

# First Baptist Church

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A Messenger of God's Presence In Southeastern Oklahoma

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PLEASE CONTACT  
LAURAN FULLER IN  
THE NURSERY

Weekly Bible Study Report for  
December 2 ~ Life Groups:

Adults	231
Youth	42
Children	36
Preschool	42
Total	351
Clothes Closet (November):	
Volunteers/Visitors	6/180
Celebrate Recovery	68

SOME INFORMATION  
UNAVAILABLE AT  
PRESS TIME.

## Current & Upcoming Events:

- December 8 - Christmas Musical - 7pm - Auditorium
- December 9 - Deadline to turn in toys for the clothes closet & Baptist girls home angel tree gifts.
- December 9 - Christmas Musical - 6pm Auditorium
- December 11 - Sip, Savor & Share Fellowship in Coffee Bar -8:00-9:30 am for men & women.
- December 16 - Cocoa & Caroling - meet at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office with addresses of people to be caroled to.
- December 18, 25 & January 1 - Sip, Savor & Share CANCELED.
- December 22 - Under His Wings Luncheon 11am - 2pm Fellowship Hall
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 8 pm - Auditorium.
- December 24 & 25 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.
- December 26 - No Wednesday night activities.
- December 31 - Last day to turn in money for 2018.
- January 1 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED. KEENAGER MEETING WILL BE ON THE 8TH.
- January 2 - No Wednesday night activities.
- January 8 - Keenager meeting at 11:00 am with meal at noon (\$5).
- January 9 - Wednesday night activities resume.



Periodicals Postage Paid

**Clothes Closet  
Needs:**  
Warm Coats & Shoes  
All Ages  
Donations accepted 9am-12pm  
every Wednesday.  
Open 2nd Friday of month  
9am - 2pm.



Every Monday night on the  
corner of 1st & Beech  
in the  
Student Worship Center.  
5:00 pm ~ Meal (\$3)  
6:00 pm ~ Worship  
7:00 pm ~ Men's,  
Women's Classes

Barbara Rhynes, Ministry Leader

Nursery provided for birth through  
Kindergarten for those attending  
Celebrate Recovery, Celebration  
Station for children &  
the Landing for Youth.

Contact Vickie at the church office for  
more information at 580-924-3573.

## Celebrate Recovery

Step Study Class  
for Women  
Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm

## Celebration Place

Every Monday night at 6:00 pm  
For children grades 1-6.

## the Landing

Every Monday night  
at 6:00 pm  
For youth grades 7-12



Featuring **FBC Adult & Youth Choir**  
**Saturday, December 8**  
7:00 pm  
**Sunday, December 9**  
6:00 pm  
*A Christmas Musical*  
**WHILE the WORLD  
WAS WAITING**

**15**  
ANNIVERSARY  
**for  
Ken  
Bartholomew**  
**Reception**  
Sunday Evening,  
December 9  
Please join us following the  
evening choir program.  
Please bring a card of  
appreciation to share with  
Ken and Deana.

## Hospital Visitation Schedule

Please contact the staff listed below  
or the church office 580-924-3573  
or Vickie at vrusell@fbcdurant.org if  
you are going to the hospital or have  
an emergency and would like a visit  
and prayer. On weekends, please con-  
tact Philip Stephens 580-916-8690.

- Monday: JC Curtis 580-920-5044
- Tuesday: Philip Stephens 580-916-8690
- Wednesday: Ken Bartholomew 580-920-8444
- Thursday: Jim Hodson 580-920-9691
- Friday: Stuart Tilley 580-916-6939



December 16  
Paint the City  
(hand out Christmas  
service invites) 3-5 pm  
Cocoa & Caroling  
5 pm  
(Youth Bonfire  
to follow)

## Medical Missions

Meets every Monday except for the  
second week of each month.  
580-924-8875  
Call any time for an appointment

I mentioned in the service Sunday morning that changes are coming in regards to the Baptist Messenger in 2019. First, the print edition of the Messenger will be sent bi-weekly instead of weekly. The readership of the Messenger is moving more towards a digital version and this reduction in printing not only saves dollars but provides an opportunity for a great digital presence going forward. Second, you will continue receive the Baptist Messenger every time it is printed (24 times a year) without having to do anything and there will be no cost to the church. Look for this change in January. Third, with this change the Baptist Messenger will no longer print the church newsletter on the wrap (outside cover). I think this is a great opportunity to evaluate the current communication plan of the church. In fact, one of the recommendations you will see from the Transition team in January addresses this opportunity. We will look for new and more effective ways to communicate the information you need. We will look for ways to make it easy for you to stay informed about church news and opportunities to serve without feeling overwhelmed. On another note, I'm looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you! We kicked off the season with our Advent service Sunday night and will continue to celebrate throughout the month. This Sunday I will start "The Characters of Christmas" sermon series as we take a deeper look at the people we find in our Nativity scenes. I'm praying that God would use this season in a great way for His glory in the church. See you Sunday!

James Swain