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Tower Tidings

First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland



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*If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star,
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.*



Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

A few years ago, someone handed out a book to read by Lorna Byrne entitled, "Love From Heaven and 'A Message of Hope from the Angels,' (2012). It was a number one best seller at the time. Lorna claims that she has been given a gift to see angels among us. This diminutive, soft-spoken, uneducated Irish woman says she has no idea why she can see angels when others can't, adding that she is just an ordinary person. While her personal experience could be open for further discussion, her book touches on a frequently overlooked part of our Christmas experience- Christmas innocence as seen in the heart of a child. An excerpt from her book explores the 'true spirit of Christmas' as a seasonal reminder to reconnect to the innocence once all shared as children.

"At heart we are all innocent. We recognize this innocence in children but, as we have grown up, many of us have struggled to hold on to this innocence and have hidden it under a hard and cynical attitude. Life can be tough and this can shatter our innocence in many ways but it is so important, for our own happiness and for peace in the world, that we do not forget this innocence.

Christmas is a time when we can rediscover and reconnect with the innocence that is inside each one of us and allow ourselves to become more open. When we do so, we start to see the innocence in everyone around us and we become more kind and compassionate. This innocence is the true spirit of Christmas."

"If we all recognized the innocence in everyone else in the world there would be no war or killing. There would be much less hunger and injustice. We would have a much more peaceful world... the symbol of Christmas — a new born baby lying in a manger — is a reminder to us of the importance of reconnecting with our innocence.

I am told that this time of the year is special, not just for people who celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, as we do here in Ireland, but for all the peoples of the world. The period from November until January is a time of celebration in many religions and is a time of the intertwining of the old and the new across many cultures. It's a time of rebirth, a time of renewed innocence."

"In the presence of young children we often feel their innocence, their sense of wonder. Then, at Christmas,

we may be afforded a glimpse of something more, which can rekindle this innocence within us. We all have this innocence inside us, even though it may be hidden for most of the year.

I am not talking about naivety; rather, I am talking about a pure innocence that allows us to see the good in ourselves and in others. I am not talking about immaturity, rather a maturity that is deepened by the awareness of the innocence of everyone. The more we understand our own and one another's innocence, the more we grow and the better people we will become. When we look at the world through innocent eyes — we see the joy and the wonder in the simple everyday things."

Our cynical, weathered and worn attitudes forged by the blast furnace, anvil, and hammer becoming adults has stripped away our innocence. The world is too cold, too lonely, too dark to appreciate the simple joys which long ago were ours as a child. Magic gave way to science, our faith has been supplanted by doubt rooted in rationalism. However, Christmas defies our cynicism. God's love to the world presented by a virgin and her baby, nomadic outcasts, lies at the heart of this celebration of hope, love, and joy. Visited by shepherds, wise men and angels, the baby Jesus lying in a manger is pure innocence and possibility. Christmas is a time for each of us to reconnect with our innocence as we reflect back over our Christmas observances of yesterday as does Dickens's Ebenezer Scrooge by ghostly encounter in A Christmas Carol. This connection with our childhood innocence provides an annual opportunity to share, sing, dance with anticipation and celebrate the joy of God's gift and time shared with family. It is to be both a personal time of renewal, as well as a communal celebration. It is a time for children, but also to bring out the child in all of us.

Blessings on you this Christmas Season,

Love

Kregg and Ann Burris

Pastor Kregg Burris
 Pastor Kregg Burris
 Senior Pastor

Our Ark Encounter Trip

On October 26th, the tour bus departed from the parking lot of First Baptist Church at 7:00 am. We were on our way to visit the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. It was a time of fellowship, exploration, and deep reflection about events recorded in the Bible. This was an opportunity to view the Ark, which was built according to the dimensions stated in the Bible. Furthermore, this incredible opportunity served as a catalyst for a deeper sense of connectedness with Biblical history. In many ways, our trip was refreshing, thought provoking, and reaffirming.



HERO HEADQUARTERS

Starry Starry Night

Preschool

(Infants-4th grade)

WEEK ONE
 LUKE 1:26-33, 38, 46-49
 God sends an angel to tell Mary she will have a baby boy and His name will be Jesus.

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WEEK TWO
 LUKE 2:1-7
 Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem where Jesus is born and sleeps in a manger.

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WEEK THREE
 LUKE 2:8-20
 God sends angels to tell shepherds the good news that Jesus has been born.

