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DECEMBER 2025

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Waiting
Here
For You



*An Advent
Journey of Hope*

The Four Sundays of Advent
November 30, December 7, December 14 & December 21

At 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall

The Board of Christian Education invites you to:

- A Christmas tradition
- Breakfast with the FBC Family
- Fellowship of all Sunday School classes
- An Advent Devotion to prepare our hearts for Christmas

Are you REALLY ready for Christmas?

Don't miss this special time of holiday preparation!

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Free devotional book
for each family

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CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

On-Going Calendar Events

M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers

**Every Monday —“LIFT” Women’s Fellowship Group—
1:00 PM (Meets at Senior Center)**

Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM

Every Wed. (thru 12/17)—LHS Cats For Christ—7:50 AM

Every Wed. (thru 12/17) —Youth Group—6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Every Wednesday—1st Service Praise Team—7:00 PM

Every Thursday (except Christmas) -AWANA-6:15 PM-7:50 PM

**Every Friday ((except 12/26)—Women’s United Intercessory
Prayer—FBC library—9:15 AM**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter’s Corner—FLC

6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM—LMA Pastors’ Prayer

12:00 PM—Women’s Bookworm Café—Youth Room
(*A Christmas by the Sea*—Carlson)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM—Men’s Breakfast—FLC

8:00 AM—Women’s Breakfast—Miss B’s

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE (ADVENT SUNDAYS)

8:15 AM—WORSHIP

9:45 AM—SHORT-TERM ADVENT BIBLE CLASS

11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS’ KONNECTION

12:15 PM—Deaconess Meeting

3-4 PM & 4-5 PM—Children’s Drama Rehearsals

December 8-10—“Caring Hearts of Louisburg”

Adopt-A-Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:30 PM—Women’s Night Owl Café—RSVP to Debbie
Apple for location
(*A Christmas by the Sea*—Carlson)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 PM—Trustee Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see Dec. 7)

3-4 PM —Children’s Drama Rehearsals

7:00 PM—Piano Recital (Dorothy Gardner’s students)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:15 PM—Christian Ed Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER

11:30 AM—Koinonia Cluster Pastors’ Prayer

6:15 PM—Finance Committee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM—Men’s Breakfast—FLC

8:00 AM—Women’s Breakfast—Miss B’s

1:00 PM—Movie Watchers to “David”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see Dec. 7)

WEDNESDAY, December 24—Christmas Eve

6:00 PM—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—Merry Christmas

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

8:15 AM—WORSHIP

9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS’ KONNECTION



What's the most important part of a story?

The beginning?

The middle?

The end?

Here's a clue: if the end is powerful, it's only because the beginning and middle carried it there.

If the middle is gripping, it's only because the beginning dared to start something worth finishing.

The truth is...

The beginning sets the stage for everything.

You can have the greatest plot twist in history waiting at the end, but if no one gets past a dull beginning, the story dies before it ever lives.

And that's what makes Christmas so unbelievable.

It starts with a beginning no one saw coming—
a beginning that feels less like a holiday card
and more like the opening scene of an epic film.

A Prince leaves His throne...
not disguised as royalty in exile,
but fully stepping into the life of a commoner.

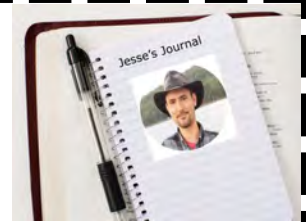
No palace.
No guards.
No bed.
Not even a real crib.

Just a stable.
And a manger—an animal's dinner bowl doubling as a cradle.

*Cold air, flickering lantern light, animals shifting in the shadows.
A newborn's cry echoing off wooden beams.
The King of Heaven...starting His story in the humblest place on earth.*

What will happen to Him?
Will He survive this beginning?
Will He ever reclaim His throne?
Will the world recognize the King when He walks among them?

Christmas is the opening scene—
the unexpected beginning—
of the greatest story ever told.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN OUR TOWN

'Twas the night before Christmas and in Louisburg town
The spirits were high, **not a face held a frown**
No, problems **weren't gone**, there were still things to **dread**,
But the focus had changed. All eyes were now on **JESUS** instead.
How had this happened? What had occurred?
The people had found comfort and truth in **God's word**.
And that's not all, no that's **not the end!**
They shared this newfound peace with **all of their friends!**
So the **tide had turned**, the whole town made a **shift**.
Instead of feeling down, the truth gave all of them a **lift!**
No longer feeling grumpy and sorry for themselves
They reached out in love to each other... **like so many elves!**
Now Christmas doesn't come **just one time a year**,
But is shared daily with each smile, laugh, and tear.

Merry Christmas...
God Bless us, **EVERYONE!**

Kami



2025—Our Bible Reading Plan will again be coming from *The One Year® Bible* published by Tyndale.

