

1 VIRGINIA STREET
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201

THE FIRST WORD

December 2018



1st Sunday of Advent - Dec. 2

"When You Say Good-Bye"
1 Samuel 20:41-42

Dec. 8

Children's Christmas Party - 3 p.m.
Children's Pageant Rehearsal - 5:30 p.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 9

"The Promise"

1 Samuel 16-17; Psalm 23; 2 Samuel 5:1-4,
7:8-16, 11:1-26, 12:1-13; Psalm 51:1-16; 1
Kings 1:1, 2:10-11; Isaiah 9:2-7, 11:1-10; Luke
2:1-14; Matthew 1:6-16; Philippians 2:9-11

Children's Christmas Pageant - 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12

Annual Business Meeting - 6 p.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 16

Musical Prelude - 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Cantata - 11 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent - Dec. 23

"Keeping Herod in Christmas"
Matthew 2:16-18
Dr. Chad Hartsock

Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24

Worship & Communion - 5:30 p.m.
"The Real Bread of Life"
Dr. Chad Hartsock

*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."*

~Matthew 1:21

Kris Aaron Called as Pastor

Following the worship service on Sunday, November 18, 2018, the membership of First Baptist Bristol voted to call Kris Aaron as senior pastor. Kris will officially begin work on January 13, 2019. Euclid Avenue Baptist Church has offered to let Kris, Clary, and two children, Isaac and Sara Lyn, live in their mission house on Euclid Avenue temporarily. Since Clary has a teaching position at Meadowview Elementary beginning on January 2, they will begin moving personal belongings shortly after Christmas. Please plan to welcome them with open arms!

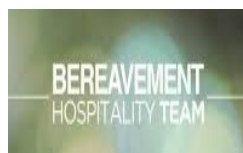
Pastor Search Committee

A note from the Financial Office

As the fiscal year draws to a close, any contributions that you wish to be posted for the 2018 calendar year should be received in the Financial Secretary's office no later than December 31, 2018. If mailing a contribution, the envelope should be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018.

Offering Envelopes

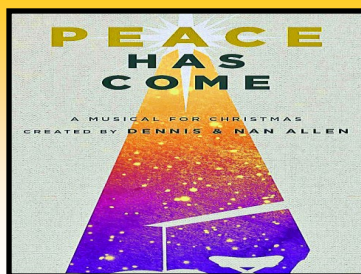
Our **2019 Offering Envelopes** are here and can be found in the first floor hallway outside of the library. Please stop by and pick up yours in order to save postage.



The bereavement teams are organized for the purpose of serving lunches or receptions following funerals. This ministry provides a chance for the bereaved families to fellowship and eat together. The church provides the meat, bread, and tea. Members of the teams furnish vegetables, salads, and desserts. They decorate, serve the food, visit with the family, and clean up after the meal. Teams take turns. If you are not currently serving on a bereavement team and would like to be added to one, please call the church office to add your name.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The church's **Annual Business Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 6 p.m.** The agenda for that meeting as required in our Church's By-Laws is to adopt the 2019 Budget, to elect church officers for 2019, and to receive a report from the Ministry Team relative to Team membership, etc.



On December 16, 2018, the Sanctuary Choir, East Tennessee State University Chorale, and String Players will present the Cantata, "Peace Has Come." The musical prelude will

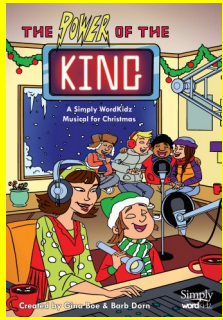
begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include the First Baptist Bristol Handbell Ringers, organ music, piano music, duets, and solos. Please help spread the word about this special music on December 16, and invite your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to this presentation at our church.

In His Love,
Eric



As of November 1 our church doors have been secured. Keys will no longer work. The BOA and the safety team have been working together to take as many precautions as possible to upgrade the security of our building. A keyless entry pad has been installed at the breezeway door. This will now become the point of entry for all members. Also, we are asking that no vehicles park in the breezeway entrance so this area can only be used for loading and unloading and any emergency vehicle access. One of the primary benefits of the new system is the ability to track all entry into the church. Each time a code or keyless card is used, it will log into the system showing that member's entrance into the building. The keypad can be operated in two ways, a 4-digit code or a keyless card. For any members needing access to the building outside of normal business hours, they will need to stop by the financial office and obtain a request form. Members can choose either a keyless card or a code. There is not cost associated with the keyless card; however, lost cards that require a replacement will have a \$5.00 cost to cover the expense of the card. The BOA meets once a month and will review all requests during their normal meetings.

