC</i>	Maj. Justin Roman - <i>Army</i>
Colton Fox - <i>Marines</i>	Dylan Schmidt - <i>Navy, Japan</i>
Staff Sgt. Skyler Harrod - <i>Air Force, Germany</i>	Ese Taylor - <i>Marines</i>
Logan Hudson - <i>Air Force</i>	Brandon Yowler - <i>Army</i>
Taylor Kelly - <i>Air Force</i>	

First Baptist Missions Partners	Kerry Dougan - <i>"Kids Alive" Dominican Republic</i>
	Pastor Ruth - <i>Our Sister Church El Salvador</i>
	Amy Fisher (Cecil Fisher's great-niece) - <i>Peru</i>

IN/KY American Baptist Missions Partners	International Ministries: Kristy Engel <i>Caribbean</i>
	Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Govanetti <i>Columbia</i> ;
	Peter & Sarah McCurdy <i>Dominican Republic</i> ;
	Kyle & Deborah Witmer <i>Thailand</i> ; Emerson & Ivy Wu <i>East Asia</i> ;
	Jon & Amanda Good <i>Hungary</i>

Home Missions: Tysha Hardy-Sellers *Edna Martin Christian Center, IN*;
Susan Harding *Cordova Community Christian Center, AK*;
Yvette Kenner, *South Providence Neighborhood, RI*

First Baptist's Special Focus Missionaries: Dwight & Barbara Bolick *Chile*

You can find out more about our American Baptist Mission partners
at internationalministries.org and abhms.org

Please Keep Us In Your Prayers

Please keep us updated on changes to this list. **Requests remain on the list for six weeks before being removed, unless we hear otherwise.**

The date after the name is the week they were added to the prayer list.

Our Associate Pastor/Youth Minister Search Team: Terry Sparks, Nancy Totten, Kathy Stoner, Kim Tingle, Jennifer Sproles, Sam Boles

Gabe (*friend of Sharon Higbie's grandson*) - 13 yrs. old; recurrent leukemia; not doing well 12/16

Elston Boldery - leukemia 12/16

Bob Leach - cancer 12/16

Kristen (*Sharyn Whitman's friend*) - cancer; chemo not working, new tumor growth

Renny Rieman - health problems 12/9

Jason and Alison Watkins and family - 13 yr old daughter, Rachel, has Dravet's Syndrome (a seizure disorder); spinal cord surgery on December 13th 12/9

Rick Dalgleish - recovery from deep brain stimulation surgery 12/2

Bonnie Datral - intestine rupture; healing 12/2

Grace Hammons - loss of baby boy 12/2

Lauana Keakealani - non Hodgkins' Lymphoma; chemo treatments 12/2

Betty Matthews - ovarian cancer 12/2

Stan Henry - stage 4 cancer 11/25

Penny Sanchez - recovering from serious health issues 11/25

Pastor Wayne Edwards - cancer 11/18

Coleton McClelland - health tests 11/18

Barb Sargent - brain cancer 11/18

Jerry Dougan - injured in fall, broken arms, nose, bruising 11/11

Jennifer Monroe - health 11/11

Persecuted Christians around the world

If you have an immediate prayer concern, or want to be a part of the prayer email network, (a team of people contacted to pray for concerns that arise during the week) please contact pray@madisonfbc.org

This Week's Events

<u>Today</u>	8:45-9:45 a.m.	Traditional Service
	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Studies
	11:00a- 12:00 p.m.	Contemporary Service
	3:00 p.m.	Church-wide Caroling Meet @ L. Auditorium
		No Evening Activities
<u>Monday</u>	5:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting @ Builder's Room
	7:00 p.m.	Book of Matthew Study @ Eggleston
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00 a.m.	Nursery Playgroup @ Nursery
		No Group Study @ Eggleston
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice @ Choir Room (Room 17)
<u>Thursday</u>		Newsletter Deadline

Your Financial Gifts Last Week

Total: \$8,540.31	Offering: \$6,350	Sunday School: \$35.60
Justice Breakfast: \$45.71	RMMO: \$180	House of Hope: \$100
Sister Church Scholarship: \$50	Kids Alive: \$600	Eggleston Use: \$375
Offering Envelopes: \$3	Staff Love Gift: \$535	Poinsettias: \$66
Stained Glass in honor of Linda Roaks: \$200		

Correction to last week's bulletin:

\$500 donated to Sister Church Scholarship in memory of Kenny Minor

**To designate gifts, please use
the envelopes available in your pew.**

Together Last Sunday Morning	
Sunday Morning Worship	188
Sunday School	75