The One Year® Bible daily reading plan consists of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other "through the bible" plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format.

Purchase your own copy of *The One Year® Bible* or just follow along in your own Bible.

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	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Daniel 8:1-27	1 John 2:1-17	Psalms 120:1-7	Proverbs 28:25-26
□ 02	Daniel 9:1-11:1	1 John 2:18-3:6	Psalms 121:1-8	Proverbs 28:27-28
□ 03	Daniel 11:2-35	1 John 3:7-24	Psalms 122:1-9	Proverbs 29:1
□ 04	Daniel 11:36-12:13	1 John 4:1-21	Psalms 123:1-4	Proverbs 29:2-4
□ 05	Hosea 1:1-3:5	1 John 5:1-21	Psalms 124:1-8	Proverbs 29:5-8
□ 06	Hosea 4:1-5:15	2 John 1:1-13	Psalms 125:1-5	Proverbs 29:9-11
□ 07	Hosea 6:1-9:17	3 John 1:1-15	Psalms 126:1-6	Proverbs 29:12-14
□ 08	Hosea 10:1-14:9	Jude 1:1-25	Psalms 127:1-5	Proverbs 29:15-17
□ 09	Joel 1:1-3:21	Revelation 1:1-20	Psalms 128:1-6	Proverbs 29:18
□ 10	Amos 1:1-3:15	Revelation 2:1-17	Psalms 129:1-8	Proverbs 29:19-20
□ 11	Amos 4:1-6:14	Revelation 2:18-3:6	Psalms 130:1-8	Proverbs 29:21-22
□ 12	Amos 7:1-9:15	Revelation 3:7-22	Psalms 131:1-3	Proverbs 29:23
□ 13	Obadiah 1:1-21	Revelation 4:1-11	Psalms 132:1-18	Proverbs 29:24-25
□ 14	Jonah 1:1-4:11	Revelation 5:1-14	Psalms 133:1-3	Proverbs 29:26-27
□ 15	Micah 1:1-4:13	Revelation 6:1-17	Psalms 134:1-3	Proverbs 30:1-4
□ 16	Micah 5:1-7:20	Revelation 7:1-17	Psalms 135:1-21	Proverbs 30:5-6
□ 17	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Revelation 8:1-13	Psalms 136:1-26	Proverbs 30:7-9
□ 18	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19	Revelation 9:1-21	Psalms 137:1-9	Proverbs 30:10
□ 19	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20	Revelation 10:1-11	Psalms 138:1-8	Proverbs 30:11-14
□ 20	Haggai 1:1-2:23	Revelation 11:1-19	Psalms 139:1-24	Proverbs 30:15-16
□ 21	Zechariah 1:1-21	Revelation 12:1-17	Psalms 140:1-13	Proverbs 30:17
□ 22	Zechariah 2:1-3:10	Revelation 13:1-13:18	Psalms 141:1-10	Proverbs 30:18-20
□ 23	Zechariah 4:1-5:11	Revelation 14:1-20	Psalms 142:1-7	Proverbs 30:21-23
□ 24	Zechariah 6:1-7:14	Revelation 15:1-8	Psalms 143:1-12	Proverbs 30:24-28
□ 25	Zechariah 8:1-23	Revelation 16:1-21	Psalms 144:1-15	Proverbs 30:29-31
□ 26	Zechariah 9:1-17	Revelation 17:1-18	Psalms 145:1-21	Proverbs 30:32
□ 27	Zechariah 10:1-11:17	Revelation 18:1-24	Psalms 146:1-10	Proverbs 30:33
□ 28	Zechariah 12:1-13:9	Revelation 19:1-21	Psalms 147:1-20	Proverbs 31:1-7
□ 29	Zechariah 14:1-21	Revelation 20:1-15	Psalms 148:1-14	Proverbs 31:8-9
□ 30	Malachi 1:1-2:17	Revelation 21:1-27	Psalms 149:1-9	Proverbs 31:10-24
□ 31	Malachi 3:1-4:6	Revelation 22:1-21	Psalms 150:1-6	Proverbs 31:25-31



GEN·ER·OUS ([je-nə-rəs](#)) *adjective*

- a) liberal in giving: OPENHANDED
- b) characterized by a noble or kindly spirit: MAGNANIMOUS, KINDLY
- c) LOUISBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

October ended with the Quarterly Business Meeting and a Fundraiser Dinner—**BAKED POTATO BAR MEAL**—proceeds went toward ABW Regional Project—“Kodiak Baptist Mission”. Congregation donations totaled \$548.

