

BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON SOLID GROUND

Matthew 7:24-28 (p. 939-940)

November 30, 2014; First Sunday of Advent

There are two responses for those who hear: (7:24-27)

One listens and obeys.
One listens and does not obey.

There are two outcomes for those who hear:

If you build on the Rock, what you build will survive.
If you build on sand, what you build will not survive.

What is the difference?

Jesus is solid, permanent, Messiah.
Other things that appear stable are not.

Jesus authority amazes people. (7:28-29)

He had authority like no other.
See how Matthew describes people's responses to him: 8:27;
9:33; 12:23; 13:54; 15:31; 19:25; 21:20; 22:22; 22:33; 27:14.
But being amazed is not the same thing as being a disciple.
But what will they do with him?
What will you do with him?

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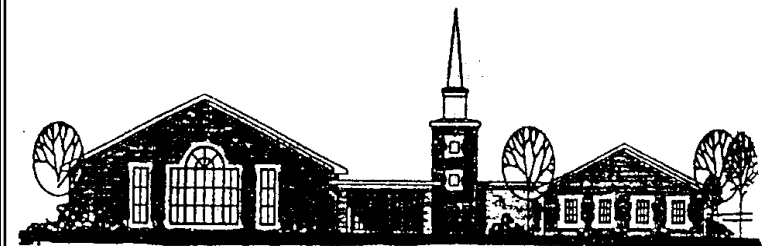
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

November 30, 2014

Jesus is the center of our church. We are grounded in the Word, offered in Worship, unified in Discipleship, bonded in Love, supported in Fellowship, united in Prayer and invested in Missions.

Our mission is to build passionate connections between people and a life-changing God.

Our presence enriches us. Thank you for being here today. Our commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brings us together for worship and service.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Baby Silas, Samantha Cox, Fritz Eckert, Howard Folkenroth, Janet Harman, Eugene Martz, Etta Murray, Paul Ours, Tristan Schilling, Janet Spangler, Joe & Jeanette Schoonover, Dick Snelbaker, Don & Diane Snyder, DR Thomas, Thomson/Grim family, Buddy Waldrup, Ken Weber, our Military, our President and other elected officials.

VIPS:

Jean Fulton, Flo Laughman, Gloria Martz, the McKnights, Jean Murphy, Ken Murray, Clair Weber & Alice Wong

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Bev Miller
4yrs.-3rd Grade

Warfel Family
Nursery

BIRTHDAYS:

None

ANNIVERSARIES:

None

COOKIE VISITORS:

Clair & Kathy Decker

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The tree in our sanctuary has a special purpose this year. Instead of regular ornaments, the Advent Team asks you to decorate the tree with new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. The donated items will be taken to the York Rescue Mission when we go there on the 26th.

THE RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING provides financial support for retired ministers, missionaries and widowed spouses who have helped build our American Baptist Churches. Through the RMMO, we say "Thank you" for all the ways that they have contributed to our lives. Your gifts are a tangible way of showing appreciation. We will be collecting for the offering in December. You can either use the special RMMO envelopes or just mark your regular offering envelope "RMMO."

YOUTH EVENT: A Craft and Hot Cocoa Night will be held Dec. 5th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the church. Please bring something to add to our Cocoa bar and let Carrie know if you are planning on coming. Thanks!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov. 30th-Dec. 6th

Sun	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	1st Sunday of Advent Sunday School Prayer Worship Service
Mon	7:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group Women's Bible Study
Tues	6:00pm	Women's Ministry Christmas Party
Wed	10:00am	Bible Study
Thurs	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Jubilee Ringers Choir FBC Volleyball Green Praise FBC Volleyball Blue Praise
Fri	6:30pm 6:30pm	Messenger/Sojourner Class Christmas Party Youth Event Crafts & Hot Cocoa Bar
Sat	10:00am 7:00pm	Hanging of the Greens Encore Concert Series Hershey Handbell Ensemble

Message from God's Word

Song of Response & Invitation: (You are extended an 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”

(Zachau)

IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE: Thanks to everyone who came to our blood drive (November 5th) and made a donation. The Red Cross Team collected 23 units of blood resulting in a possible 69 people being helped. That's pretty amazing. Have you ever wondered who those three people might be? A special thanks to Joella Meckley for her assistance during the drive. Our next semi-annual drive is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015. However, you may donate every 56 days. When you donate you are helping to make sure that whenever someone calls out for blood, there will be an answer.

PRAYER THOUGHT: As you pray this holiday season, remember 2 Corinthians 9:15, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” We have much to thank God for, especially the Son he gave and resurrected, making it possible for us as believers to joyfully, sacrificially and abundantly give. Ilene Glatfelter

ENCORE CONCERT SERIES: The 2014-2015 season of the **Encore Concert Series** opens on Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a concert by the Hershey Handbell Ensemble. If you would like to be a patron supporter of the Concert Series you are invited to fill out the insert in today's bulletin. You may put it in the offering plate or give it to John Massa.

AMERICAN BAPTIST EBOLA RESPONSE: Every year, ABC churches give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This year, \$120,000 of that will be invested in the work of International Ministries partners in Africa: Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Liberia Direct Baptist Missionary Conference, Baptist World Aid and IMA World Health. Approximately 70% will be used to provide food and medical supplies, while the remaining 30% will focus on Ebola prevention. Food is becoming scarce in affected regions, which could lead to more people dying from starvation than disease.

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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.

Worship Leader: Bev Miller

Prelude:

“Reaching”

(Gaither, arr. Hayes)

*His love went on longing
His love went on reaching
Right past the shackles of my mind
Then the Word of the father
became Mary's little son
And his love reached all the way to where I was*

Advent Reading:

Dave Montgomery

Leader: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.*

People: We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey. Today, we light the candle of Hope.

Leader: *Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!*

People: Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

Missions Moment:

Mr. Leroy Tebie

Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

“Dawning Light of Our Salvation”

(insert)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

(Hymn #153)

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music:

“Sounds of Advent”

(Dengler)

(After the Music all children ages 4-4th grade are dismissed to Children's Worship.)

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

(Carter)

Song of Worship:

“Emmanuel”

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Scripture Reading: Matt. 7:24-29