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# First Baptist Church

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Linda and I love the SEASON of Christmas! We are the people who put up their Christmas tree on November 1. In fact, at our home in Arkansas, we had a guest bedroom that was all things Christmas all year and our living room consisted of several Nativity scenes that also were all year decor. We are also the people who shop sales for Christmas presents all year long. We love all the parties and family time this time of year brings. Our closet is filled with ugly sweaters and we love our Christmas movies. WE LOVE CHRISTMAS! BUT, in the middle of all that, we never forget the reason for the season: JESUS! Never forget the ultimate gift from God! I want to share a poem from one of our own here at First Baptist that reminds us of THE GIFT!

## ***THE GIFT*** by Leon Lefler

*What does the Christmas season mean?  
Does it mean you shop like a Fein?*

*A gift for Father and Mother,  
Don't forget Sister and Brother!*

*The list goes on and on, no end,  
Oh! Then there's the rest of the kin!*

*Shopping til there's no more money,  
I laugh, I cry, It's not funny.*

*My! Who did I miss on the list?  
Now, my stomach is in a twist.*

*Then I recall what matters most,  
It was revealed by Heavenly Hosts!*

*Angels and Shepherds in a field,  
The birth of the Holy One who heals.*

*He was born to die for our sins,  
With Jesus life is on the mends.*

*Now, the only gift that is real.  
Everlasting life, that's appeal!*

*A gift that does not go away,  
Someday at His feet we will lay!*

Merry Christmas!  
Bro. Brian



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 – No Evening Services

- Choir Practice at 1:30 pm

December 8 – Choir practice at 4:45 pm

- Business Meeting at 6:00 pm

December 15 – “The Loaned Manger” will be performed by the FBC children at 6:00 pm. Please bring finger foods and stay after and join us for a fellowship.

December 17 – Choir practice at 6:00 pm.

December 22 - FBC Choir will be presenting “Changed by a Baby Boy” during the morning worship service.

- Christmas caroling 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. We will have hot chocolate and snacks afterward.

December 24 – No Wednesday services.

December 29 – No evening services.

January 1 – No Wednesday services.

**We are continuing to collect for our Holiday Baskets. This is to help families connected with our church with Christmas needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact Becky Tucker. If you would like to give, please mark your offering envelope or give through the church center app.**

### NURSING

#### HOME/HOMEBOUND

Allene Moore

Pat Shilt

Donna Herod

Shirley Lefler

Roy & Joyce Royer

### SERVICEMEN

Master Chief Joey Alley

Airman First Class Toby Moore

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brian Fingers

CSSN Ania McLaughlin

Tech Sergeant Jordan Flanary

PFC Jasmine Alley

Kenneth Trevian Alley



### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Join the Great Pursuit and make Jesus known among the nations

Your gift supports missionary presence and gospel transformation around the world! If you wish to give mark your offering envelope as such.

**Church Goal: \$2,500.00**

International Mission Board 2024 Week  
of Prayer  
December 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Neal Whitworth

Alberta Adcock

Pat Shilt

Jan Bales

Linda Hogan

Amy Henson-Nifong

Michael Parris

Loretta Johnson

Melody Yount

Gabby Klug

Sandra McDaniel

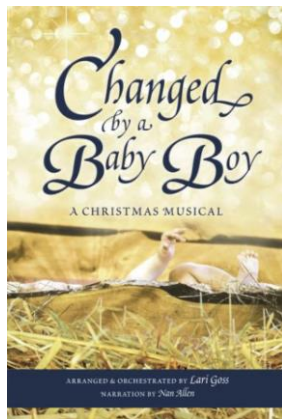
George Looney

Diane Morrow

Carolyn Kegley

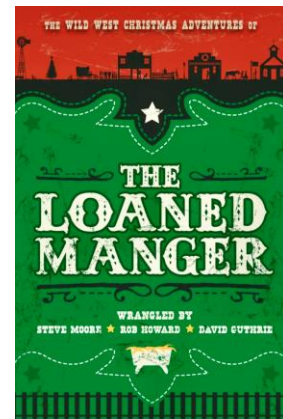
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### *Changed by a Baby Boy*

will be performed by the FBC Choir  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the  
morning worship service.



### **THE LOANED MANGER**

Will be performed by the children of FBC  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Bring finger foods  
and stay afterward for a time of fellowship