

ELDERS & DEACONS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brad Keith and Jim Sandin on the renewal of their roles and Deacon and Elder.

Congratulations to Craig Pateman on the new role as a deacon.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Service

December 24th @ 6:30 pm

Theme of Christmas Decor:

This year, I made the decisions regarding the Christmas decorations you see in the sanctuary and the lobby. Prior to decorating, I prayed about what the Lord would want on the stage. There were three visions that I perceived when preparing for the task. All of these pointed to **Jesus** as the theme of the decorations.

1. **Jesus as the way between Heaven and Earth.** Item: A white ladder, illuminated. This was incorporated behind the piano on the stage.
2. **Jesus as our sacrifice.** Item: an altar dripping with blood. This was incorporated into the Advent Table by wrapping the candles in red ribbon and having a red table runner draping over the side.
3. **Jesus being born as a baby, with the intent of his purpose being fulfilled by dying on the cross.** Item: Cross with curtain draping to the manger.

Thank you , Amanda Chan
(Decoration Committee)

Christmas Offering 2022

Bolivia Project

This years Christmas Eve and Christmas

Day service we will be collecting an offering for Bolivia.

Funds will go to Psychologic and educational support, meals for at-risk children, skills training such as cooking, cleaning and gardening, workshops to prevent Chagas disease , medical attention and test for Chagas.

first *Baptist* church



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"LIVING IN ANTICIPATION"

Scripture:
Luke 2:21-40

NOTES

The Christmas Events:

- Matt. 1-2
- Luke 1-2
- The story often missed...

I. Going to the Temple:

A. Eighth Day: In Bethlehem

- Circumcision (Son of Israel)
- & Naming (Lk.1:31;Matt.1:21)
(Jesus or Yeshua)

B. 40 Days: Temple in Jerusalem

- (Gate of Nicanor)
- Mary's Purification
(Sacrifice- 2 doves)
- Redeeming of 1st born Son
(5 shekels)

II. Simeon:

A. Who was he?

- Righteous and Devout
- Living in anticipation
- Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Luke 2:25 "...He was waiting for the consolation (comfort; Salvation) of Israel..."

Application: Expectation; anticipation...

B. His Prayer

- God's promise fulfilled
- Salvation thru Jesus
 - Gentiles
 - Jews

C. His Prophecy

- He will bring controversy and division
- Mary's suffering—heart