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WEEK FOUR
 CHRISTMAS STORY
 Christmas is all about Jesus' birthday!

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WEEK FIVE
 MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11
 Wise men follow a special star to Jesus, and they worship Him and give Him gifts.

REMEMBER THIS:
 "God has given a son to us."
 ISAIAH 9:6, NCV

SAY THIS:
 How do we know God loves us?
GOD GAVE US JESUS.

BASIC TRUTH:
GOD LOVES ME.

Preschool & Elementary Children's December Schedule

Sunday mornings drop off Preschool in room 103 prior to worship service.

K-4 are dismissed from the worship service with Carly to Wheaton Center from 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

UNBOXED!

FIND THE JOY

Elementary

WEEK ONE
 ISAIAH 9:6-7, ISAIAH 53:8, MICAH 5:2
 Jesus Is Promised

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WEEK TWO
 LUKE 1:5-25; 57-80
 The Coming Birth of John the Baptist

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WEEK THREE
 LUKE 1:26-56
 The Coming Birth of Jesus

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WEEK FOUR
 LUKE 2:1-20
 Jesus Is Born

.....

WEEK FIVE
 MATTHEW 2:1-12
 The Wise Men Visit

SAY THIS:
 You can have joy because God keeps His promises.

SAY THIS:
 You can have joy because anything is possible with God.

SAY THIS:
 You can have joy because God is with you.

JOY:
 FINDING A WAY TO BE HAPPY, EVEN WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY

REMEMBER THIS:
 "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"
 PHILIPPIANS 4:4, NIV

Christian Education Schedule

Come join us in these upcoming Sunday and Wednesday classes to grow in God's Word.

Mid Morning Bible Study
Every Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Study the Bible

Led by Pastor Kregg

Wednesdays in the Word
Every Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Invitation to Solitude and Silence

by Ruth Haley Barton

Led by Sheri and David Stevens in Livingston

How Do I Hear From God?

by John Ragsdale

Led by Jane Pernicone in Spahr Center

When God's People Pray

by Jim Cymbala

Led by Tobili Sam-Yellowe and

Charmie Scott in Morrison

Women's Group - Open Your Bible

by Raechel Myers & Amanda B. Williams

Led by Martha Lant in Fireside

Men's Group - Be Transformed: Christ's Triumph Means Your Transformation

by Warren Wiersbe

Led by Eddie Wills in Montgomery

Sunday Discipleship Hour

Every Sunday 10:10 AM - 11:00 AM

Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent

by Kevin Louise Schaner

Led by Carol Broadbent

in the Morrison Room (Dec. 8 & 15 Only)

Praying At the Crossroads: Learning from the Prayers of Old Testament Leaders

by General Editor Ken Coley

Led by Marty Capers and

Wendy Chaney in Fireside

Managing Personal Finances for Christians

Led by Tammy Gordon in Livingstone

For descriptions of each of the classes visit

firstbaptistcleveland.org/class-schedule

Music Notes

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:15PM - 8:30 PM in the sanctuary and the choir room.

The Handbell Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00PM in the sanctuary balcony.

The Children's Choir meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM - 6:30PM.

More Info -

firstbaptistcleveland.org/choirs



December Christmas Events at FBC

Children & Youth Christmas Party

The children and youth are invited to this Christmas party just for them. Lunch shortly following the second service. Hot cocoa bar and tie-dye craft in Wheaton after lunch.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd during Discipleshp Hour
(Youth wing and Wheaton Center)

Tuba Christmas

This music concert is held in cities worldwide that celebrate those who play, teach, and compose music for instruments in the tuba family, including the tuba, sousaphone, baritone, and euphonium, though some participants bring rarer members of the family such as the helicon, ophicleide, serpent and double bell euphonium.

This is the 5th Tuba Christmas at First Baptist Church, and will feature over 50 performers.

Sunday, Dec. 1st from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

24 Hour Advent Prayer Vigil

Sign up now for one hour time slots.

Friday, December 6th from Noon -7th at Noon (Judson Room)

Children's Christmas Musical



"It All Happened In The Country"

Two kids from the city end up in the country on Christmas Eve. The city kids feel quite out of place but they are welcomed into the home of the country folks. The hospitality of the country cousins is shown with true Christian compassion along with a little humor.

