



The Vision

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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December 17, 2017

Manna for Meditation

“But you, Bethlehem...out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel...He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord.” (Micah 5: 2)

“I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10: 14)

Not only was Mary’s child the promised Savior but also a Shepherd, and not just any shepherd, but the good Shepherd. As Savior He meets the needs of the dead, saving his flock from sin, death and hell, but as Savior, He meets the needs of the living.

“He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord.” A shepherd, at least a good shepherd, never abandons the flock, not during times of strife and storm, not during times of trials and troubles, not during times of distress and darkness.

Also, the good Shepherd does not inquire into the family of origin of the flock. Pedigrees are not important. Diplomas are not important. All the flock have equal value. All the flock are significant. Every sheep in the flock matters to the Shepherd.

In that Bethlehem manger was both Savior and Shepherd. In that Bethlehem manger was our eternal hope and are present help. In that Bethlehem manger was the God of the future and the God of the now.

Merry Christmas to God’s flock!

Pastor Larry



Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



December 24, 2017

USHERS

Jerime James & Tom Williams

SOUND SYSTEM

10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson/John Sweany

DEACON – Jim Abshire

NURSERY – Judy Thompson/Savanna Alexander

SMALL TALK

Linda Brown

JUNIOR CHURCH

Betty Maxwell

(The previous week’s attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-58 8:30 Worship-16 10:30 Worship-70

FINANCIAL NOTES MONTHLY NEED-\$11,777

	Worship Service	Sunday school
December 3	\$2,048.05	\$50.00
December 10	\$4,023.21	\$51.00

B’day and Anniversary offering-\$6.00, RMMO Offering-\$135.00, Trash Bags-\$30.00, Love Gift-Church-\$11.97
Operating Fund
\$2,098.62

Total Receipts (December) \$6,172.26
Weekly need: \$6,960.23

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT THE “X”

“...But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, Who is Christ (the Messiah) the Lord!” - Luke 2: 10-11 (AMP)

So often these days we see Christmas with the 'Christ' taken out and replaced with an 'X'. It's almost as if it's a nameless celebration. We as Christians know how far from the truth that is. We read here of angels appearing to the shepherds and declaring the birth of Jesus, the Son of David - who is the Christ (the Messiah). It is in no way a 'nameless' event, but a wonderful celebration of the greatest event - the birth of Christ and the reconciliation to God, He brought to us all.

So let's keep the 'Christ' in Christmas.

Christmas must always start with Christ For He has saved us and changed our lives.



Dec 17-----Children's Program
 Dec. 18-----9:00 AM- Chopping for Cheese Balls
 Dec. 19-----7:00 AM- Make Cheese Balls
 Dec 24-----Christmas Cantata – AM Service
 Dec 24-----9:00 PM-Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It was suggested that instead of everyone making Christmas Cards for everyone at church, that each person make a card and make it to the whole Church Family. Then they will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. The Board has been cleared for this purpose.

RMMO OFFERING

The 2017 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA will be collected this Sunday. See the insert in the bulletin.

CHRISTMAS CANDY FOR KIDS

There is a box in the Narthex to collect candy for our kids for Christmas.

We Need Your Help!

A new 2018 Church Directory is being prepared and we need your up-to-date address, current telephone number, E-mail address, (if you want it listed), Birthdays & Anniversaries. Please submit your info. You can leave it in the tray outside the office door or call the office @ 342-3616 or e-mail it to the church. Thank you. Dianne (Church Secretary)

A THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church Circle of Peace, I am so thankful and blessed for all your support you do for the Magdalene House. Because of people like you, my life has been changed in so many ways. May God bless you.

*Resident of Magdalene House
 Ashley*

SHOE BOXES

Julie Drapalik reported that the church ended up with 200 shoe boxes packed. They tracked the ones we packed and they went to Togo, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

REST MINISTRIES

The Rest Ministries, a local Christian retreat has just had a true blessing. A lady in Nashville, IN. has donated a piece of property to them with two cabins to expand their ministries. Read about this blessing on the Mission Bulletin Board In the Narthex.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Steve Bowman and his family, the family of Max Graham, Marilyn James, Magen DeVore, Dianna Jennings, Rick Thacker, Rosia Walls, Louise Tutterow, Laura Ziegler, Susan Polk Michael Woodard, Donna Sweany, Janet Goss, Alan Manley, Dee Dee Kaufman, Dixie Carter, Janet Brochhage, Elizabeth & R. B. Stephey, Jack Clark, Josh Owen, Brian Etchison, Evelyn Denney, David Etchison and Marla Lauderman

Community: Our community, the economic leaders, our school boards, youth and teachers throughout the school year, youth attending college, children and families facing crisis, and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Clint Plake, Daniel Hill, all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police and firemen, people effected by the hurricanes, earthquakes and fires throughout the country and world, people affected by the shootings in the country, the US economy and those unemployed.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

