

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

A Word From Pastor...



Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Luke 1:30-38

³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called^{la} the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Dearly Beloved,

When the LORD was creating the heavens and the earth, initially the earth was formless and empty and dark.. When the earth was in this condition, it was not yet how God intended it to be. The LORD planned to bring form and structure to the formlessness. He would eventually fill up empty places with animals, fish, birds and human beings. And He would shine light into the darkness. But prior to fulfilling His plan, the Spirit of God is described as hovering over the waters. The Holy Spirit’s movement over the waters is similar to a bird hovering over its young, seeking to provide for them, seeking to protect them, seeking to care for and nurture them. A similar world picture is painted for us in Dt. 32:10-11: “In a desert land He found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; He guarded him as the apple of His eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.”

Fast forward to the conception and birth of Jesus the Messiah. Isaiah prophesied that when Messiah would come, there would be gloom (9:1), humility in Israel (9:1), people would be walking in darkness (9:2), and living in the land of the shadow darkness (9:2). They would be carrying burdens (9:4) and experiencing oppression (9:4).

During the dark time of history, the LORD again called upon the third member of the Triune God, the Holy Spirit, to do a Mighty, Miraculous work! For the future Messiah to be a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the people, He had to be sinless in His life. To be sinless, He had to be conceived and born without a sin nature. How can that be? Since Adam and Eve’s rebellion against God in the Garden of Eden, every human being has been born with a sin nature! To overcome this human dilemma, the LORD called upon the Holy Spirit to minister in a supernatural way to cause the virgin Mary to conceive a male child without the help of a man. We are not given details on how He brought about this amazing conception. It is a mystery! The Scriptures reveal that the angel Gabriel said that the Holy Spirit would come upon Mary and the power of the Most High would overshadow her and cause her to become pregnant. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God! So, the Holy Spirit worked powerfully in Mary and did for her what no man could do – conceive a baby boy with a perfect, holy, human nature. Nothing is impossible with God! That human nature would be tempted and tested throughout Jesus’ life, yet He was without sin (Heb. 4:15).

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Discover Christ’s Transforming Love

A Word From Pastor... Continued..

Hebrews 7:26-28

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

The same Holy Spirit of God resides within the life of believers today. His goal is to transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus Christ with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:17-18)! He wants to do a supernatural work of transformation in us by hovering, brooding, indwelling, guiding, empowering, guarding, and equipping. He calls us to respond like young Mary did: “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said” (1:38).

*Shepherding you in Christ's Love,
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CHRISTMAS IS A LOVING TIME

Christmas is a loving time,
God started it that way;
When He gave His only Son
On that first Christmas Day.

It seems the air is filled with love
The angels hover near;
Children laugh and old folks smile
For Christmas time is here.

It's God's love that makes us happy
For no greater love could be;
Than that which sent our Savior down
To die on Calvary.

Ah yes, Christmas is a loving time
God planned it all that way;
When LOVE came down to you and me
On that first Christmas Day.

Mary Z. McHenry





Dear First Baptist Church,

As I reflect on gratitude during this month of Thanksgiving, I want you to know how grateful I am for your continued support of Umubyeyi Francoise's post-secondary education.

Francoise started classes at Integrated Polytechnic Regional College (IPRC) this fall and is working on a Advanced Diploma in Electronics & Telecommunication. We are so excited for her and anticipate that she will complete this program in December 2022. In case you missed it, Francoise's new ref is RCS00388.

I look forward to providing educational updates for you along the way, and I hope you continue to develop a deeper relationship with your sponsored student. If you haven't already, now is a great time to connect with Francoise by using our [online letter writing](#) platform through your Africa New Life Ministries account.

Feel free to review our [Post-Secondary Sponsorship Guide](#) for answers to commonly asked questions. Thank you again for coming alongside Francoise through sponsorship and prayer!

Warmly,
Kelly

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Support RMMO

The roots of the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) originated in the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. The long-standing tradition of the RMMO established in 1977 supports ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA.

This year's theme, Honoring the Service of God's Servants uplifts the generosity, grace and tireless work of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses and families who have dedicated their lives to serving the body of Christ.

