



SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2019



A word from your pastor....

My beloved church family,

Six years ago I was excited. I was packing boxes and anticipating service alongside this wonderful church family. I knew that God had unmistakably called us to Kentucky, and I could only imagine the new doors of opportunity and friendships which would follow. God brought us thirteen hundred miles east to begin service in your midst.

That journey reminds me of God's prompting people in another era to unmistakable response. He has a way of doing that. Just when we think life is on track and we are finally mastering the routine before us, the Lord has a way of interjecting Himself into our lives and prompting unexpected, but delightful response.

Humble shepherds knew how to tend and protect their sheep, but long ago the routine was disrupted. With the heavens filled with an angelic choir, those humble men were intrigued and sought out a newborn baby. In faraway places to the east, the magi were touched in a completely different manner, but nothing would satisfy their curiosity short of finding the new



born king, and so they set out on a lengthy, demanding journey.

Like all of you, sometimes the hectic pace of life and ministry can crowd our thoughts and calendars. But, as this Christmas Season unfolds, take time to pray for the

detours with respect to our plans. The shepherds and the wise men could well have done other things and no one would have balked. However, when God interjected Himself into the ebb and flow of life, the detours were in reality glimpses into His glory. Along with all of you, I pray for holy detours this Christmas Season. I am hungry to see His glory revealed within the lives of His people. In His grip,

Bro. Maurice



Christmas Luncheon Honoring Senior Adults & Boomers Once again, we will reach Tuesday, December 10 out to the 11:30 a.m. Indian Join us for a delicious catered meal Aashirwad and a special program. There is no cost, but please contact the church Fellowship of office to reserve your spot. Louisville to celebrate All ages are welcome to join us! Christmas for Families Wednesday, December 11 6:30 p.m. Come join us as we pack food baskets for distribution to families in our community. Women's Christmas Event Thursday, December 12, 2019 6:30-8:00 p.m. **SFBC Fellowship Hall** Reservations required by Dec. 4 Contact the office to sign up Cost: \$10 per person

Join us as we celebrate the "Reason for the Season" with yummy catered hors d'oeuvres, uplifting worship music, fabulous fellowship and a memorable nativity program.

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Maurice Hollingsworth is

celebrating his six year anniversary as senior pastor. Pastor Maurice and his wife Nancy have two adult children, Elizabeth and Blass. They have made such a big impact on our church in a short time. We are blessed and thankful that God brought them to us!



Christmas with Indian Nationals

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 p.m.



Christmas on December 14. We will be responsible for Drama (there are no lines to learn) and with help in the kitchen. Would you be willing to be a part of this effort? If so, please contact Bro. Maurice. Consider doing missions with us and still getting to go home and sleep in your own bed.

Family Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church and go out to sing in the community. We will return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate.



This is a very family-friendly event!

New Online Giving Link

We recently switched from PushPay to Realm eGiving. If you have not already done so, please set up any recurring gifts in Realm. PushPay is no longer available. The church app will temporarily be unavailable as we update the app. The new online giving link is:

> https://onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChu43239/Give/ **WPEAWZMNOZ**

Or you can scan this QR code with your smart phone or device camera. Then click the link that will open your browser.



The Church Offers Condolences to the families of

- James "Dude" Payton, brother of Mabel Peak
- Rev. Jimmy Bingham, father of Kirk (Darlene) Bingham



Mission Statement: "To Live by Faith, To be Known by Love, To be a Voice of Hope"



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End-of-year tithes and offerings can be accepted for 2019 if received in the church office, submitted online, or postmarked by

December 31, 2019. They will appear on your annual contribution statement. Offerings postmarked or submitted after December 31, 2019, will go on your 2020 record.



from IRA!

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



Building Debt Balance as of Nov. 22, 2019 \$379,077.34

Congratulations to...

Anders & Rebecca Sims Ulness on the birth of their first child, Quinn Paul. The proud grand-parents are Paul & Nancy Sims.



December Greeters

(At back awning door) 8:20-8:40 a.m. Jo, Tammy & Catherine Church 9:20-9:40 a.m. Don Kemp greelers 10:30-11:00 a.m. Doris Burk

Staff

Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth, Senior Pastor mhollingsworth@shelbyvillebaptist.com

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Wednesday Night Menu 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



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

Dec 4: Ribeye Steak or Glazed Salmon, Spring Mix Salad, Yukon Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hawaiian Rolls & Dessert Kids: Pizza or 1/2 Portion of Adult Entrée, Yukon Mashed Potatoes or Green Beans & Dessert

This is our last Next Level for 2019. We will resume January 2020.