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Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

Galatians 4:4-5... ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

We celebrate the birth of Christ this month and then we put a bow on 2020 and move into 2021.

I love Christmas time. Our family is not big on decorating or lights on the house. Instead, we prefer to keep as much of our focus as possible on Jesus, the reason for the season. Perhaps, if we're blessed with grandchildren in the future, we will return to a more decorated season, but for now I am very thankful for the simplicity of focusing on the Christ child.

There are some traditions I hold dear. One of them is the lighting of the Advent candles each Sunday as we approach Christmas. We are afforded the opportunity to focus on a specific element of Christ as we prepare for the Christmas Eve Celebration. For me, the 1st Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a month-long immersion into the Gift of God, Jesus Christ.

If the 1st Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of our Christmas focus, the Christmas Eve service marks the conclusion. All the candles on the wreath will be lit, candles representing Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, and then the Christ candle will be lit. After the Christ candle is lit the first four candles will be extinguished, leaving the Christ Candle as the only light in the sanctuary. Then, from candle to candle, the Light of Christ will be passed to each person in attendance until the sanctuary is filled with candlelight. Then, as we sing Silent Night, we will take the Light of Christ out of the sanctuary and into the world.

And that is our mission every single day. To take the Hope, Love, Joy and Peace of Christ into the dark world.

It was a dark world that night in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. It had been 400 years since there had been a Word of the Lord. The people were under cruel Roman governance. It was looking hopeless.

Much like today. 2020, by any measure, has been an extremely hard year and I can't wait to move on. I am praying that 2021 be a much better year. Regardless, I know this to be true. God sent His Son at the absolute perfect time for the 1st Advent. He will send His son back at the absolute perfect time for the Second Advent! But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son....

Even so, Lord Jesus, Come!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
God bless, Pastor Rob

December/January Calendar

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

November 29 to December 6

- Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering

Sunday, December 6

- Lord's Supper Services
- Christmas Festival Volunteer Meeting

Friday, December 11

- Youth Movie Night

Saturday, December 12

- Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 13

- Youth Kickball

Saturday, December 19

- Date Night Babysitting

Sunday, December 20

- PreK & Children's Church Christmas Parties

Monday, December 21

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

December 21 — January 1

- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 23

- No Evening Service

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 27

- No Children's or PreK Church

Monday, December 28

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, December 30

- No Evening Service

Sunday, January 3

- Lord's Supper Services
- Outreach Committee Planning Meeting

Monday, January 4

- Men's Ministry Bible Study resumes
- Hospitality Planning & Recruitment Meeting

January 7 — 10

- Blast & Cast Men's Ministry—Rockport

Wednesday, January 13

- Church Council Calendar Information Due

Wednesday, January 20

- February Newsletter Deadline

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	**Not Meeting 12/27... 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday ****Not Meeting 12/21 or 12/28**

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday ****No Evening Service 12/23 or 12/30**

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



**Church Office will be closed
December 21—January 1**

Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

December 2020 Tellers

Dec. 06	John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
Dec. 13	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Dec. 20	John & Cheryl Harrison
Dec. 27	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett, Linda Long

January 2021 Tellers

Jan. 03	John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
Jan. 10	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Jan. 17	John & Cheryl Harrison
Jan. 24	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Pat Smartt
Jan. 31	Volunteers Needed!!

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...

General Funds	
October 2020 Contributions	\$25,339.00
Building Fund	
October 2020 Contributions	\$140.00
Missions Fund	
October 2020 Contributions	\$100.00

*Thank
you for
your
faithful
giving!*



Do you need prayer?

We will be happy to pray for you!

[Click Here to Contact Us](#)



Birthdays

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Sarah Smith
Steve Mewborn
Sarah Seelbach
Barbara Sue Smith
Cody Stewart
H. Scott Apley
Pastor Rob Purdy
Lori Forrest
Eileen Morse
Rayma Solis
Ronda Rabalais
Brennon Malone
Joyce Fisher-Clark
John Scott
Bob Snow
Tanya Langham
Kathy Littlefield
D. Benjamin Woleben
Pat Broussard
Lupe Rodriguez
Lawrence Wall
Bill Woleben
Jackson Rawls
Matthew Abernathy
Rebecca Miller
Bobby Laird