The Emmett First Baptist Church has set a collection goal of \$600 through the month of December. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants.

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BSU Football Players Encouraging Brooke During Her Hospital Stay



While Brooke was in the hospital at St. Luke's, the BSU football players spent time with her visiting and we were able to capture this picture. She was so excited that they came in to visit! It made her day! The heart monitor even showed a spike when she learned they were coming to visit!



Veterans Recognized for Their Service



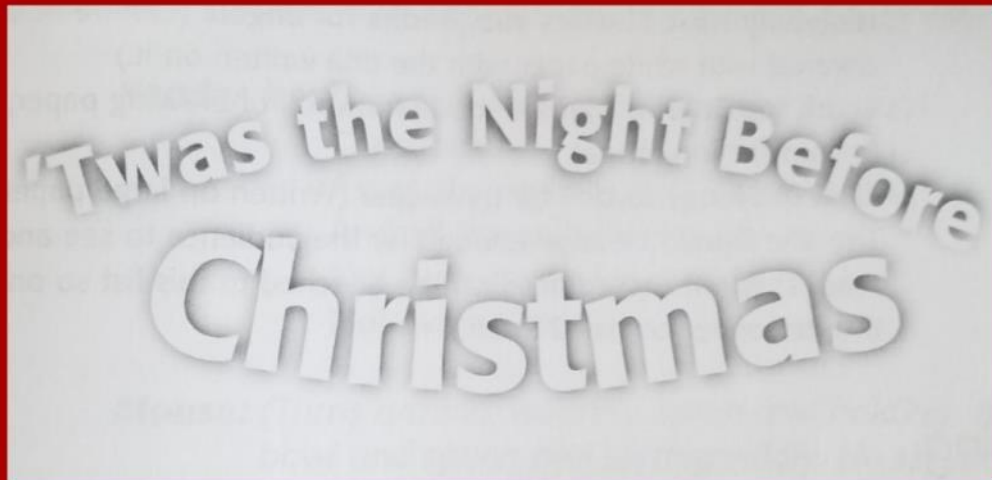
Our own Jim Foster was honored at the High School Veteran's Day Assembly and presented with a Quilt of Valor.



DIANA BAIRD / MESSENGER INDEPENDENT
Veteran Jim Foster received a Quilt of Valor.

Christmas - Don't Miss the Following Events

Dec. 22, 6pm — FBC Children's Christmas Program



Christmas Caroling At the Museum

The Museum plans to raise funds on a donation basis for future projects on the following dates:

Sat., Dec. 7, 12-4pm

Thurs., Dec. 19, 4-8pm

They are looking for small groups (2-6 people) who would volunteer to sing Christmas carols for about 20 minutes each hour on those days. If you are interested, please contact John Buck at 208-369-1785.



2019 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again, the FBC Thanksgiving Dinner was a hit! The food was DELICIOUS, the fellowship was AWESOME, and to top it off, we had a special guest speaker, Kim Vance, who gave her testimony regarding how she came to know the Lord through the shoebox ministry.

Her testimony was very moving as she explained her life in Cambodia. She talked about the wars in the Killing Fields. And that anyone who could read, or even wore glasses were killed. She lived with her four brothers and her parents were divorced. They had no clean water, no electricity and no hospitals. When she started going to school, she was criticized because girls were not suppose to learn; they were to cook and clean and become mothers. She said she would have to finish her work on the farm then walk an hour to school. She explained that she had to share a toothbrush with her siblings and only had one pencil to do her school work.

One day in 2002, when Kim was 14, she was walking home from school and saw a church. The pastor asked her to come to their Christmas program,. She didn't know what it was, but was excited because they said they had food. She brought her brothers along and after they ate, they stood in a line but Kim didn't know for what they were waiting.

When she was given a shoebox, she was so excited she ran all the way home. She explained how she loved the items in the shoebox: a jump rope, which she'd never had one; a toothbrush, etc.. She also noticed a booklet called "Greater Gift" packed in the box. "It was in my language so I could read it," she said. "I started reading about all the stories and the one thing I know from the book is that God loves children all around the world." She s began to ask herself 'who is God?' "This God loved me so much to send this box to me," she said.

