

Christ ✨
the Savior
is born



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SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2017

ENTER AT THE
FAIRGROUNDS.
1513 MIDLAND TRAIL

A Night in Bethlehem
A Drive Thru Live Nativity Experience

Saturday, December 2, 6-8 p.m.

Shelbyville First Baptist Church, 1516 Midland Trail
View & hear the narration of the Christmas story from the comfort of your vehicle.
Over 100 live characters & animals!! Free cookies & hot chocolate.

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It's all FREE!!!

502.633.1317

The Christmas Story ✨

A Christmas Luncheon
for Seniors & Friends

Thursday, December 14

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

*The program of music & scripture will be presented
by our students & children.*

A donation of \$7 for the meal
is appreciated.

Please call the church office at 633-1317
or contact Geoffrey for reservations.

THE *First Noël*

BORN *is the* KING

Great mystery
Of grace unknown.
A manger now
Becomes a Throne.
A desert sky
A concert hall.
His royal court
A cattle stall.

Presented by

*The Sanctuary Choir
and Orchestra*

Sunday, December 17

11:00 a.m.

Combined
Worship Service

Bible Fellowship at 9:45 a.m.

A word from your pastor....

My beloved church,

Hanging of the Green was an awesome time to worship the Lord as a church family and launch our Advent Season with worship and congregational participation. What a spiritual blessing!

The Christmas Season is HERE! Our **Night in Bethlehem** Observance is upon us. So many of you have jumped in to help us. It has become a Shelbyville holiday tradition. And we are truly excited about the possibility of glorifying the Lord once again. Whether it will be children gleefully running through the market place or seniors stirring hot chocolate, it will be a collective effort by the body as a whole.

In addition, we will be touching the community with **Christmas for Families**. As a church family we will deliver gift baskets with gift cards to bless the needy in Shelby County. Loving people in the name of Jesus truly reflects the love and grace of the Christ. Giving embodies the essence of the Christmas Story.

But for me the highlight of the season will be

our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**. When the whole family comes together in worship, it is such a blessing to my spirit. I love the songs of the season which celebrate the glory of Christmas. We will once again connect the cradle to the cross at the Lord's Supper table. The gift of the Son began in the Advent Season, but God's ultimate expression of love found its fullest expression with the sacrifice of the cross. Our Christmas Eve worship brings the best of our tenets of faith together with the children, young adults, and seniors.

Can you tell I am excited about this Christmas Season? What excites me most is sharing this with our church family. I am grateful God brought us together four years ago. It's going to be a great time together in worship, service and celebration. **Bro. Maurice**



Indian National Christmas Event



**Saturday, Dec. 9
5:00 p.m.**

We will come along-side Hurstbourne Baptist Church and the Aashirwad Fellowship to plan a

Christmas event for the Indian nationals who live in Louisville. If you have an interest in participation, contact Brother Maurice.



Christmas for Families

**Wednesday, Dec. 13
6:30 p.m.**

We will pack food baskets and distribute to families in our community. Watch for more details on how you can be part of this tremendous outreach!



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

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Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The national goal this year is \$160 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Staff Anniversaries

Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth, completes four years of service as our Senior Pastor in December. A heartfelt thanks is not enough to express our gratitude and love for your dedication and leadership. We appreciate all you do and are so thankful that you are part of our church family.



Family Christmas Caroling



Sunday
December 17
5:30—7:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome to join us as we give and receive joy through the gift of caroling. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., then go out to the community. Caroling will be followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the church. Bring your family for this fun, festive event!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

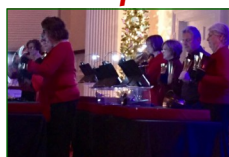
With Lord's Supper Observance



Sunday, Dec. 24

5:00 p.m.

Regular scheduling will be followed Sunday morning.



Women's Winter Retreat

February 2-3, 2018

Hyatt Regency Louisville

Watch for registration details soon!

with
Sandy Gross



CONGRATULATIONS!

