

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14: 27

Church Family News

Please check the *Church Family News*Bulletin board, located above the
mail folders in the Underwood Room
for more information.

Parking

The Church has made a commitment to parkers who pay to have a spot in our parking lot during weekdays. We must provide a spot for them, as they already paid for it. So please visit the office or call at 403-263-5911, if you are parking temporarily, in the parking lot, during weekdays. Thank you!

New Office Hours

Our new office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

H Hospitalization

If you or a family member are scheduled for hospital treatment/surgery requiring admittance, please let Pastor Jim know at 403-803-6703 or contact the church office for follow up.

FBC this week

Monday, December 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

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Wednesday, December 27

7:30 a.m. Prayer (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Prayer (Chapel)

Sunday, December 31

9:40 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:00 a.m. Morning Service (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Ethiopian Service (Chapel)
11:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Connections)
1:00 p.m. Hispanic Service (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m. Indonesian service (Chapel)

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Budget YTD \$452,265 Current YTD \$520,128

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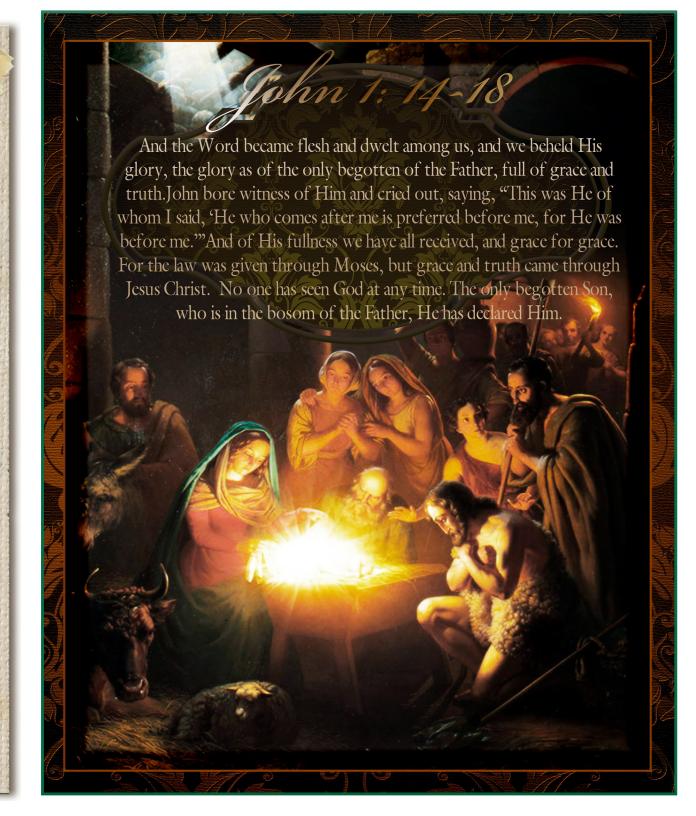
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Christmas Special offering

This Christmas we have chosen to focus specifically on God's word (the Bible) that reveals God's WORD (His Son Jesus), so that all who hear can put their faith in Him. In our response to God's lovingkindness today's special offering will allow us to put new ESV Bibles in all our church pews and give our extra Bibles to any visitor who does not have a Bible.

Offering and Tithings

To be considered for this year offering, cheques and cash need to be given before December 31st. Cheques should have a date no later than December 31st and if mailed, the post office stamp should not be later that December 31st.







SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Advent: Peace

Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

Processional Trumpet on "Adeste Fideles" (Barr)

*Songs of Praise O Come, All Ye Faithful-#145 Responsive Reading - Psalm 98: 1-9 Good Christian Men Rejoice-#151

Lighting of Advent Candle Marcus, Meagan, Noah & Finley Olson

Anthem
Ane Song of the Birth of Christ (Anderson)

Pastoral Prayer

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

Our Offerings & Response
What Child is This? (Albrecht)
*Doxology

*Song
O Little Town of Bethlehem - # 141

Sermon scripture Luke 2:1-20

Sermon
Worshipping the Lord- Rev. Norm Derkson

*Song Joy to the World - # 125

*Benediction

Postlude Noel on "Votre bonté grand dieu" (Balbastre)

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



"We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4



Please join us to pray for our church family:
Sylvia Thompson, Kathleen Irwin,
Sherry Sellick, and John Teibe.

If you have a confidential or urgent prayer request, please contact Erna at
403-284-3737 to be included in our First
Baptist Church prayer chain.

You can also join us to pray at the church on <u>Sundays</u> before the service at 9:40 a.m. in the Prayer room, and <u>Wednesdays</u> at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



We have several Bible Studies, starting January 2018. If you would like to participate in one, please contact Pastor Jim at 403-803-6703.

The "Galatians and Ephesians" Bible Study with Agnes will continue on December 24th and 31st.

The "Biblical Christian Character" study and the Youth Bible study will have a break during those weeks.

They will start back up on January 7th.

January 7th is the last class in the series of
"Biblical Christian Character" and we will
start "Loving Justice" after that.

Everyone is welcome.



Christmas Eve Service

Please join us tonight at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service.

Please arrive early so that we can ensure everyone has a candle in preparation and we are able to begin promptly on time.

Come with your family and friends to celebrate that Jesus was born, as the Light of the world.





Home Mission Group

The Home Mission Group is not having a January meeting. Donations will be delivered. Our next meeting is February 5 (details to follow). New Members are welcome!! Any questions, call Cindy at 403-238-2533 (leave a message)

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:14

For specific information, please refer to our website: www.firstbaptistcalgary.net facebook:/FirstBaptistCalgary