She went back to the same church and told the pastor she wanted to know who Jesus Christ was. He asked her to come to church every Sunday after he gave her the first Bible she ever had. "Becoming a Christian is not easy in my country, I got bullied and beaten from my parents," she said. "I didn't care because I know who I believe is a true, living God who I can love and trust," she said. "God is love, he loves me. I'm beautiful and precious to him and he will always be with me."

If you did not have the opportunity to hear Kim speak, you can hear a recorded version of her testimony at: the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/CalvarySLC/videos/645172809302900/>

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/kims-story-the-greatest-gift/>



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

The OCC packing party, headed up by TaCole Chapman was a big success! Approximately 64 people attended and 79 boxes were packed and sent off by the Emmett FBC. With all the churches and participants combined, over 800 boxes were sent from the Emmett valley!



Delicious soups and snacks were enjoyed by the participants.





November 21, 2019

5 Prayers for Your Child

[LYSSA TERKEURST](#)

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” [Luke 18:1](#) (NIV)

There was something I came to realize pretty early in my journey as a mom that I needed to guard against: Sometimes I wanted to be completely in charge of my kids’ lives ... more than even God.

I wanted to write their stories.

I wanted to set the course for their futures.

I wanted to determine what was best for them.

I wanted to prevent them from ever being hurt.

I wanted to be their provider and protector.

And I wanted to be the one to set anyone straight who messed with my kids.

Can you relate on any level? I think most moms can. We love these people God has entrusted to us more than we ever knew possible. And despite all the infant-stage sleepless nights, toddler tantrums, tween eye-rolling and teen decisions that break our hearts ... they are ours. To love. To lead. To launch.

And we want to make it all good.

But then things happen — so far beyond our control we eventually have to face the reality that we aren’t God. And we can’t operate as if we are.

So, what do we do with that gap where our mom capabilities end and trusting God begins? It’s especially hard in seasons of uncertainty where everything feels scary. Every decision feels risky. And scary and risky are two words we moms don’t want as part of our kids’ lives.

How do we deepen our trust in God? How do we make peace with the limits of what we can and cannot protect our children from? What do we do with the risky and scary feelings that can make a mom lose sleep at best — and feel crazed with fear at worst?

We must fill that gap with the only thing that bridges the space between our limitations and our trust in God: prayer.

I know, I know. That answer can sound like such a cliché Christian answer. Typical. Too hyper-spiritual. Not the answer we want sometimes.

But prayer is the only possibility with real possibility.

That’s why I want to share some specific scriptural prayers I wrote several years ago to pray over my own children. You can easily switch out the “he” or “she” depending on whether you’re praying for a son or daughter, or use the first name of another young person in your sphere of influence.

Here are five powerful prayers to help you fight for the heart of your child:

1. *Let her learn early in life that to obey You, God, is the best way to the life her heart truly desires ([1 Samuel 15:22](#)).*
2. *May he find comfort in Your ability, God, to reach him, hold him and rescue him ([2 Samuel 22:17-18](#)).*
3. *Let her find confidence in You, God, even when hard times come and she doesn’t know what to do, by keeping her eyes fixed on You ([2 Chronicles 20:12](#)).*
4. *May he keep himself under control and not give full vent to people and situations that anger him ([Proverbs 29:11](#)).*
5. *Give her a great desire to accept Your Word, God, and store up Your commands within her so her ears will turn to Your wisdom ([Proverbs 2:1-2](#); 5).*

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I still had days when I would fret and worry.

I've prayed these prayers, and I've seen amazingly powerful things happen in the lives of my children.

My children still made mistakes over the years, crossing lines and giving the school principal reasons to call me. But where would we be if the power of the One who answers our prayers wasn't in the mix of our lives?

And what might our prayers be working out for our children's futures that we won't see for years to come?

Moms, even when it seems you've prayed for years and you haven't yet seen God's answer ... remember, God does His best work in the unseen.

