

First Baptist Church



Discover the Love of Christ

Frostproof, Florida

December 2017

Pastor's Remarks

Dear Church Family,

Once again, Christmas is just around the corner. This season is my favorite time of the year. I like looking at all the lights, although I do not enjoy, as much, putting up my own.

Lights were an important part of that first Christmas. The angels had a brilliant light show when they appeared on that hillside, as the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see baby Jesus. Then the wise men saw a bright light (star) in the sky and followed it until they found the Christ child. Light is a major theme throughout the Bible. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He also said, "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer wander in darkness." Jesus was not talking about physical darkness, but personal darkness.

We all go through dark days. Sometimes life is disappointing, especially in these times of doubt, stress, and uncertainty. The great truth about Jesus is that He dispels darkness.

We need to remind ourselves that He is a very present help, here to strengthen, guide, and meet our needs. He will make the darkness disappear and fill your life with His love, peace, joy and truth.

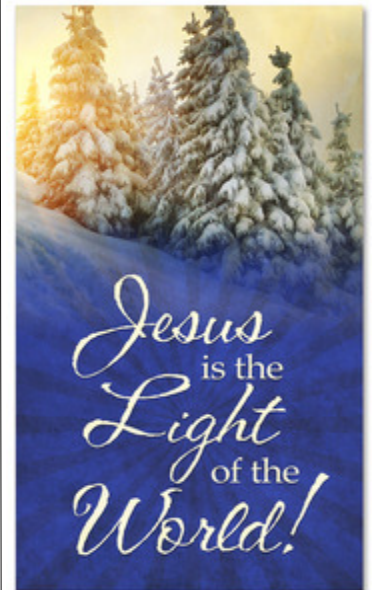
As you get together to party this Christmas season, think about inviting someone who is unchurched to your fellowship. Sometimes people will come to those fellowships before they will come to church. That might be a good starting place to begin investing in that person.

I know several people who are still struggling with storm damage, either trying to get estimates or to get the actual repairs done. The church is still in that situation. But don't forget that the ministry and operations of the church continue. Please be faithful in giving of your tithes and offerings. If you can, consider giving above and beyond your regular offering. Let's see if we can make our budget for the year.

What a Savior! May we rejoice in Him this Christmas.

Wishing you and yours a "Merry Christmas",

Bro. Darrol



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Women Missionary Union News

This has been a very good year for the WMU. At the peak of snow-bird seasons, our attendance reached 26. We are grateful to all who are a part of the pillow ministry. Women, men, friends and neighbors, all are welcome.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall on B street. You may come anytime between 9:00-11:00 a.m. At this time, we stuff approximately 100 heart shaped pillows and bag them for delivery to Tampa General Hospital for cardiac surgery patients. If someone in your family needs a heart pillow, just let us know.

Before the pillows are ready to be stuffed we need volunteers to cut out and/or machine sew the pillows at home. We need more workers in these areas. Call Gloria Smith at (863) 635-7282 if you are interested in more information.

So far, this year we have delivered over 900 pillows. We want to thank everyone who helped in some way to make this possible.

Please mark Tuesday, December 12th on your calendar and come join us at WMU. Also set aside Tuesday January 9, 2018 which will be our annual finger food brunch. We hope to have a special guest on that day.

We still have a few copies of the book Paw Prints in the office. These were made available to us by the author. She suggested a donation of \$10 to help purchase stuffing for our pillows.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

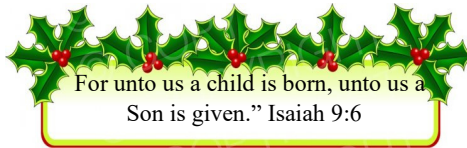
Gloria Smith
WMU Team Leader

O2 Café

O2 Café begins on Monday, January 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Building. The café will be open on Mondays during the months of January and February. Join us for a super time of fellowship and great food.

All proceeds help assist students financially attend Super Summer 2018 camp, July 9-13 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. Student cost is \$295, includes lodging, meals, recreation activities and program fees.

December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mission Fellowship- 5:30pm Fellowship Hall	2 Joy Class Christmas Party 2pm Smith Bldg.
3 Deacons serving: Doyce Cotton Garry Talley	4	5	6 Student Refuge & Awana 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:45	7	8	9 Choir Practice 9am sanctuary Children's Program Practice 1am sanctuary
10 Deacons serving: Larry Blackwelder John Cavanaugh	11	12 WMU 9am Fellowship Hall	13 Student Refuge & Awana 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:45	14	15 Feed the Community 5:30pm Fellowship Hall	16 Breakfast with Santa-8-11am Smith Bldg.
17 Deacons serving: Ernie Wasdin Larry Ogburn Carols in the Courtyard 5pm	18	19	20 Student Refuge & Awana 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:45	21	22	23
24 Deacons serving: Ed Butler Cliff Lightsey	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 Office closed	27 No service	28	29	30
31 Deacons serving: Freddie Senterfitt John Cavanaugh						

Visit our Church Library, our hours are: Sunday 9:15-9:45 am, 10:45-11:00 am & 12:00-12:15 pm. Closed on Wednesday evenings.



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| 3 Josh Brown | 29 Johnny Brantley, |
| 4 Cameron Sousa | Beverly Scarborough, |
| 5 Larry Ogburn | Kimberly Wasdin |
| 8 Joyce Strickland | 30 Joe Piatt, |
| 11 Mandy Long | Walter Schilg |
| 12 Breanna Robarts | |
| 13 Leon Pierson | |
| 14 Betty Crews, | |
| Buck Smith | |
| 17 Carol Blackburn | |
| 20 Mary Phyl Koloze | |
| 21 Courtney Jones | |
| 22 Joshua McCawley | |
| 27 Marilyn Piatt | |



The Children's Department Presents:
"Testify To Love"
 Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 A.M.
 Church Fellowship at 12:15 p.m. - Smith Bldg.

The Sanctuary Choir Presents:
"It's Still the Greatest Story Ever Told"
 Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Breakfast with Santa - 8:00 A.M. Smith Bldg.
Saturday, December 16, 2017

"Carols in the Courtyard"
 Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Life Group and Worship Service
 December 24, 2017-No PM service

New Year's Eve, December 31 - No PM Service



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First Baptist Church of Frostproof
December 2017 Newsletter

Connecting with God!
Connecting with Others!

First Baptist Church Ministry

God's Vision For FBC: He desires us to be a church that impacts our community with the Gospel.

God's Mission For FBC: Making disciples, leading believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

God's Strategy For FBC:

- **Connect** with God through worship and with others through relationships.
- **Grow** spiritually and numerically through small group Bible study.
- **Serve** others by joining a team engaged in ministry.

Service Schedules

Sunday

Life Group Classes 9:45am
Celebration Worship Service 11:00 am
Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday

Children and Student Programs 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm
Choir 7:45 pm



100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places.

In the last year reported (2015):

- 1.9 MILLION *heard the gospel*
- 175,290 *new believers*
- 15,058 *trained pastors*
- 6,138 *new churches*

2017 LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 3-10, 2017

FAST FACTS

Total Field Personnel (4/10)-3,590

Field personnel added 2015-405

Overseas baptisms 2014-54,762

Overseas churches 2014 - 41,172

Overseas church membership 2014 -784,768

New churches 2014 -3,842

People groups engaged by IMB personnel (8/16) - 896

Unreached People Groups not Engaged (816) - 3,060