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#### Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service

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5:00 pm Youth

### Wednesday, January 10. 2024

**5:30 pm - 6:30 pm** Wednesday Evenings-You are invited to help us reimagine our Wed. night activities. Bring your own meal, and join us for a listening session about the future of our Wednesday nights. **We want to hear from you!** Child care and pizza will be provided for kids and youth.

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry



White Flag Ministry to Date-Meals served this season- 886 Nights sheltered this season- 7

Meals served week of Dec. 17-23-348 Nights Sheltered week of Dec. 17-23-3

You can help by cooking (or catering!) and then help us serve your meal. Team up with family, coworkers or friends and plan to cook for 50-100. We need volunteers for daily meals Mondays-Fridays, 4:00-5:00. Thank You!

Scan the QR code for available dates.





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On New Year's Day, we had a family conversation about last year and this year. I invited my children into the art of introspection by asking them, "What was the best part of 2023?" and, "What was the worst part of 2023?" After we shared our answers, I asked, "What would you like to improve about yourself in 2024?"

As is perfectly acceptable and wonderful with children, some of the answers revolved around going to Dollywood (good) and jellyfish stings (bad), but it all sparked good, healthy, and thoughtful conversation. Some goals were to listen better, read more, become a better athlete, etc.

After stating our goals, we talked about the practice of accountability, about how, as a family, we are a team, and teammates help each other achieve individual goals, which helps the whole team reach its goal. The new year is a natural time to consider goals and re-up our commitments to the people we care about.

As Christ-followers, the grace of God consistently invites us into introspection about who we are in Christ. In the year 2024, how is the Holy Spirit leading you? Do you feel a tug to commit to more time in prayer and study? Has God put someone on your heart that you need to talk to, reconcile with, or forgive? Is it time to change or expand your role at church? Is there something new God wants to do in you?

As the calendar turns, utilize this opportunity of the new year to examine your life as a Christ-follower. Begin by being mindful of last year, highlighting both the highs and the lows. Looking back helps us to see more clearly what is ahead. As you examine, pray for God to help you see where you need to be. God is always at work in you. Take time to see that, to appreciate it, and to ultimately respond to it.

Happy New Year! Alex

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Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, January 8, 2024 are in commemoration of the January birthdays of E.R. HOPPER, SR (10th) and E.R. HOPPER, JR (6th) bv The Family



Sunday School, In our church we have some wonderful Sunday School teachers who faithfully lead us in studying God's word. Nell YOU TO OUR Winchester and Elizabeth Reese have ladies' classes, and Ed Garr

has the men's class. Alex Lockridge guides the young adult group, and Sandi Curd and Jeff Tipton have groups for anyone. Kim Croley works with youth and Debbie Tipton, Lauren Rose, Lynn Tipton and Pat Waddle teach our children's classes. I want to thank these teachers for all they do to help us learn more about God and to create a fellowship of learning and friendship. Thank you,

Donna Davis, Sunday School Director



Congratulations to Rhoda Woods on the birth of her great gandson, Jordan Ray Woods born Dec. 28 to parents, Justin & Emily Woods. Grandparents, Johnny & Donna Woods.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Cathy Gore and family in the loss of, Kenneth Gore.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the Pat Huff family in the loss of her brother. F. Preston Farmer

A gift has been given to the Food Pantry Fund in honor of Gary & Janie Akins

A gift has been given to the **General Fund** in memory of Cleland Thorpe Jennifer Hannah

A gift has been given to the White Flag Ministry in memory of my parents, T.P. & Cecil Harris, and my husband, Damon Hodges

> by Peggy Hodges



**Join the Sanctuary Choir!** No experience re-choired.



**Ioin Handbells!** Reading music is not required. Can you bell-ieve it?



For more information contact Carolyn Garr.

# First Baptist Church at Worship

January 7, 2024 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning **Epiphany of the Lord** 

**Scripture Lessons** 

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Moment by Jeremiah Banks

Sermon by Alex Lockridge "Guiding Light"

**Offertory Anthem** 

"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come"

## **Pastoral Care Emergencies** Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Alex Lockridge - (606) 401-9011

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

Deacon: Ruth Bradley - (606) 521-4262

## December 31, 2023 Offering Summary

Weekly Budget Goal: 9,315.56 **Budget Offerings:** 3,853.00 YTD Budget Offering: \$ 153.077.50 **YTD Budget Goal:** \$ 130,412.10

**December Loose Change Offering** \$128.96 Loose Change received in January will benefit Olive Branch Ministries.