

# Chimes

SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2018

ENTER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS:  
1513 MIDLAND TRAIL

## A Night in Bethlehem

A Drive Thru Live Nativity Experience

Saturday, December 1, 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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## Christmas Musical Celebration

*Presented by the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra*

Sunday, December 16

11:00 a.m. Service

Join us for a special Sunday morning of worship and praise.



8:30 Contemporary Service

9:45 Bible Study

11:00 Choir  
Musical  
Program



## Family Christmas Caroling

🎵 Sunday  
December 16  
5:30—7:00 p.m.

Give and receive joy through the gift of caroling! All ages are welcome to join us. 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!



Family Movie Night

## THE STAR

THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Wednesday December 19  
6:00 p.m.

In the Student Room

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.

Keep Christ at the center of your Christmas with this wonderful opportunity to come together and focus on the most important element of the Christmas season.



We will gather to worship in song and the service will culminate with the observance of the Lord's Supper.



## Christmas Celebration for South Asians

December 22, 2018 5:00 pm  
Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville

See Bro. Maurice, if you would like to be a part of taking the wonder of Christ to the Hindus of Louisville.





## A word from your pastor....

My Beloved Church Family,  
The holidays are upon us. This time of year is filled with joy and celebration for so many of us. And the opportunities for ministry abound. Beginning with our "Night in Bethlehem," our church family has so many opportunities to come together and share in this celebration. When we gather December 12 for "Christmas for Families," we will be reaching out in the name of our Lord with tangible expressions of His love. I always look forward to caroling for our seniors together as a church family. And, we will be reaching out to Indian nationals on December 22. But my favorite service of all is the candlelight Christmas Eve Observance when the whole church family comes together. We are better together . . . always.

As I shared above, I savor time with each of you, whether that is chasing a sheep in Bethlehem, singing on a front porch or worshipping at the Lord's Table. Happy as this season is for most of us, let me

challenge you to look around. The spouse who is alone for the first Christmas after decades with a partner needs encouragement to join in. The single parent who has to pass children off to the non-custodial parent will feel a keen sense of loneliness as many of us sense a mounting anticipation. And the newcomer to Shelbyville may not yet have a network of friendships. In short, as we celebrate together as the family of God, look around and intentionally look for opportunities to be a blessing to others.

Jesus was born to seek and save the lost. We can join Him in this effort, as we share His love with those who are hurting.

*Bro. Maurice*



### New Interim Contemporary Worship Leader

We welcome Andy Granstaff as our new interim Contemporary Worship Leader. Andy is a student at Boyce College, and he and his wife, Maddi, live in Louisville. Welcome to SFBC Andy!



### Empower International Missions Efforts

Your giving enables missionaries to take the gospel to unreached people around the world.



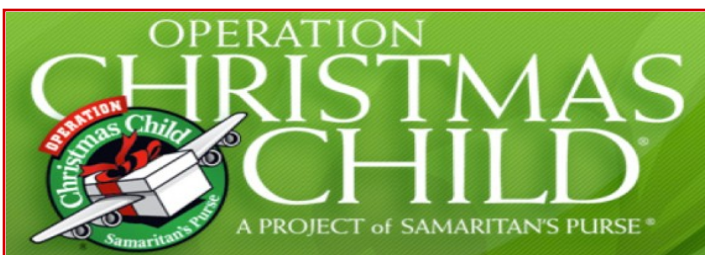
SFBC Goal: \$20,000

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®  
*for international missions*

### A Special Thank You...

Our Hanging of the Green Service was especially meaningful this year with the participation of the Spencer County High School Choir,

led by Kelsi Edelen, and the Henry County High School Choir, led by Ashley Sweeney. What a great launch to Christmas worship as a church family!



Thank you for 313 Shoe boxes! These will be distributed to children around the world.

### Church Bicentennial Celebration

**January 26-27, 2019**

Mark your calendars for a special weekend of celebration for the 200 year anniversary of SFBC! Watch for more details soon.



### WMU Meetings at SFBC

Dec 3 - Jean Albright Circle, Chapel 6:00 p.m.

Dec 4 - Mary Sampson Circle, Chapel 10:00 a.m.



### Sunday Attendance

	November	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25	Avg.
Bible Fellowship	358	346	362	340	352	
Worship	468	546	509	488	503	

# CHRISTMAS scavenger HUNT

## Women's Ministry Christmas Event

Don't miss this exciting new event!