And notice that even Jesus Himself speaks to the importance of praying without losing heart. In [Luke 18](#), we read, "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" ([Luke 18:1](#)). He gives us full permission to ask and keep asking. To knock and keep knocking.

Yes, prayer is the only possibility with real possibility. And that brings me to the place where I know I must say ... "Hello, my name is Mom. Not God."

Dear Lord, I'm so thankful for the gift of Your Word. Not only do I find the reminder to pray, but I also find words I can lift up in prayer. I'm trusting You with the hearts and lives of my children as I pray Your Word over them today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS LIST

Give a gift of laughter,
give a gift of song.
Give a gift of sympathy
to last a whole life long
Give a cheerful message,
give a helping hand.
Tell your sorry neighbor
that you understand.
Wash the supper dishes,
help to dust the room;
Give a smile to leaven
someone's hour of gloom!
Give a gift of sharing,
sweeten dreary days
For the lost and lonely,
give yourself ALWAYS!



Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving services was held at Community Bible Church (CBC). There was a good message from Pastor Rick Dorey, New Choices Fellowship. We enjoyed worship and instrumentals by CBC. The GCMA received \$535 in love offering.



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"O God, our help in ages past
Our Hope in years to be" –
Look down upon this present
And see our need of Thee...
For in this age of unrest,
With danger all around,
We need Thy hand to lead us
To higher, safer ground...
We need Thy help and counsel
To make us more aware,
That our safety and security
Lie solely in Thy care...
And so we pray this Christmas
To feel Thy presence near
And for Thy all-wise guidance
Throughout the coming year...
First, give us understanding
Enough to make us kind,
So we may judge all people
With our heart and not our mind,
Then give us strength and courage
To be honorable and true,
And place our trust implicitly
In "unseen things" and "you."
And help us when we falter
And renew our faith each day.
And forgive our human errors
And hear us when we pray.
And keep us gently humble
In the Greatness of Thy love
So some day we are fit to dwell
With Thee in peace above.

