

December 18, 2019

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First Baptist Church
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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 11:00 pm

Sanctuary

Something holy takes place each Christmas Eve at First Baptist when we gather at 11:00 pm for worship. At midnight, we surround the sanctuary with candlelight and sing together the beautiful carol, "Silent Night."

Join us for worship, communion, and candlelight as we gather to proclaim that Christ the Savior is born. Come at 10:30 pm to enjoy treats from Congregation Beth Shalom and listen to 30 minutes of pre-worship music.

Holiday Office Hours

December 24-26

Offices Closed

December 31-January 2

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Upcoming Events

December 22

5:00 pm Christmas Dinner

December 24

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

January 12

New Sermon Series: You're Enough

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

Pre-service Christmas Music
at 10:30 pm





Upcoming Sermon Series

You're Enough: Embracing Original Blessing

Scripture tells us when God spoke the world into existence, all of creation was anointed with goodness. God bestowed this goodness, or blessing, before creation had done anything at all. This gift is called original blessing and all human beings are endowed with it! Yet, our culture constantly bombards us with the message that we are not enough...not thin enough, rich enough, beautiful enough, smart enough, promoted enough, or powerful enough.

With all of these negative messages coming our way, how do we develop a sense of inner worth? Can we let go of perfectionism and shame? Come learn how original blessing can be an anchor that reminds each of us, "You're Enough."

Carl McIntyre



SERMON SERIES

JANUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 23



Congratulations
Brooklyn Roberts
on your baptism!

Brooklyn Roberts was baptized on December 8, 2019 during the Awakening Service. She is a 10th grader at Rock Bridge High School.



Year-End Contributions

For financial gifts to be included on your 2019 statement of charitable contributions for tax purposes, donations must be received by December 31. The church office will be closed on December 24-26 and again on December 31. So, keep those dates in mind if you want to bring your contributions by the church. If your contributions are mailed, they must be postmarked no later than December 31.



Combined Worship & Annual Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for Combined Worship followed by our Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will pause to look back at the highlights of the last year and celebrate all that God has done in and through us. We will talk about ministry plans for 2020. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and the 2020 budget. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$6.00.

For Parents:

The nursery (Birth-Age 3) will open at 10:15 am and remain open until the business meeting ends.

First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 am for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade.

At 11:15 am, 1st - 5th graders are encouraged to participate in combined worship with their family. Potty-trained 3-year-olds through kindergarten can remain upstairs for extended session.

Following worship, children who participated in combined worship can be brought upstairs to join those in extended session for pizza, games, and activities.



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Rescheduled - Christmas Dinner

December 22, 5 pm
Fellowship Hall

Sunday evening, December 22 beginning at 5:00 pm is the First Baptist Annual Christmas Dinner, rescheduled because of snow. Come prepared for a lovely meal with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts made by you and your First Baptist friends. We will sing carols and hear musical offerings from our First Kid's Choir. Hope you will join us.

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