

Stained Glass Saints

On Sunday, January 1, 2023 we will remember **Paul Jones**

Paul Jones would visit First Baptist Church while in Corbin seeing his brother, Roy Jones and his wife Phyllis. Roy and Phyllis were long time members of FBC. So, when Paul brought his wife, Laura, and daughter, Kim, to Corbin in 1977 with a job with L & N Railroad, First Baptist was the logical place to call home. Paul had been a deacon and avid member of many of the churches he attended.

Kim would tell you that if the church doors were open, her dad would be there. Paul in many ways resembled his namesake in the Bible whose focus was to educate and sustain those who found Christ. At home, Paul would study the Bible, pray for those in need, and always offer support. Serving quietly and steadfastly, Paul never needed credit, but was loved by many.

Paul lived his ministry through his faith. He loved First Baptist and was blessed by its love and compassion. During Laura's battle with cancer, Paul leaned on the support of the church which surrounded him and Kim in their time of need. Even then, Paul would be in Sunday School and church listening to the sermons, which he always analyzed, and being fed by the grace of God. The church surrounded him again when his second wife, Cathy, was tragically killed.

Stained glass is beautiful because of the broken pieces of glass assembled to tell a story. Like so many of our "stained glass saints," they lived lives that included suffering and tragedy. God uses our church to bring those pieces together, to give meaning and understanding, to give love when there is loss. Paul Jones was the giver and the recipient of that love.

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Saturday, December 24, 2022

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022

No Sunday School or Children's Church 10:30 am Worship corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome

Monday, December 26, 2022

Church Office will be closed

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Regular Wednesday Evening Activities will resume, **January 11, 2023**.

Thursday, December 29, 2022

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, December 30, 2022

Church Office will be closed

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome

Monday, January 2, 2023

Church Office will be closed

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

5:30 pm Business Meeting Continued from the December 14th Business Meeting





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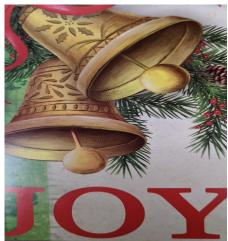


A gift has been given to the White Flag Ministry in memory of Maurice Creech

by Ruby, Regina and Jeff

Deacons at Christmas -

Last week our deacons put together Christmas Baskets to distribute to some of our FBC family members that we do not get to see on Sundays. They were very appreciative.



Thank you so much for the Christmas basket. It's so sweet of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you. I miss you all. May the memories of the season bring you joy in the coming year.

Lita Duncan

Kids and Youth In Action-

This past Saturday our children gathered together for our Children's Ministry Christmas Celebration. They helped us prepare decorative Christmas trees that were later given to some of our very own church family during Christmas caroling! After getting creative, our kids watched a Christmas movie, and then finished out our time together by doing an imaginative reading of the Christmas story.

On Sunday our church family helped spread a little Christ-mas cheer as they went door-to-door to sing carols with some of our beloved church members!

Nearly 30 adults and children joined us to help spread the Christmas cheer. Oh what fun!



The Advent Wreath for Sunday, December 11, 2022 is placed in memory of FELIX & MATTIE PACE and LEONARD & MARIE LEAKE

by Kevin & Sherry Pace, and Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe



Sincere sympathy to Daniel Lowe and family in the loss of his grandmother, Naomi Lowe

Just a Couple Reminders -

End of Year Giving -

All year-end gifts must be received by 4:00 pm, Thursday, December 29, 2022, or must be postmarked by December 31st to be applied in the present tax year. Any E-giving transactions should be initiated by December 31st. Any gifts received after December 31 and not postmarked in December will be included in the next tax year.

Builder Newsletter -

We will not be sending out a Builder for the week of January 1, 2023. Your first Builder in the New Year will be for the week of January 8, 2023. Happy New Year!

Continued Business Meeting -

Will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 5:30 pm. This is a continuation from the Dec. 14th meeting. There will be no dinner served for this meeting.

First Baptist Church at Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022 Six O'clock in the Evening

Hearing the Story and Singing the Carols

Worship for Christmas Day

December 25, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-14

Singing of Carols

Sermon by Alex Lockridge

"Choose Christmas - We Have Seen a Great Light"

Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Jeremiah Banks 325-301-8311

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

Deacon: Jeff Tipton 606-524-8395

FBC Benevolence Ministry.

Funds Report: December 18, 2022

Budget Offerings \$ 43,322.00
YTD Budget Offerings: \$ 120,285.40
YTD Budget Goal: \$ 120,024.00
Loose Change Offerings for December \$ 60.50
Loose change received in **December** will be used for