

-Announcements-

Birthdays: John Gates (today), Emma Bennett, Bill Zopp (11/27), Charlie Mulkey (11/28), Rachel O'Dell, Betty Smith/Mrs. George (12/1), Melanie Zopp (12/2)



—No other evening events tonight.
—Next Sunday night (12/3): Choir practice at 4 PM, Cantata practice at 5 PM, Bible Study with Pastor Ben at 6 PM, Deacons' Meeting at 7 PM.

Tomorrow, 11/27, everyone is invited and needed to help decorate FBC for Christmas from 9 AM to noon. Light lunch provided. :)

{ Sewing Circle (2 PM) and Craft Fellowship (6:30 PM) will meet this Tuesday, 11/28.



Christmas event for Senior Adult Ministry members (55+): Sign up by 12/3 for a concert at the Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge Thursday, 12/7, featuring award-winning Christian singer Charles Billingsley. Ticket price is \$35 (checks payable to FBC with "SAM" on the memo line please). Cost of dinner at Michael's Pizza not included. Departure from FBC at 4 PM; return by 10 PM. Contact Brenda Wallace at 540.691.5603 for more details.

Ladies' Christmas Outreach Friday, 12/8, from 6 to 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a special simulcast titled "Prepare Him Room" and have a light supper. Also, please help with a collection for local nursing home residents of personal care items, like soap, deodorant, etc. Invite a friend or neighbor!



Sunday, 12/10, FBC's Adventure Kids will present "The Coming of Messiah" at the 11 AM service. They are excited to share their version of the Christmas story! (Play participants are reminded of the VERY important practice Saturday, 12/9, from 2 to 4 PM in the sanctuary.)

Everyone is invited for Christmas caroling and hot chocolate Tuesday, 12/12. Meet at the church at 6:30 PM. :)

Also in DECEMBER

- ♦ Wednesday, 12/13: Youth Group Christmas party from 6:45 to 8:15.
- ♦ Friday & Saturday, 12/15 & 16: Toys & backpacks given out at FBC from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- ♦ Saturday, 12/16: Food Locker distribution at Old Stone at 7:40 AM.
- ♦ Saturday & Sunday, 12/16 & 17: Christmas Cantata performances. Saturday: At The Greenbrier's Chapel at 8:30 PM and Sunday: In FBC's sanctuary at 7:30 PM with reception to follow.
- ♦ Sunday, 12/24: Christmas Eve service at 6 PM.

November Tithes/Offerings

Updated offering information not available at the time of bulletin-printing this holiday week. Figures will be updated in the 12/3 bulletin. Offering plates are up front on both sides of the sanctuary AND now in the sanctuary's front foyer. Online giving is available at fbcfairlea.com. Scroll down to "Digital Giving", or text the word "give" to 304.600.7300.

"Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free."

From our sins and fears release us; let us find our rest in Thee."
Charles Wesley

"IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL MANKIND. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT." JOHN 1:4-5

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WELCOME! We are so glad you have chosen to worship together with us this morning! This is a vital part of "Gathering, Growing, and Going". If this is your first time with us, we would love to both give you some information about our church and get some contact information from you so Pastor Ben can connect with you sometime soon.

Sermon Notes



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Sunday School** at 9:45 AM for ALL ages.
- Nursery** provided during all services.
- Adventure Kids** for children age 3 through 5th grade offered during the 11 AM service.
- AWANA**, the dynamic Bible club children's program, meets Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 for children age 3 (if potty-trained) through 5th grade.
- Youth Group**, for students grades 6-12, also meets Wednesdays at 6:45 PM.

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-2

Jeff Bryant

Worship Song: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing", #277

(all)

Opening Prayer: *Deacon Herb Ley*

Special Music: *Ruth & Sarah Sauls*

Missions Moment: OCC Report—*Brenda Wallace*

Worship Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High", #278, vv. 1 & 4

Special Music: "Take Me as I Am"—*The FBC Choir*

Invitation from the S.A.L.T. Ladies Ministry

Dismissal of Adventure Kids

God's Message from Matthew 22:1-14
"Invited to the Banquet"—*Pastor Matt Magness*

Closing Song: "The First Noel", #265, vv. 1 & 6

Closing Prayer: *Herb Ley*



Prayer needs: The family of Velma Walton (passed this week); John Smith (now in Room 136 at The Seasons, 177 Holt Lane, Lewisburg); Phyllis Harvey; Melissa List; Violet Wright's niece; Cheyanne Shawver; Aretha Dowdy; Helen Parker; Cathy Hayes; Ron Whitehair; Hazel Caldwell; Rhett Dixon; Rodena Belcher; Peggy Lockhart; Donna Yates; Lisa White; Norman Ahern; Robbie Bennett; Debbie Holmes; Brandy Feamster; the Clowers; the Associate Pastor Search Committee.

Servant Ministries

Today's Deacon: Herb Ley
Next week: Julian Meadows

Sunday School Nursery: Kira Glazzard, Linda Bennett

11:00 Nursery: Betty Mulkey, Ashley Fritzius
Next week: Herb & Rene Ley

Adventure Kids: Holly Ridpath, Lori Baldwin, Eric Fritzius, Beth Shafer
Next week: Kaye Hinkle, Russ & Beth Shafer, Joey Moses

Sound Specialists: Johnny Shores, Jon O'Dell
Next week: TBD

Videographer today: Kevin Ahern

Ushers: Richard Hardiman, Russ Shafer, Matt Dean, Julian Meadows
Next week: Mike Holmes, Butch Ferguson, Dale Jackson, Jack Smith

Praise Team: Rene Ley, Aubrey Adkins, Grace Douglas, Johnny Shores

Special music next week: Johnny Shores