In celebration of another blessed year at FBC the **ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER**—Baked spaghetti casseroles and all the fixin’s, as well as dessert was prepared by the Deaconess board. Lots of meals were served (several of which were packed and delivered to our shut-in folks.)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES —

Together, AWANA & FBC packed 141 physical boxes and 116 online boxes, for a grand total of 247 boxes to bless children around the world. A special offering of \$340 was also provided to Samaritan’s Purse to help offset cost of sending boxes.

Pastor Kami has challenged our congregation to continue the spirit of giving in regards to Operation Christmas Child, read more on last page of newsletter.

During the service on November 16, **OLIA, FROM UKRAINE**, provided an update on the ministry of Yelisey Pronin and the Disciples Church, and gave us some insight into life in Ukraine right now.

Be sure to check out the church website to review her presentation. It’s worth watching again!

Just in time for Thanksgiving dinner, a delicious smell permeated the entire church as the ladies prepared their famous **DINNER ROLLS** in the brand new convection oven—157 dozen rolls; lots of jams/jellies/butters—money raised goes to FBC Roll Committee Projects.



CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX

This is a simple way to support the ABW Regional Projects— "Camp Christy & Kodiak Baptist Mission". Instead of using the Post Office to mail Christmas cards to our church family, you are asked to bring your cards to the church, place them in the Christmas card "mailbox" and donate the money that would otherwise have been spent on postage to the ABW Project.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
12:00 -5:00 PM
CRAFTER'S CORNER
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat). Contact Debbie Randolph for more details



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS –

December selection –
"A Christmas by the Sea"
by Melody Carlson

BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will
meet at NOON at the church on
Wednesday, Dec. 3

NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will
meet on Monday, December 8 at
5:30pm – RSVP to Debbe Apple for
location



Love God, Love Louisburg, Serve the World



**8:00 AM on Saturday, December 6 &
8:00 AM on Saturday, December 20**



**MOVIE
WATCHERS CLUB
DECEMBER 20**
Join us to enjoy a
showing of the new
animated movie
DAVID!

Saturday December 20 at 1:00pm
AMC 28 - Strang Line Road, Olathe
(You are encouraged to go online to
order your tickets ahead of time.)
Carpooling: Meet at church at
11:30, leave 11:45



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
Service
December 24
6:00 p.m.**

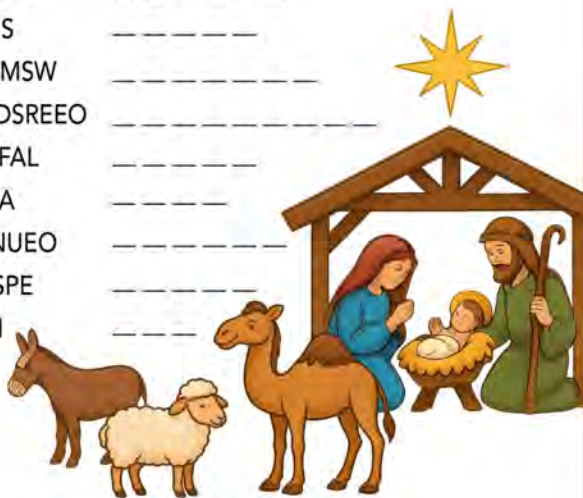


Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14		

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love



SUNDAYS
(SECOND SERVICE ONLY)
KIDS' KONNECTION
KIDS K THRU 5TH GRADE



YOUTH GROUP
(GRADES 6-12)
WEDNESDAYS
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Don't miss food, friends and fun as we explore what the Bible has to say to us today.



AWANA
THURSDAYS
6:15 PM-7:50 PM
KIDS AGE 3 THRU 5TH GRADE
A VBS like experience every
Thursday evening
Fun, Bible Lessons,
Bible Memorization

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!
Check with Pastor Kami to see
where you can help 816-916-
KAMI (5264).

FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it in to the church office. Thanks.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN & DRESSING

from the kitchen of Teri Henningsen

Ingredients:

- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 ½ cups water or chicken broth
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
- Two 6 oz box dry stuffing/dressing mix (Stovetop style)

Place chicken breasts in the bottom of the crockpot (frozen chicken breasts works fine too, just add a little extra cooking time)

- 1) Pour soup on top of the chicken breasts.
- 2) In a bowl, mix together melted butter & water/broth and add in stuffing/dressing mix.
- 3) Pour dressing mixture over the chicken and cream soup.
- 4) Cook on low for 4-6 hours
- 5) Serve



ABW Bible Book of the Month

Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and King promised in the Old Testament. Written with a strong Jewish audience in mind, Matthew emphasizes how Jesus fulfills prophecy, teaches with divine authority, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven.

1. Birth and Preparation of the King (Ch. 1–4)

Matthew begins with a genealogy linking Jesus to Abraham and David, revealing His rightful claim to Israel's throne. The birth narrative includes Joseph's obedience, the visit of the magi, the flight to Egypt, and Herod's cruelty—each fulfilling prophecy. John the Baptist announces the arrival of the kingdom, and Jesus begins His ministry after His baptism and temptation.