Laura Preston directs Dan May, Karen Gill and a cast of twenty-five children ages three to ten who will tell the story of Jesus' birth in this 45 minute musical production.

Saturday, December 7th from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and
Sunday, December 8th from 12:30 - 1:30 PM (Spahr Center)

Cleveland Chamber Choir Concert

Women's Voices Resounding - Holidays Old & New

(Tickets - clevelandchamberchoir.org)

Sunday, December 8th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)

A Visit With Santa

Bring your little ones and take your own pics with Santa to share with friends and family for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 11th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Spahr Center)

Violin Recital

Elizabeth Huang is a talented young violinist who has been playing in the traditional service in recent weeks. This student violin recital is free and open to the public.

Friday, December 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Apollo's Fire Mini-Matinée Performance (1 hr)

Guest conductor Julian Wachner leads his favorite selections from Bach's holiday masterpiece, with 3 soloists and members of Apollo's Singers and instrumentalists. Bring the kids (age 8 and up) for free! Adult guardian required. (Tickets - apollosfire.org)

Saturday, December 14th from 3:00 - 4:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Apollo's Fire Concert

Bach's festive Christmas Oratorio is a feast of orchestral colors, with trumpets, timpani, flutes, oboes, bassoon, and strings. Guest conductor Julian Wachner, along with concertmaster Olivier Brault, leads Parts 1, 2, 5 & 6 of the oratorio.

PRE-CONCERT TALK in Spahr Center with timpanist Matthew Bassett and cellist René Schiffer, 1 hour before each concert. (Tickets - apollosfire.org)

Saturday, December 14th from 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Sanctuary)

A Festival of Lessons & Carols Followed By An International Tea

In the Tradition of Kings College Chapel

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Join us afterward for the International Tea in Spahr Center.

Sunday, December 15th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Christmas Nativity Pageant

One of First Baptist Church's most beloved annual traditions, our living nativity brings to life the Christmas story into our sanctuary with a large host of live animals, choirs, soloists, musicians and the newborn baby Jesus. We celebrate with traditional hymns and new selections of music, as we participate together in the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Tuesday, December 24th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Sanctuary)



We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

Candlelight Service

Usher in Christmas in the traditional late evening Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service. The Chancel Choir, Soloists and Handbell Choir offer beautiful music of the season and the service culminates with the singing of "O Holy Night" and "Silent Night".

Tuesday, December 24th from 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Youth Sunday - Unified Service

Worship together with our youth as they take part in many of the activities in this worship service.

Sunday, December 29th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

New Year's Eve Service

Take refuge in the quiet. Reflect over the past year and spiritually prepare for the year to come. Brian Kozak will provide his musical talent on his acoustic guitar with times to read, pray, share and meditate. A truly sacred service culminating with communion.

Tuesday, December 31st from 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

More Info- firstbaptistcleveland.org/holiday-season-events

FBC Children's Choir

by Mike Skerritt

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Come into His presence with singing!" (Psalm 100:1-2)

The FBC Children's Choir certainly rose to the task in the First Service Sunday, November 10. Under the direction of Music Director Stephanie Price with assistance from Angela Zawada, Chancel Choir soprano soloist, the kids gave a rousing performance that stole the hearts of everyone in attendance, especially moms and dads! What could be more inspiring than watching a diverse group of kids singing their hearts out in praise of our Lord Jesus! I'm probably stretching it a bit when I say that, in addition to the known health benefits associated with singing, the kids also got somewhat of a physical workout with extensive arm movements that complemented the words they were singing. A win-win situation.

But health benefits aren't the only thing kids get out of singing together. They form friendships, learn the fundamentals of music, develop confidence in appearing in front of other folks, and have fun together.

So, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and supportive friends, round up the youngsters in your families and neighborhoods and bring them out to the FBC Children's Choir. Rehearsals are weekly for a half an hour at 6:00 PM Wednesdays.

December Birthdays

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| KNAUF, Phyllis 12/01 | BELHOBEK, Jeanie 12/10 | BELHOBEK, George 12/17 | TILLMAN, Jerry 12/20 | JENKINS, Gregg 12/27 |
| DONLEY, Kim Spitz 12/02 | ADAMS-CASE, Kathy 12/13 | BROWN, Nancy 12/17 | BURNS, Chris 12/21 | LIU, Dr. James 12/28 |
| GOCAN, Evon G. 12/02 | GOTTSCHLING, June 12/15 | HUNGATE, Kara 12/18 | LIU, Lynne 12/23 | PEEBLES, Tracy 12/28 |
| ALT, James 12/07 | EAKIN, Thomas 12/16 | OLEXA, Jacquelyn L. 12/18 | WHITE, Sonja 12/23 | |

Looking For That Unique Christmas Gift?

