

Dear Church Family,

Merry Christmas! This usually is one of my favorite times of the year. We are all focused on family, gifts, and decorations. As I mentioned this past Sunday, the greatest gift ever given was the gift of Jesus. He came into this world to be our Savior. As the Bible says: "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name, Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) As we journey around our community, let us be conscious of this gift to the world. He is the reason for the season. He brings hope, peace, love, and faith. Let's be sure to flee the distractions of the season, and follow and fight to be a light in this dark world.

Our choir will be presenting "Here We Come A' Caroling" on December 16 at 10:30am and 6:00pm. Invite your friends to come. We also will be having our annual Christmas Eve service at 8:30pm as we sing Christmas hymns and participate in the Lord's Supper.

We celebrate our three teenagers, who were baptized this past month: Abby Richards, Kirstyn Glenn, and Emma Wilson. Welcome to our church family!

During the month of December, we also focus on giving to missions. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering helps support foreign missions all over the world. In addition, one of our own Kentucky Baptists, Paul Chitwood, is now the new leader of the International Mission Board. We will highlight the work of missions at the end of each service this month. Hope to see you this Sunday.

Blessings,  
Scott

Hello First Baptist Jamestown!

This last November the youth were so busy and thankful for the Thanksgiving season. They've been waiting patiently for December to come so we can start getting into the Christmas spirit and it's finally here! Coming up for the youth we have a few things planned ahead of time, such as: the 7th being the community wide Christmas celebration and nobody wants to miss that! Some of the youth will be helping Scott with the hay-ride and some will be helping give out hot chocolate! It's going to be a wonderful time of fellowship filled with Gospel opportunities, so please be in prayer for that! The 9<sup>th</sup> the youth will be going to the nursing home and be caroling to the residence from 2-2:30. The 16<sup>th</sup> is the night of the Christmas Cantata and I will be encouraging all youth to go to that. That following Wednesday will be the last friends/youth night and we will be taking the kids, the youth to the natatorium to finish the semester with a bang/splash! As we're doing these things and planning bigger events keep your attention on the youth board out in the hallway outside of the fellowship hall and beside the offices. I'm going to be editing that more so you, the congregation can keep up with what the youth are up to. Please be in prayer for our students as they finish up this school semester! Pray for gospel opportunities, pray for the trajectory of this youth ministry and that above everything we seek to honor and glorify the one true King! Thank you all!

Andrew Anderson, youth pastor

# JAMESTOWN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# DECEMBER

## FAIR OAKS

*There will be  
No Singing at  
Fair Oaks  
Nursing Home  
in the month of  
December. They  
will resume  
singing in  
January.*

## YOUNG AT HEART

*The Young at  
Heart will meet  
on Tuesday,  
December 11th  
at 12:00 p.m.*

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*The Christmas  
Cantata "It's  
Christmas" and  
"Here We Come  
a'Caroling" will  
take place on  
Sunday,  
December 16th  
at 10:30 a.m.  
and 6:00 p.m.  
at the church.  
Everyone is  
invited to come  
and bring a  
friend.*

### YOUTH

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. for Worship Service.

The Youth will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will be going to Fair Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. to sing Christmas carols and hand out Christmas Cards to the Residents there. Everyone is welcome to come.

### "FRIENDS" MINISTRY

Our "Friends" Children's Program will meet at the church on Wednesday's from 6:00-7:40p.m. The last night of "Friends" for the 2018 year will be on Wednesday, December 19th. from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This will be a Pool Party at the Russell County ANC (Natatorium).

As a reminder, if there is no school that Wednesday or that whole week, "Friends" will not meet.

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be taken up from Sunday, December 2nd until Sunday, December 16th. The International Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is December 2nd-9th.

### CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Christmas on the Square will take place in Jamestown on Friday, December 7th starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Christmas Service will take place on Sunday, December 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Christmas Eve Service will take place on Monday, December 24th at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to come.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR SCHOOLS

Christmas Break for School will begin on Thursday, December 20th. The students will return to school on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Dale Smith     | 04 | Betty Swatsworth | 21 |
| Debbie Russell | 04 | Rita Johnson     | 29 |
| Brandon Henson | 06 | Ben Russell      | 30 |
| Debbie Harris  | 11 |                  |    |
| Benjamin Flatt | 14 |                  |    |
| Joe Popplewell | 15 |                  |    |
| Dave Leach     | 16 |                  |    |



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

New Years Day—Tuesday, January 1st.

Children back to school after Christmas Break—Thursday, January 3rd

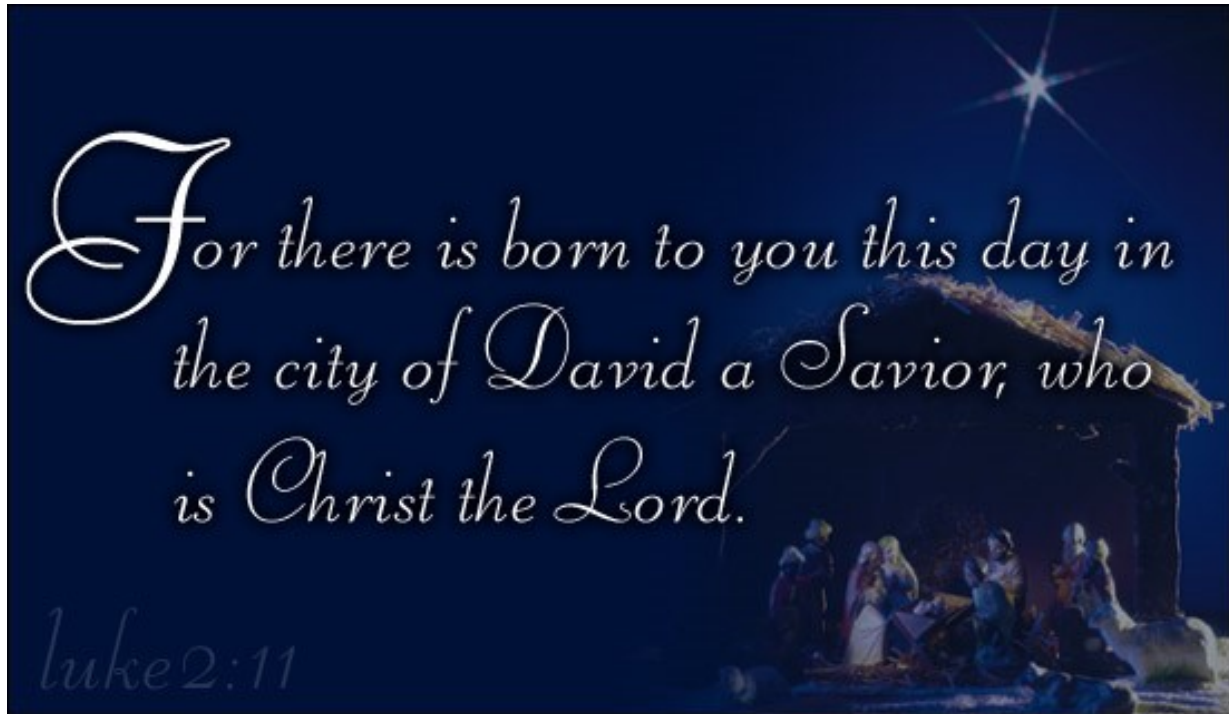
“Friends” Resume Meeting—Wednesday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day—Monday, January 21st

Sunday morning Bible Study or Sunday School Classes start at 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday morning Worship Service is at 10:30 A.M.

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Christmas Day~Tuesday, December 25th



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