

First Baptist Church of York



November 27, 2016

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AND *praise* THY
glorious
name.

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**"Building passionate connections
between people and a life-changing God."**

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Prayer Chain

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Shirley D, Christa D, Joyce D, Ralph E, Mary Ellen F,
Charles G, Shirley I, Marcus McK, Gloria N, Bob P,
David P, Tristan S, Dr. Bill S, Eric S, Don & Diane S,
Charlene St, Brenda T, Buddy W, Lucretia W, Skip Z,
our Military, our President and other elected officials.

VIPS:

Lamar & Janet F, Flo L, Marcus McK, Jean M,
Ken & Etta* M, Paul & Pauline* O, Ron S
(*Caregiver)

CHILDREN'S

WORSHIP:

Bev M

4yrs.-2nd Grade

John E

3rd Grade & up

Monica W

Nursery

COOKIE VISITORS

TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 28 Ilene G

29 Ed A

Dec 6 Sage S

ANNIVERSARY:

29/63 Charlie & Vernice K

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 2 Ann Clemmer - South Sudan

2 Ray Schellinger - Iberoamerica & the
Caribbean

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: *It's time to schedule volunteers to serve in the church nursery during 2017. If you would be willing to care for our infants and toddlers during the worship service one Sunday per month, or to be available as a substitute please contact the church office to participate in this important ministry.*

TO ASSIST THE CONGREGATION TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS, a devotional booklet is included in your December Tidings **on the table in the narthex.** If you receive the E-Tidings but would prefer paper for the devotional, a paper edition of the booklet is also available to all on the table in the narthex. Following a thematic progression, the booklet includes 29 Advent devotional writings intended for use from November 27th through Christmas Day, plus two more for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The devotionals have been written by members of the congregation, and prayers developed by the prayer team.

YOUTH AND KIDS' EVENTS THIS WEEK: **LIFT** Selfie Scavenger Hunt, **Friday, December 2 from 6:30-8:30pm** at the York Galleria Mall. Meet at the food court; see Carrie for a permission slip. **KID'S QUEST** Trip to see the Tabernacle in Lancaster **Saturday, December 3 from 9-11:30 am**. Meet at the church; see Carrie for a permission slip.

CAROLERS: **Next Sunday, December 4, at 5:30pm**, carolers will meet at the church, separate into groups, and travel to sing Christmas carols to our church-family shut-ins. The joy that the carolers spread throughout nursing and retirement homes is heart-warming for the residents and for all of us who attempt to "make a joyful noise: during this holiday season.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY on **December 6th at 6:30** begins with dinner, followed by a Christmas gift exchange for our Secret Sisters, and anyone who wishes to exchange a gift but was not a part of the Secret Sister program. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to attend.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON using the insert provided in the bulletin, or contact the church office. **THE ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY** is scheduled for **December 11th** after the morning worship service. A dinner-theater "In Bethlehem Inn," written by John W. Carter, will be presented, and the meal will be "lighter fare", served as it may have been offered to the guests at the Bethlehem Inn. Those attending will be the guests of the Innkeeper at this crowded inn - the travelers to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. **ITEMS NEEDED:** The Advent Committee is looking to borrow lanterns with an antique look to them (not the Coleman style), Dutch ovens or large soup pots, and large and small wooden bowls. Please see Judy E or Linda K if you have one to loan for the Christmas dinner.

THE ENCORE CONCERT SERIES will kick off its 16th season with a performance by The Keystone Brass Quintet on **Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** The Keystone Brass Quintet was founded in the fall of 1976 and is celebrating their 40th anniversary season. Three of the five founding members remain with the ensemble. The concert will feature music of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

"SPECIAL SAINTS": Mark your calendar for a Christmas luncheon at the church on **December 20th** at noon. Please let Pat N or Vernice K know if you will be attending. We're sure a fun time will be had by all!!

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED:

Christmas Eve - **6:30pm** Saturday December 24

Christmas Day - **10:30am**, no Sunday School

New Year's Day - **10:30am**, no Sunday School

Be sure to check the Tidings for more **upcoming dates to save in December**. Details will also appear in the bulletin as events draw near.

MEMBERS OF FBC: I would like to thank everybody from the church and show my appreciation. As many probably know, it is definitely not easy being that "broke college kid" along with everybody else on campus. This money will help me very much to get through the semesters. I know God is watching over me, and I thank His every day for it. Again, thank you all!
- Cody S

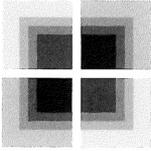
MONDAY EVENING STUDY OPPORTUNITY IN JANUARY: 22 people signed up for the "What on Earth am I Here For?" 40 day study on October 3. The study has been extended and will continue Monday, January 9, as 19 of the 40 days have been discussed to this point. Anyone who would like to join the group in January can catch up by reading 19 days of the study over the holidays. If you would like a book ordered for you, please see either Linda M or Bob M.