H.E.L.P. Has One for You!

by Mike Skerrett



You might not think that gargoyles have a particularly spiritual meaning. The fact is that gargoyles were often placed around the old cathedrals to keep away evil spirits. You probably don't have evil spirits at your house, at least I hope not. But a little insurance is always a good idea.

H.E.L.P. has several gargoyles that were used on the set of the 2018 production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Varying in size from two feet to almost three feet in height, they are well made, weather resistant, and a great conversation starter for your yard, garden, and even in your home. One or more of these great gargoyles that cost almost \$200 apiece could be yours for a donation to the Happy Ending Lyric Players of only \$100 each.

Try to envision the surprise and delight of the recipient of this unusual Christmas gift from you when he or she unwraps and opens the box with the gargoyle inside! It will be one of your, and his or her, most memorable Christmases! And you will be helping the Happy Ending Lyric Players, one of FBC's most enduring outreach programs!



Contact Mike Skerrett - firstbaptistcleveland.org/help

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols / International Tea

by Mike Skerrett

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship, traditionally celebrated on Christmas Eve. Thanks to the inspiration of Bob Schneider several years ago the First Baptist Chancel Choir has been presenting this traditional service during advent as a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming celebration of the birth of Christ.

The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in short Bible readings or "lessons" from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems.

Up to the late 19th century, the singing of Christmas carols was normally performed by singers visiting people's houses. Carols, generally considered to be secular in content, had been excluded from Christian church worship. However in the Victorian era, the rising popularity of hymnody encouraged church musicians to introduce carols into worship services. At Christmas in 1878 the composer and organist John Stainer introduced carols into the service of Choral Even-song at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In 1880 Rev Edward White Benson, at that time Bishop of Truro Cathedral, conducted the first formal service of "Nine Lessons and Carols" on Christmas Eve. Benson, concerned at the excessive consumption of alcohol in Cornish pubs during the festive season, sought a means of attracting revelers out of the pubs and into church by offering a religious celebration of Christmas. The first Nine Lessons

Thanks For Your Giving!

by Fran Leanza



Thanks for all who helped support the Thanksgiving food drive sponsored by your Mission & Social Concerns Cluster. Your generosity is appreciated by the families that received food.

Thanks to all who provided food; members of our congregation, families from the Children's Center, Cleveland Heights children at Boulevard, and Canterbury Elementary Schools. Our front hall was loaded with donations.

Thanks to the twenty people from our congregation who spent Monday, Nov. 25 sorting and packing the baskets and boxes with your donations for 40 grateful families.

A special thanks to others that made the project a success. Pastor Jeff Gordon for making a delivery to a family of ten when the mom's car would not start. To all who made donations of turkeys and money for the purchase of additional foods. To Bear Allen for his numerous trips to Zagara's grocery store to buy fresh produce and turkeys to complete the baskets. And to Zagara's for their discount on all that was purchased. To Nancy Wheaton, Bear Allen and Debbie Ketring for also being at the church during the afternoon pick up time.

and Carols service took place there at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and was attended by over 400 people.

Notably in 1918, Rev. Eric Milner-White, the new Dean of King's College, Cambridge, introduced the service to the college chapel, taking advantage of the established choral tradition of the King's College Chapel Choir. It proved highly successful, and began an annual tradition from 1919 onwards, with some alterations to Benson's original format. The BBC began to broadcast the service on radio from 1928 and on television from 1954, establishing Carols from King's as the most popular and widely recognized presentation of the service. It can be heard here in Cleveland every Christmas Eve on WCLV 104.9 FM.

The King's College service was immensely successful, Milner-White made some changes to Benson's original format, notably introducing the tradition of opening the service with a solo treble (child) singing "Once in Royal David's City", a tradition First Baptist has observed each year.

Even throughout the Second World War, despite the stained glass having been removed from the Chapel and the lack of heating, the broadcasts continued. For security reasons, the name "King's" was not mentioned during wartime broadcasts.