2. The Teachings of the Kingdom (Ch. 5–7)

Matthew highlights Jesus as a master teacher through the Sermon on the Mount, which describes the character of kingdom people, deeper righteousness, prayer, and life built on obedience.

3. Power and Authority of the King (Ch. 8–12)

Jesus performs miracles demonstrating authority over sickness, nature, demons, and death. Despite this, growing opposition from religious leaders begins to form.

4. Parables of the Kingdom (Ch. 13)

Jesus uses parables—such as the sower, wheat and tares, mustard seed, and hidden treasure—to describe the nature, growth, and value of the kingdom.

5. Growing Division and Discipleship (Ch. 14–20)

As Jesus continues healing, teaching, and performing miracles, the crowds and leaders respond with mixed reactions. Jesus increasingly prepares His disciples for His upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection.

6. The King Enters Jerusalem (Ch. 21–25)

Matthew details the Triumphal Entry, increasing conflict with religious leaders, and Jesus' teachings on the end times and the final judgment (including the Olivet Discourse).

7. Passion, Death, and Resurrection (Ch. 26–28)

The final chapters recount the Last Supper, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, burial, and the victorious resurrection of Jesus. Matthew concludes with the Great Commission, where the risen Christ sends His followers to make disciples of all nations.



Rebecca & Larry Stanton - ABC Global Servants in Hungary

Rebecca & Larry Stanton
Hungary and Serbia
September 2025

The new school year has begun, and with it comes a fresh season of ministry and learning for our whole family. Ruth and Maggie have returned to their high school in Budapest, Hungary. This week, Larry is with them for parent-teacher conferences, encouraging them as they dive into another year of studies. During the last week of September, he will also travel to Serbia to reconnect with our ministry partners and prepare for the projects ahead.

Here in Teglás, Hungary, Brandy and I are back in the classroom. The opening ceremonies at our schools reminded us again how grateful we are to be part of this community. As we begin a new school year, we are reminded that God continues to open doors for us to serve, to learn, to grow together with our students and partners in Hungary and Serbia. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support – it makes this work possible.

Every fall American Baptist Churches take part in the World Mission Offering, a special opportunity to support global ministry. Many times, this offering is how we are able to reach 100% of our needed support. If your church is participating this year, please consider directing all or part of your World Mission Offering toward our ministry in Hungary and Serbia. Together, we can continue to share Christ's love in both word and deed.



DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 1	Ashley Cutshaw
December 2	Scott Margrave
December 6	Debbie Francy
December 10	Ron Cook
December 11	Robert Lake Jeff Smith
December 15	Larry Vest Terry Hale
December 17	Dottie Cook
December 18	Larry Hacker
December 19	Steve Parscale
December 25	Brian Gray
December 27	Paul Cook Amy Hall Tommy Anderson
December 29	Fletch Kelly
December 30	Alex Prettyman

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

Barbara & Gary Kerr - December 16

Kristin & Darren Masten - December 22



*Mary Jo & Ralph Broadrick
were married on December 26, 1948.
Ralph passed on October 25, 2018
They shared almost 70 years together.*



Madilyn Bussell would like to announce the birth of her new baby sister,
Eleanor Jaymes Bussell.

Eleanor was born on November 18, 2025. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Brooklyn & Justin Bussell of Tuscon, AZ. Grandparents are Melissa Southard & Marty Southard.



INTRODUCING VIVIAN RUTH SMITH

Vivian Ruth Smith was born on
Monday, November 24, 2025 at 10:19pm
She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.
Proud parents are Emma & Jordan Smith
Doting grandparents are Amy & Shane Hall and Krissy & Paul Smith.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

Dec. 16—Deadline for January Newsletter

in person ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Nov. 2	60	63
Nov. 9	One Service—110	
Nov. 16	50	63
Nov. 23	60	78



NO DECEMBER MEETINGS FOR DEACONS OR BUILDING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
 12:15 PM—Deaconesses

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
 7:00 PM - Trustee Board

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
 6:15 PM - Christian Ed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
 6:15 PM - Finance Committee

WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Wouldn't it be great to keep the Operation Christmas Child spirit going all year long? We can! It's simple. It's convenient, and it's relatively painless! All you do is set your mind up to build online boxes each month all year long! They only cost \$30 (the price of one meal out or a few treats at the movie) and you don't even have to shop or pack the box! Think about it. Would you truly miss \$30 each month? I know I spend that much on silly things, things that don't last, all the time. The impact of these boxes is eternal.

So, I challenge you to join me this year in sending at least one box each month. Use this QR code or the link on the church website to get started. ~KAMI



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