Helen Steiner Rice

ADVENT

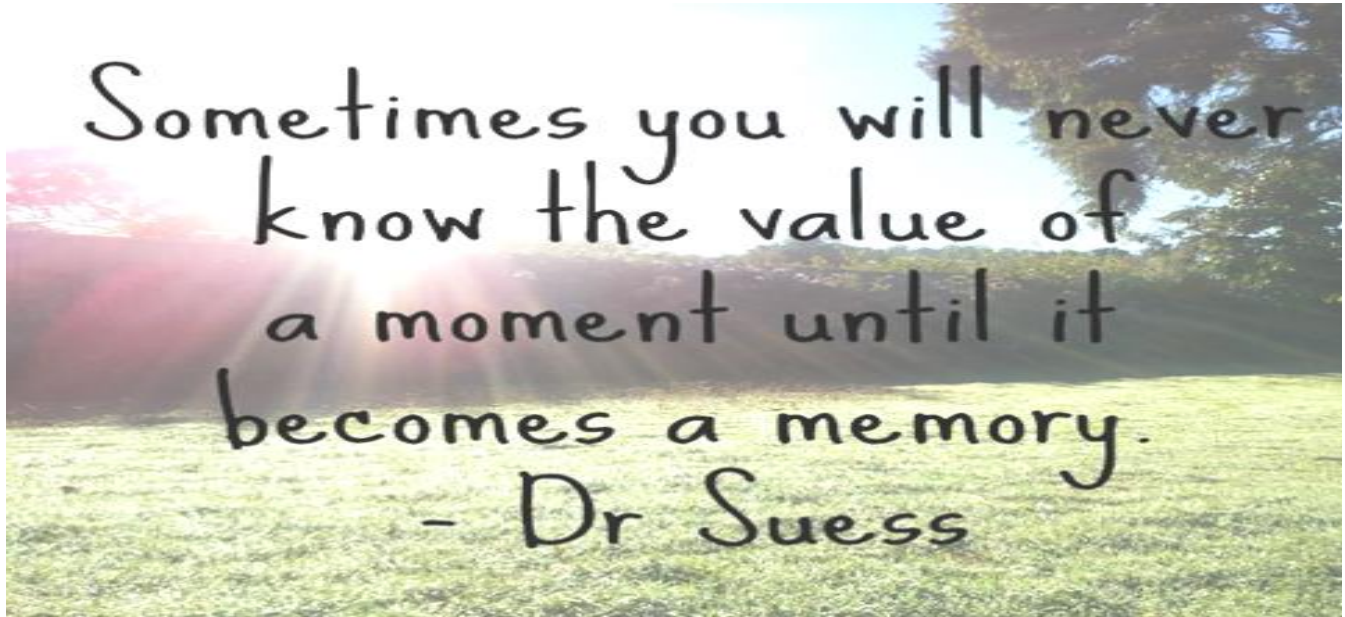


Advent is a call to followers of Christ to remember the birth of the Savior. The word *advent* stems from a Latin word that means "coming" or "arrival." The season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and, depending on the year, can range from 22 to 28 days. Its purpose is to help believers remain focused on the birth of Christ and Jesus' glorious return.

The first candle lighting was done on December 1st with Bob Kaiser lighting the candle with Kathy Osborn and Gerry Knight by his side and following it up by singing "Go Light Your World" with the accompanist Pam Hodges.



FBC Member Memories



In the month of September we asked for people to share their memories of FBC. The following story is one with more to come. If you haven't shared and would still like to tell your story, turn it in to the church office or email it to fbchurch1001@qwestoffice.net.

Margaret Castle

I moved to Emmett with my baby daughter, Amy and my husband, Larry, in March of 1991. It was the spring of my first year of teaching at Butte View Elementary. One of my 3rd grade teaching colleagues was Lorine Slabaugh.

It did not take her long to invite me to attend First Baptist Church. Amy and I felt very welcome each Sunday we attended. We soon became apart of the First Baptist Family.

In a short time Willard Slabaugh "adopted" Amy as one of his grandchildren. Amy's biological grandparents lived in Oregon, so she was in need of grandparents.. I wasn't one to be left behind, so Willard and Lorine became my Emmet parents.

I quickly became involved, faithfully attending Sunday School and worship services. Some ladies may remember Amy as a pre-toddler, walking behind their folding chairs during Sunday school, patting their behinds.

Amy was baptized by Harry Granger when she was about 6 years old. Amy attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Later she worked in the nursery, sang in the choir, sang on the worship team, and played her flute. She also attended CERT (Christian Education Release Time) all through high school.

I have attended church my whole life. It was only natural for me to become involved at First Baptist. I was a part of the Christian Education Board for many years, while Amy was growing up. We planned many activities, from VBS to Mother's Day Tea's, Spring Showcases, Bible Studies, and many other activities. When we had a choir, I sang most Sundays. During our Interim pastor time, I helped lead the worship service. I was part of the pastoral search team that hired Lance Zagaris. Now I take care of the media booth most Sundays. Kris Waller likes to stay 2 steps ahead of me with technology , just to keep me on my toes. He is a very valuable part of the worship and technology team at the church. It is a joy to work with Dave and Pam Hodges, our worship team directors.

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Nate Campbell
2nd Kris Waller
3rd Kemper Gragg
? Pam Shaw
5th David Mathews
7th John Hill
Vi Rexford
12th Harry Granger
20th Mike Sturman
21st Wanda Hildebrant
27th Simon Campbell
28th Daniel Slabaugh

ANNIVERSARIES

6th Jim & Robin Humphries
21st Johanis & Jennifer Ladman
22nd Bob & Judy Bales
29th Rocky & Cindy Smith

Happy Birthday & *Anniversary* to the
above listed.

We pray your day is blessed!

DECEMBER 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Small Group Bible Study | 5 All Boards Meeting 6:30pm | 6 Multi Church Christmas Musical 7p | 7 Multi Church Christmas Musical 7p |
| 8 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Multi Church Christmas Musical 6p | 9 | 10 | 11 Small Group Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a | 16 | 17 | 18 Small Group Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Children's Christmas Program 6p | 23 | 24 | 25 CHRISTMAS! | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Breakfast w/ Hassemers 9:30a Worship 10:45a | 30 | 31 New Years Eve | | | | |
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