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William Williams
Azalee Treadaway
Melanie Martinez
Mary Johnson
Aaric Augustine
Marianne van Leeuwen
Andrea Harrington
Lucile Phelps
Betty Coker
Wayne Stewart
Joy Moss
Theresa Smith
Carly Wells



Sunday, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3

OBSERVANCE OF
**THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

**LOTTIE
MOON**

**Christmas
Offering**

Providing financial support for missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Week of Prayer: Nov. 29 — Dec. 6

Generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a massive difference in the world. Men, women, children and entire communities are transformed as a result of this offering. Your gifts enable thousands of missionaries to live among, serve and share the gospel with people who have never heard it until now.

Every December since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has empowered Southern Baptists' international missions work. At the beginning of this giving season, we start with a week of prayer dedicated to international missions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support International missionaries and their ministries.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Mon., Dec. 21	No Men's Ministry Bible Study
Wed., Dec. 23	No Wednesday Evening Service
Thurs., Dec. 24	7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sun., Dec. 27	No Pre-K or Children's Church
Mon., Dec. 28	No Men's Ministry Bible Study
Wed., Dec. 30	No Wednesday Evening Service
Sun., Jan. 3	No Pre-K or Children's Church

FREE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

At First Baptist Church of Seabrook



1506 BAYPORT BLVD SEABROOK, TX

DEC. 12, 2020

2-6 P.M.

FEATURING A
**LIVE NATIVITY AND FREE
FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

DECEMBER 19, 2020 • 5:30PM-8:30

Date night babysitting!

We know Christmas is right around the corner and Santa needs to prepare! Drop the kids off! Pizza and a movie will be provided! Along with games & crafts!!

Contact Taylor Martinez with any questions!
(830) 388-2677



Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Meets Every Monday

(will not meet on 12/21/20 or 12/28/20 ~ resumes 1/4/21)

6:30 pm ~ Snacks, 7:00 pm ~ Bible Study
Dinner and fellowship immediately following bible study



Giving
Tree



Galveston County Foster Care

Billy & Cristey Crawford have prayerfully partnered together with **CASA - Galveston County Foster Care** to collect Christmas gifts for Foster Children.

If you are interested in helping **Billy and Cristey** with this special ministry, please stop by the **Giving Tree** table located in the foyer of the church.

Instructions:

- **Cristey Crawford** will be available to explain *the numbered Gift-tag/Gift-box system* on Sunday. She will make announcements after both services and will be stationed at The Giving Tree table.
- Purchase age appropriate gifts based on Gender/Age.
- Return the unwrapped gifts to the church no later than December 13, 2020.
- Gift Cards are welcome.
- If you have questions or if you need assistance, please contact Billy Crawford at 946-246-6773 or Cristey Crawford at 946-472-8220.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

December 23 & 30, 2020

PreK & Children's Church Christmas Parties

December 20, 2020

11:00 am



IMPACT
Student Ministries

6TH-12TH GRADE
YOUNG DISCIPLES OF FBC SEABROOK

IMPACT Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, 9:30—10:30 am in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship and Activities start at 6:30 pm, ends at 7:30 pm in #1 portable building directly behind the main church building. *(Not meeting on December 23 or 30.)*



YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Dec. 11 @ 5:30 pm
Hot Chocolate & Popcorn



Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 4:30 pm
Rex Meador Park, Seabrook

First Baptist Church of Seabrook



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24, 2020
7:00 PM

Community OUTREACH

Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 3, 2021

immediately following the 2nd service



Anyone wanting to help plan community outreach projects is encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting. We will be planning for the 2021 calendar year.

Hospitality Committee Planning and New Recruitment Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2021
at 7:00 pm

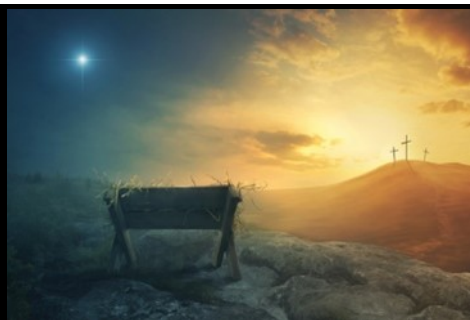
Everyone is invited to join this fun committee and help plan fellowships and activities for the year. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas. If you have questions or suggestions please contact Mandy Stilwell at mandy_stilwell@comcast.net.

