

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:**

*First Service:*

*Kidz Zone:*

*Second Service: Mike & Heather Palmer*

**KIDZ ZONE MINISTRY STAFF**

*Kidz Discovery: Phyllis Benzinger*

*Kidz Adventure: Lisa Shirey; Colleenia Shirey*

*Kidz Frontier: Sheila Roper*

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Vickie

Monday: 7:30-12:30

Tuesday: 1:00-5:00

Wednesday: 8:00-4:30

Friday: 8:00-12:00

Deb

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00—4:00



**FAITHFINDER**

**December 23, 2018**



“ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:5, NIV

**WELCOME TO FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH!**

6600 Trier Road Fort Wayne, Indiana

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## OUR MISSION

The purpose of Faith Baptist Church is to love and glorify our living God. Our mission is to **GATHER, GROW & GO** according to Matthew 28:19-20.

- ...**GATHER** together in worship
- ...**GROW** in small groups
- ...**GO** to serve our community

## As our guest...

...We are glad you have joined us today! Please let us know who you are by filling out a Connection Card and putting it in the offering plate.

### NOW AVAILABLE



You now have an online giving option at our website [www.faithbaptistchurchfw.com](http://www.faithbaptistchurchfw.com). You have many options like one time or reoccurring gift, checking account or credit card account, and fund designation. If you have questions, please contact Vickie in the church office.

## While you are here...

### Do you have children with you today?

Our children's ministry will be glad to help. See Mrs. Sara or one of our greeters to introduce yourself and your children. They can help guide you to the proper classroom. A nursery is also provided during Sunday School and Worship for babies and toddlers or if you need a place to rock your child.

### Connecting with the Faith Family

Please feel free to join one of our Grow Groups today. We also have small groups during the week. For more info on programs for all ages, stop at the Connection Center or visit our website at [faithbaptistchurchfw.com](http://faithbaptistchurchfw.com).

### Let's stay in touch

Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter/bulletin through email by indicating on your Connection Card. Be sure to also check out our Facebook page – Faith Baptist Church FW and our website. You may now also add our Faith Baptist church app to your device: 1. Go to your device's application store. 2. Search for custom church apps. 3. Download the app called My Church. 4. Search for Faith Baptist Church and voila! You will be able to see our weekly newsletter on the app, watch uploaded sermons, send prayer requests, read the Bible and more!!!

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

What a Mighty God We Serve

Hymn no. 672

When the Roll is Called up Yonder

Hymn no. 774 verses 1,2

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn no. 250 verses 1,2,4

Away in a Manger

Hymn no. 261 verses 1, 3

Message:

*The Christmas Dilemmas*

*The Innkeeper: The Dilemma of Belief*

Luke 2.1-7

Silent Night

Hymn no. 253 verses 1,2,4

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Sharon Martin

Bev & Hope Miracle

Marietta Ralston

Eunice Reppert

Betty Sills

Pray for Ruth Hammer

Pray for Jessica Stopher.

Pray for Dorothy Overholt.

Pray for Fran Perkey.

Pray for those traveling during this holiday season.

Pray for those who are alone during this holiday season.

Pray for families with silent requests.

Pray for health issues of Sheila Doerflein.

Pray for teachers and students throughout the school year.

Pray for the salvation of family and friends.

Pray for friends & family dealing with health concerns.

Pray for friends & families going through relationship issues & new beginnings.

Praise for those who have found jobs. Pray for those who are still searching.

Pray for our president and our country.

Pray for revival for our country and the worldwide church.

Pray for those who are persecuted for being followers of Christ.

Pray for those in the military and that guide our country.

Pray for unspoken medical and personal needs.

