

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Safety Team Mtg., Conference Rm.
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
Childcare (for 5 and under) & KIDS Church available during the 10:30 service ONLY
 3:00 PM First Christmas, REC
 5:00 PM Deacon Mtg., West Chapel
 6:00 PM First Christmas, REC

Monday, December 18

6:00 PM Seekers Prayer Group, Offsite

Tuesday, December 19

6:00 AM Early Risers Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 20

11:30 PM Mid-Day Prayer
 No Lunch

No Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00 PM Combined Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, REC

Friday, December 22

6:00 PM YA1 Ladies Christmas Party, Gathering Area

WEEKLY REPORTS

Hospital: as of December 14, **Larry Bruce, Thurman Evans, Gaila Hoffman**

Memorials: Gifts were given to the Pure Water Pure Love in honor of **Andy & Wanda Anderson**.

Sympathy: Christian love and sympathy to **Bob Young**, in the death of his sister, **Martha Wedding**; to **Helen Jones**, in the death of her sister, **Christie Beaven**; and to the family of **Marie Abell**.

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$49,910.58 **Offering Week 50:** \$56,151.26

FIRST THINGS



December 17, 2023

Prelude

Preschool Choir Video (8 AM) / Preschool Choir (10:30 AM)

Video- "The Unexpected Messiah: JOY"

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Luke 2:1-7

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

WELCOME & BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Derry Billingsley

Offertory

10:30 Service ONLY: Children (grades K-5) are dismissed to Kids Church

MESSAGE BY PAUL STRAHAN

Song of Response: **Away in a Manger**

Benediction

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Thelma Newberry** by **Dennis Newberry**.*

We received a note of appreciation from Bob and Kathryn Farmer stating,

"Dear First Baptist Church Family, Kathryn and I are deeply grateful and overwhelmed for the incredible service and reception of my retirement after serving 40 years at this great church. Your generosity and kindness have touched our hearts deeply. I have been blessed immeasurably to have been a part of this wonderful church community throughout my career. A special thanks to Mary Alice Riherd and her team for the planning and implementation of the Retirement Celebration. The entire day from the worship service to the celebration was heart-warming. Thank you for your love, friendship, prayers, and the incredible gift that will always remind me of the cherished moments we have shared together in ministry.

With heartfelt appreciation and love,

Bob and Kathryn Farmer

Philemon 1:4"

CONNECT

- I am interested in speaking with a minister.*
- I am new to the Christian faith and interested in learning more about Jesus and Christianity.*
- I am new to First Baptist Owensboro and interested in learning more about the church.*
 - Membership*
 - Baptism*
 - Being a Volunteer*
 - Serving*
 - Other:*
- I am interested in getting involved in a small group.*

PRAYER REQUEST

At First Baptist Owensboro, we are committed to praying for you. Let us know if you have a prayer request you would like to share by filling out this paper form or going online with the QR code.



CONNECTION CARD

Tell us about yourself! Please tear on the perforated line and place in the offering box near the exits or use the QR code below to fill out your information online.



December 17, 2023

NAME: _____

DOB: __ / __ / __ PH #: _____

NAME: _____

DOB: __ / __ / __ PH #: _____

CHILDREN in household: DOB:

_____/_____/_____/_____/_____/_____

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ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

1st Time Guest Regular Attendee

2nd Time Guest Member

INVITED BY: _____

SERMON NOTES

JOY

Luke 2:8-14

Joy is not an _____ to _____ but a life we _____!

Joy is not a _____ you have but results from a _____ relationship with _____!

C.S. Lewis wrote, "It is not so much the _____ of the Lord we are seeking as the Lord of _____ Himself."

Beware of joy _____!

How can I experience joy in my Christian life?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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