SAVE THE DATES! The annual Church Retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2017, at beautiful Camp Hebron. Our leaders this year will be Jerry and Holly Leachman.

PRAYER THOUGHT: You fill the emptiness and longing of my soul. I need the presence of Your Spirit, dear Lord.
(Billy Graham)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS November 27– December 3

Sun	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:10am	Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
Mon	7:00pm	Youth Group
Tue	6:00pm	Play Practice
Wed	10:00am	Prayer and Bible Study
Thur	6:30pm	Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
	7:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri	6:30-8:30pm	LIFT Selfie Scavenger Hunt
Sat	9:00-11:30pm	Kids' Quest Trip to Tabernacle
	6:00pm	Messengers/Sojourners' Christmas Party at Heritage Hills



Retired
Ministers +
Missionaries
Offering
2016

The Importance of **RMMO**

Following God's call does not come without certain sacrifices. Retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited options to adequately plan for the future. Medical problems, relocating or the death of a spouse can also cause these leaders to find themselves far from the church family that once supported them.

RMMO provides financial support for the retired ministers, missionaries and widowed spouses who have helped build our churches. This assistance restores the lifeline and ongoing connection to the ABC family. Like anyone else, retired ministers and missionaries experience anxiety and worry when unforeseen costs arise. RMMO exists to alleviate the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses.

RMMO recipients have used their funds to:

- Pay for medical expenses not typically covered by Medicare — including hearing aids, dental services and vision care
- Pay for renovations to make their home wheelchair accessible
- Purchase prescription medication not covered under health insurance
- Make emergency home repairs

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age. As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

FOR YOUR COMFORT During the worship service, if the temperature is cooler than you like, you are welcome to borrow one of the knit shawls provided in the rear of the sanctuary. Please remember to leave the shawl behind after the service.

Worship Leader: Charlie K

Prelude:

"Come, Thou Fount / Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(arr. Raney)

Advent Candle Lighting: Noel and Mercedes A

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope and anticipation. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy; reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Hymn #154)

"Dawning Light of Our Salvation"

(Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Bruce Benedict.

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Long in darkness Israel wandered,
long in mortal shadows, we
walked in bondage and self-pity,
trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words He told us,
long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:

*Ev'ry valley be exalted!
Ev'ry mountain be made plain.
Crooked ways repent and straighten,
all creation bend in praise.*

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
born of David's lineage, He
comes in cov'nant love to claim us
from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness,
life to those from death who flee,
joy unto the earth, and gladness,
to your pathways dawning peace!

(refrain)

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior;
David's Son and yet his King,
dawning light of our salvation,
of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, O lame, and dance ye broken,
know the Savior's healing grace;
come, O deaf, and hear him singing;
turn, O blind, behold His face!

(refrain, repeated)

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music:

“Meditation on ‘Of the Father’s Love Begotten’”

(arr. Lasky)

- Megan C, flute

(After the Ministry of Music, all children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed to children’s worship.)

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

(arr. Carter)

Song of Worship:

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

(insert, see back of announcements page)

(After the Song of Worship all children 3rd grade & up are dismissed to children’s worship.)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Message from God’s Word

Song of Response & Invitation: (You are extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. By coming to the front of the room as we sing, you will enable us to speak with you about this decision. Also, if you desire to join with this church as a member, you are invited to come forward.)

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

(Hymn #176)

Benediction

Postlude:

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

(Vom Himmel hoch, Zachau)

THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Isaiah 9:1-7

November 27, 2016

Theme: Anticipation

What did Israel anticipate?

(9:1-5)

No more "gloom." (Job 15:24)

A light shining in the darkness. (Ps. 23:4; 36:9)

Joy when God provides the victory. (Ex. 15; Deut. 16:15)

Freedom from oppressors. (Gen. 25:2; Judges 8:28)

A time of peace. (Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 2:4)

How will that happen?

(9:6-7)

A child will be born. (Gen. 3:15; Luke 2:11)

The government will be on his shoulders. (Matt. 28:18)

He will reign on David's throne. (Luke 1:32-33)

He will rule with justice and righteousness. (Isa. 11:4; 72:2)

The zeal of the Lord will make it happen. (John 2:17)

What has happened?

What do you look forward to?

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