Church Office Deadlines

January 13 → Information deadline for Church Council Calendar Planning for the months of February, March and April.

January 20 → February Newsletter information/articles is due.

Please email fbcseabrook@yahoo.com on or before the deadline.



Dec2020/Jan2021 Lamplight – Now, That's What I Call Climate Change

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." (Malachi 4:5-6 ESV)

Malachi – the last Old Testament prophet to speak God's Words to the people. After this... God went off the grid. Nothing but silence for more than 400 years. Anyone who claimed to speak for

God was proven to be an imposter, because the fullness of time had not yet come. The years between were filled with war and upheaval. The political and religious climate set the perfect stage for God's plan.

Jesus came into the world when God's people were oppressed by the Roman Empire. They could worship but had limited personal freedom. Old Testament prophecy of God's promises stoked a flickering flame of hope as they watched for the promised Messiah. They waited expectantly for a warrior, not a baby in a manger. They wanted a victorious king, not a suffering servant.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Isaiah 9:6... God's promise to his people and important words to remember in times of confusion and upheaval. I like *The Message Version* of the passage, as well...

For a child has been born—for us! the gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.

"For us!" – Such wonderful words!

*"But God demonstrates his own love **for us** in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died **for us**."* (Romans 5:8)

*"What then shall we say to these things? If God is **for us**, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up **for us all**, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"* (Romans 8:31-32)

For me, the slow-motion crash of the year 2020 has been one for the history books. We have all witnessed the collision of fear, uncertainty, and division form into a perfect storm of politics, science and religion. Now that's what I call Climate Change! I believe this climate is ripe for God to herald His maranatha moment... *our Lord is coming!*

Soon, the year 2020 will make way for 2021 and beyond. No need to fear, because this topsy-turvy world will never silence God. He speaks loud and clear through His Son... our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of this article I reminded you about the last words in the Old Testament. Here are the final words in the New Testament...

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." (Revelation 22:20-21)

Good News! Jesus is coming soon! While we wait, let's celebrate the True Reason for the Season by obeying God's Word...

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:1-11)

Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ,
Cheryl



December 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer: Nov. 29 – Dec. 6			6:30–7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Study (6-12 th grade), and Kid's Club (PK4 - 6 th grade)			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper Services 12:00 (Noon) Christmas Festival VOLUNTEERS Meeting	6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship		6:30–7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Study (6-12 th grade), and Kid's Club (PK4 - 6 th grade)		5:30 PM  YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT	FREE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL <i>At First Baptist Church of Seabrook</i>  1506 BAYPORT BLVD SEABROOK, TX DEC. 12, 2020 2-6 P.M. FEATURING A LIVE NATIVITY AND FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4:30 PM YOUTH  Rex Meador Park in Seabrook	6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship		6:30–7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Study (6-12 th grade), and Kid's Club (PK4 - 6 th grade)			5:30–8:30 PM Date Night Babysitting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:00 am Children's & PreK Church 	NO Men's Ministry Meeting		No Evening Service	7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 		
Church Office Closed December 21 -- January 1						
27	28	29	30	31		
9:30 & 11:00 AM Family Worship Services ~ No Children's or PreK Church	NO Men's Ministry Meeting		No Evening Service	Regular Sunday Services 8:15—9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15—10:30 AM 1 st Nursery 9:30—10:30 AM Berean Adult Fellowship 9:30—10:30 AM Women's Sunday School 9:30—10:30 AM Youth Bible Study 9:30—10:30 AM 1 st Worship Service 10:45—Noon 2 nd Nursery/Pre-K & Children's Church 11:00—Noon 2 nd Worship Service		



January 2021



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17	18  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	19 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION IS DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 th	20 6:30—7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Study (6-12 th grade), and Kid's Club (PK4 - 6 th grade)	21	22	23
24	25  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	26	27 6:30—7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Study (6-12 th grade), and Kid's Club (PK4 - 6 th grade)	28	29	30
31 9:30 & 11:00 AM 5 th Sunday  Hymn Sing						

Blast-n-Cast ~ Rockport ~ January 7—10