Other concerns & praises:

### GIVING AND ATTENDANCE: December 16, 2018

Weekly Budgeted Tithes: \$7692.31

YTD Budgeted Tithes: \$ 384,615.50

Total Weekly Budget: \$12,599.52

YTD Budget: \$629,976.00

Worship Attendance: 173

Current Weekly Tithe Income: \$4472.12

YTD Tithe Income: \$331,605.28

Current Weekly Budget Income: \$12,160.98

YTD Income: \$623,704.46

The Christmas Dilemmas  
The Innkeeper: The Dilemma of Belief  
Luke 2.1-7

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The Inn:

Kataluma = lodging place or upper room

- people stayed in homes
- the homes were of family members
- the homeowner's (innkeeper's) dilemma—did he believe that Mary was carrying the Messiah?

What do we believe:

- it is historically true
- Christmas is the birth of a unique Person
- his birth requires a response

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 23, 2018

### GATHERING AT FAITH

Traditional Worship	8:30 AM
Pathfinder & Friendship Grow Groups, Kidz Zone (other Grow Groups will not meet)	9:30 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:45 AM

### GROWING AT FAITH

**Sunday, December 23rd**

No Dv8 Youth Group

**Monday, December 24th**

Office closes at noon

Christmas Eve Service

5:00 PM

**Tuesday, December 25th**

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 26th**

Office Closed

**Thursday, December 27th**

Office Closed

**Friday, December 28th**

**Saturday, December 29th**

Family Open Gym

Noon-3:00 PM

**Sunday, December 30th**

Traditional Worship

8:30 AM

Pathfinder & Friendship Grow Groups, Kidz Zone

9:30 AM

(other Grow Groups will not meet)

Contemporary Worship

10:45 AM

Dv8 Christmas Party

5:30 PM



### Lighting the Advent Wreath

1st Service:

The Tom Theard Family

2nd Service:

The Dan Grabner Family

## GATHER MINISTRIES



**Christmas Eve Service**  
Monday, December 24  
5:00 pm



Faith's Theme for 2019

*Irresistible*  
Making our faith attractive

As followers of Jesus, the difference that he has made in our lives should be so dramatic, so exciting, so desirable that others see it and want it.

Our faith should be Irresistible!

With that theme in mind, our first series of 2019 is going to look at the different aspects of Jesus. We need to make sure that we have a right understanding of who Jesus is so that our culture sees him as he is. The way we know Jesus will greatly impact the way others see him. Starting January 6, we will look at 8 characteristics of Jesus - he was a man, is our friend, our shepherd and servant, and our redeemer, plus others. Invite your friends to come and learn about who Jesus really is. Come yourself so that you can live a life of faith that reflects who Jesus really is and by doing that people will find your faith to be Irresistible!

Giving envelopes are now available in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or do not currently have giving envelopes and would like some, please contact Vickie in the office.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER:

24th— Gary Lotter

25th— Ann Allendorph, Laura Corya, Roberta Runkle

27th— Dexter Shafer, Steve Sliger

28th— Aaron Brewer, Troy Zimmerman

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Jason & Lisa James on December 26th.

Jeff & Susan Walls on December 27th.

Dusty & Tammy Walls on December 27th.

Andy & Megan Eichel on December 29th.

## GO MINISTRIES



**Need a place** for your kids to burn off some energy  
And time for you to spend with other parents?  
Join us at Faith for Family Open Gym on  
Saturday, December 29th  
from 12:00—3:00!!

We will provide drinks and snacks!  
Hope to see you there!

Note: Parent Participation Required  
Questions? Call Joe Marden at 485-1646.

**Our Helping Hands Ministry** is here for you! If you have a need—leaves that need to be raked, small fix-it projects, etc—we would like to help. Cards can be found at the Connection Center—please fill out with the requested information and turn into the office or at the Connection Center. We will do our best to connect you with someone who can help with your need.



**Please continue** to take a water bottle and keep it in your car to give to the homeless that offers a Rescue Mission resource guide for help. As they stand on the corners, hopefully they will feel God's love in this simple gesture, and please continue to pray for them. Bottles are on the bookshelf in Narthex.



**Prayer Room**—we now have a prayer room set up in the first room to your left going toward Judson Hall. Please feel free to come in and use this room at any time, including before and after worship on Sunday.



Games begin January 19th!

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AND Faith Baptist Preschool Academy

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