- ♥ to Dr. Stephen and Laura Rice on the birth of their grandson, Jack Walker McQueary. The parents are Lauren and Izak McQueary.
- ♥ To Cecil & Barbara McGee on the birth of a great granddaughter, Alexis Paige McGee. Parents are Justin & Emily McGee.



WMU Meetings at SFBC

Dec. 4 - Jean Albright Circle, Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 5 - Mary Sampson Circle, Chapel 10:00 a.m.



Our Heartfelt Sympathy
is extended to the families of...

- ✦ Kim Hardin for the loss of her father, Ron Taylor
- ✦ Lowell Howell, father of Brian (Tammy) Howell
- ✦ Arnold Burke, brother of Sharron (Bob) Jones and Brenda Sipes Wade
- ✦ Pearl Taylor Miller, mother of Gary (Janie) Miller



STUDENT MISSION TRIP
GUATEMALA
June 4th-12th 2018

There is still an opportunity to help send the Gospel to Guatemala. As 21 from our church are preparing to go, you can help them by giving any amount you can. You can give online by selecting the "Guatemala Mission Trip" fund option. Thank you for your support of our students and their families!



Thank you for 321 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! These were delivered to the collection center by our 4th & 5th graders.



GREETERS

At back awning door

8:20-8:40 a.m. Robert Cleary
9:20-9:40 a.m. Don Kemp
10:30-11:00 a.m. Dianne King



Thank You Church

Dear Church Family, I want you to know how much I appreciate the phone calls and visits from the Whites, Pastor Maurice and Pastor Geoffrey when I had my shoulder surgery. We love you all.



Don & Ruth Kemp

I would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and for cards sent to me.

Beverly Coots

Sunday Attendance

	November	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26	Avg.
Bible Fellowship		319	358	340	307	331
Worship		526	472	484	432	479

Mission Statement: "love God, love people, make disciples."

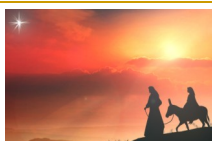
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Complete the Journey

as of December 1, 2017

Loan Balance - \$695,811.74



Just two years ago at this time, our loan balance was over \$1 million, and by the end of 2016 we broke the \$800,000 mark. It is exciting to have recently broken under \$700,000 and to think about further debt reduction by the end of 2017. Thank you for your generous donations as we work toward retiring this debt!

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End of Year Giving

End-of-year tithes and offerings can be accepted for 2017 if received in the church office, submitted online, or postmarked by December 31,

2017. They will appear on your annual contribution statement. Offerings postmarked or submitted after December 31, 2017, will go on your 2018 record. Thank you for your love and support this year.



Sunday,
Dec. 10
5:30 p.m.

Staff

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The Ultimate Gift

Thank you, Lord, for a little boy
Born so long ago.

A poor and simple beginning
Yet the world would come to know.

He walked among His elders
Showing vision beyond His years.
New hope He brought to many
While instilling some with fears.

He spoke of love and forgiveness
And healed the sick and lame.
Who was this that came to them?
Jesus was His name.

We thank you, Lord, for Jesus
And the sacrifice He made.
Thank you for an empty tomb
Where briefly He was laid.

The ultimate gift of Christmas
Won't be found beneath the tree.
It's the everlasting blessing
Of God's love for you
and me.

*Don White
November 2017*



Church offices will be closed
Mon., Dec. 25 –Weds., Dec. 27
and Monday, January 1, 2018.

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*



Wednesday Menu

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Adult Portion-\$6

Kids or 1/2 adult entrée - \$2

Dec 6: Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Blue,
Au gratin Potatoes, Asparagus or
Glazed Carrots & Dessert
Kids: Grilled Cheese or 1/2 adult
entrée, Mac & Cheese or Broccoli
& Dessert

*This is our last Next Level for 2017.
We will resume January 10, 2018.*