All are welcome following the Lessons and Carols service to an International Tea reception held in Spahr Center featuring edible treats from many countries around the world. firstbaptistcleveland.org/holiday-season-events

Mitten Tree - Full Of Christmas Giving Opportunities

by April Shepherd



NORA'S HOUSE

There are 11 women living at Nora's house, a locked facility for women returning to the community from prison. These women are all doing well in their rehab program and will be thrilled to have these gifts to wrap and give to their children. The children will be brought to NORA'S HOUSE by their social worker for a Christmas visit.

What you can give:

We are collecting new toys, clothes and gift cards for boys and girls ages 3 months to 19 years. Place your gifts in boxes by the Mitten Tree, due Dec. 15.

FAMILY PROMISES

The children and parents living at this family shelter will love your gifts to help them stay extra warm this winter.

What you can give:

Let's decorate the Mitten Tree with warm mittens, gloves, knit hats and scarfs for toddlers, kids, and parents. Place your gifts directly on the tree. Due, Dec. 15.

2100 LAKESIDE MEN'S SHELTER

The staff at the men's shelter has asked for our help in providing warm winter clothing. Most of these men are out walking every day in all kinds of weather so lets all help to keep them warm from head to toe.

What you can give:

Please check your closet for gently worn shoes, boots, sweat shirts, jackets, coats, jeans and warm hats. The shelter is in need of new bed pillows and used single bed sheets, pillow cases, wash cloths and bath towels. Place your donations under the Mitten Tree, in the boxes marked "Men's Shelter" by Sunday, Dec. 22.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM AT CALVARY

Our guests coming to the January hot meal will be delighted with your gifts to brighten & warm their day. Between 50 & 75 attend our meals so we hope that your generosity will make it possible for each guest to be given one item. Tina Marr and others who help serve each month can tell you how each item distributed, no matter how small, is appreciated.

What you can give:

Toiletries, hotel size or larger, are greatly appreciated along with toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, chap stick, razors, nail clippers, handkerchiefs and packs of tissues. Place under the tree in the box marked "Calvary" by Jan. 12th.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Many of these faithful servants worked for very low pay and truly appreciate this bonus gift at this time of year. This bonus check can make it possible for someone to buy

a new tire for their car, travel to visit grandchildren or make a needed dental appointment.

What you can give:

You can make your check out to FBC and mark the memo "M & M" or place your contribution in the special envelope provided. This offering will be received through Jan. 12th.

Socks For Christmas

by Anita Bartel

This year, instead of sending a shoebox to another country, we want to focus on those who are in great need right here in Cleveland. We are partnering with John Carroll University to help support their Labre Ministry which provides meals, toiletries and warm clothing to our homeless folks on a weekly basis.

We are asking that new pairs of warm socks for both men and women be brought in by Dec. 15.

jcu.edu/student-life/getting-involved/campus-ministry/social-justice/labre-project



\$ Money Saving Opportunity! \$

by Mike Skerrett

Use Appreciated Stock To Complete Your 2019 FBC Pledge!

Many economists continue to be impressed by the performance of the US Stock Market. Some are at a loss to understand the growth in stock values while some other economic indicators seem to lag behind. Some financial advisors even predict the Dow to hit 30,000, maybe even by the end of December!! If they are right, it's good for anyone who owns stock, and for the church endowment.

But it also presents a real money-saving opportunity! And you could save a significant amount of money if you use Appreciated Stock to complete your 2019 FBC pledge!

Let's say you bought a stock for \$100 per share and it is now worth \$200 per share. And let's say you want to donate \$200 to FBC to support the church's missions and ministries and to fulfill your 2019 pledge. By donating that stock to FBC you will get credit for the full fair market value of a \$200 charitable gift, and it only cost you the \$100 original purchase price.

Further, your \$200 donation will get you an IRS tax deduction of \$56 (assuming 28% tax bracket, and you itemize), so your \$200 donation now only cost you \$44. It gets even better than this because you also will avoid the capital gains tax you will have to pay if you sell the stock instead of donating it to FBC. Is this a great way to support First Baptist without breaking your piggy bank, or what!

First Baptist just finished its annual Stewardship Campaign. You might want to consider completing the pledge you made for 2019, PLUS the pledge you made for 2020, with appreciated stocks, before the stock market may tumble. You will realize very substantial savings for yourself while dramatically helping FBC!



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