Jeffrey A Burnette
Chair BOA



Presented by:
FBC Children & Youth

When: Sunday, December 9
at 5:30 p.m.
(Children & Youth arrive at
4:15p.m.)

Where: FBC Sanctuary

The story behind "The Power of the K.I.N.G." revolves around radio station K-I-N-G. A major winter storm is threatening to shut down the entire state. Unable to play any recorded music due to the limitations of the back-up generator, the radio station staff hastily scrambles to put together a live radio broadcast telling the joyous Good News of the Christmas story!!



This year's Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 8 at 2:30 p.m. We will be going to "Time To Play" in Bristol, VA. Time To Play is a large, 1700 sq. ft., indoor playground with slides, a treehouse, and different activities, as well as a separate 325 sq. ft. play area for toddlers. The bus will

leave the church at 2:30 p.m. for Time To Play and will return to the church by 4:30 p.m. to eat dinner and participate in a gift exchange in Rosser Hall. The church will provide transportation for Time To Play. Each child is encouraged to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange. Following the Christmas Party, children will move to the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. for the Christmas Pageant practice. Practice will conclude by 6:30 p.m.

Reminder

The church office will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 in observance of Christmas.

We will close at 1 p.m. on December 31, and will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day.

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE** on December 26.



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Christmas season, please fill in the information below and return to the church office. Cost of each poinsettia is \$15.

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

* Sponsored by The Chancel Committee

Christmas Dinner

December 9, 2018

At 6:30 p.m.

Annual Christmas Dinner

To help offset the costs, a donation of \$10 per person is set, and \$5 per child. **Reservations are needed by Thursday, December 6.** You can make reservations by 1) calling the church office at 276-669-8191 or 2) emailing office@fbcbristol.org



Mark your calendars! On Saturday, December 1 at 10 a.m., we will have a small group craft class in Rosser Hall. Come out and learn how to make a Magnolia Wreath. Bring your own straw wreath form (18" forms are a good size for the average door), these can be purchased at Hobby Lobby or Michael's. If you want a bow bring your own ribbon. Please contact Linda Pruner to signup or if you have a Magnolia tree and are willing to share branches for the



Join us for our Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Prayer and birthday wishes start at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., and the sing-a-long begins at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun and wear your crazy/ugly Christmas sweater or socks! Vote for your favorite, and a prize will be given for the craziest/ugliest sweater or socks winner.



The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a Christian network that helps people put their faith into action through ministry, global missions, and a broad community of support. We are the collaboration of individuals, churches, and partners that work together to spread the hope of Jesus Christ.

The Offering for Global Missions provides support to about 125 field personnel who minister in more than 30 countries on five continents. These commissioned ministers stand with and among the poorest of the poor in locations across the United States and around the world. They are sharing the love of Jesus Christ through communities and networks that emerge from God-given passions. **The 2018-2019 offering focus is *You Can Change the World! One Community At A Time*.** 100 percent of your gift helps sustain the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world. This means that you help care for refugees around the world, welcome refugees to the U.S., and show love to people who need help.

Our Staff

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Mrs. Angie Hicks
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Associate Pastor
Minister of Music
Assistant Minister of Music
Pianist

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November 2018

Financial Report

Capital Campaign Information

Capital Campaign Pledged	\$ 246,914.00
Capital Campaign-Giving to Date	\$ 200,493.00

Year-To-Date for 2017

Budgeted Income	\$ 420,875.00
Actual Income	\$ 409,520.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 366,500.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 43,020.00

Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 165,540.00
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Ushers for the Month of December

Head Usher: Harry Scanlan (423)-217-9347
Mike and Linda Browder,
Matt and Tammy Chandler,
Bob Jones
Chris Palumbo

Greeters:

John and Linda Kirk

Deacon of the Week for December

December 2 - Gene Eller
December 9 - Gary Malcolm
December 16 - Mike Warren
December 23 - Jerry Sorrell
December 30 - Matt Chandler