Thursday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

This will be an evening of fun and friendly competition! We will begin at church Fellowship Hall for instructions and to pick up a list of items for which to search. We will then split into groups to travel around Shelbyville to locate the listed Christmas items. We will meet back at the church at the end for prizes and enjoy yummy refreshments. It promises to be an exciting evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a carload of friends and family to share the excitement! **There is no cost, but please contact the office to sign up.**



## Christmas for Families

Wednesday, Dec. 12  
6:30 p.m.



Come join us as we pack food baskets and distribute to families in our community. Watch for more details on how you can be part of this tremendous outreach!



At SFBC  
Friday, Dec. 7

SFBC is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening will host their affordable, non-invasive health screenings SFBC! Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to strokes, heart attack/disease, aneurysms, and bone density/osteoporosis. There are 3 ways to register and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, 1) please call 1-888-653-6441 or 2) visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), or 3) text the word Circle to 797979. Flyers with more details are available at the church entrances.

## New Bible Study - January 2019

Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 p.m.



We will kick off the new year with a new, original 7-week study authored by our own Nancy Hollingsworth, a very gifted writer and speaker.

It is based on a study of storms and rain in the Bible and what God reveals about Himself each and every time.

## Thank You Church

Thank you! Thank you for all your visits, cards, food, love, hugs and kisses to tell the Ruble family! Your presence helped all of us through the passing of our father, Maurice Loyd Ruble. Bro. Jerry Tracy and the Bereavement Committee made our father's "Celebration of Life" day the perfect family gathering we could have hoped for. God Bless You All!

*Gary & Sheron Ruble*



## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

We are very thankful that **Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth** followed the call to move from New Mexico and lead us as Senior Pastor five years ago. You quickly came to love our church and embrace our treasured traditions while introducing new ones and guiding us to the future. Thank you for all you do. We love you and appreciate your dedication and leadership.



We are so very thankful for our church family at this difficult time. Thanks to Pastor Maurice and the staff for your loving care. We so much appreciate all the calls, cards, visits, flowers, and food. The Bereavement Committee luncheon was such a blessing for our family. Thank you so much.

*Sam & Sue Gray*

## The Church Offers Condolences to the families of

- ✝ Rev. Jeff Read Tarver, father of Tracy (Andy) Donahou
- ✝ Irene Brown, mother of Sam (Sue) Gray
- ✝ Jane Shannon Husband
- ✝ Patricia Taulbee, sister to Tammy (Eddie) Whitworth



## December Greeters

(At back awning door)

8:20-8:40 a.m. Robert & Vickie Cleary  
9:20-9:40 a.m. Carolyn Walters  
10:30-11:00 a.m. Don Kemp



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

**December 2018**

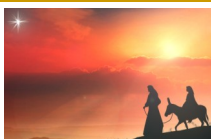
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### ***Debt Reduction***

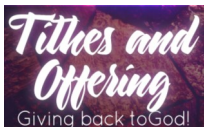
*as of November 29, 2018*

**Loan Balance - \$526,420.82**



Our loan balance was over \$1 million just three years ago. It is exciting to consider that we can break the half-million mark in 2018. 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 2018 if received in the church office, submitted online, or postmarked by December 31, 2018. They will appear on your annual contribution statement. Offerings postmarked or submitted after December 31, 2018, will go on your 2019 record.



Remember SFBC when considering making your IRA Required Minimum Distributions directly to the church. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution.



### **Student Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 9**

**5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Students meet at the Overstreet's with an appetizer, side or dessert to

share. Our gift exchange limit is \$10. Don't forget your sweater for the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!



**Sunday, December 9**

**5:30 p.m.**

### **Staff**

**Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth, Senior Pastor**

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**Trey Behn, Student Pastor**

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### **Special Called Business Meeting Dec. 9**

There will be a Special Called Business Meeting following each service on Sunday, Dec. 9 for a vote on new deacons for 2019.

### ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Matt & Tiffanie Mueller on the birth of their son, Timothy.



Church offices will be closed

**Monday, Dec. 24 –Wednesday, Dec. 26**

**& Tuesday, January 1, 2019.**

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**



**Adults- \$6, Kids or 1/2 adult entrée - \$2**

**Dec 5:** Join us for a very special meal for our last Next Level of 2018.

***This is our last Next Level for 2018.  
We will resume on January 9, 2019.***