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Pastor

First Baptist Church of Seabrook Newsletter December 2022/January 2023

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A Message from the Pastor

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

We have already started our Advent observance as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Our homes are decorated, and presents are being wrapped. Holiday meal menus are being put together as we ready ourselves, once again, to remember the Incarnation.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

The mystery of all mysteries; Why would God become one of us? Why would the Creator walk the world as created? Why would He make *"Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8.*

Why?

YOU!

We don't celebrate because of a baby in a manger. We celebrate because God chose to redeem us from the penalty of sin by sending His only son as the perfect and only acceptable sacrifice for...you!

Don't miss Christmas because of Christmas. Sure, that night, that Holy Night and that Silent Night at Midnight Clear was awesome! Shepherds and Wisemen from the East and Joy to the World! Spectacularly awesome! But...the abundant Life, the redeemed life, the forgiven life, and the guarantee and promise of eternity...that's beyond awesome! Amen?

2022 was a very different kind of year for us as a church. It seemed to speed by and at the same time, it's hard to remember last Christmas. We've seen a thing or two the past few years! I am confident that 2023 will be a continuation of the wild ride we seem to be on. And that's OK. We are on this ride together. We have a God to worship, a Savior to Celebrate and a Gospel to share! 2023...here we come!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

December/January Calendar

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

December 04—11

- Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering

Sunday, December 04

- Lord's Supper Services
- 2nd Week of Advent

Saturday, December 10

- Community Outreach Christmas Festival, 1:00 — 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 11

- 3rd Week of Advent
- Spud Run Missions Fundraiser

Thursday, December 15

- Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hap's Cajun at 8:30 am

December 16-17

- Youth Lock-In (6:30 pm — 7:00 am)

Sunday, December 18

- 4th Week of Advent
- Christmas Cantata "NOEL Born is the King!"
- Children's Ministries Christmas Party's
- Cookies & Hot Cocoa Fellowship

Monday, December 19

- Youth Beach Day

Wednesday, December 21

- No Evening Services

December 21—January 03

- Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

- ONE Worship Service at 11:00 am
- No Sunday School Classes

Monday, December 26

- NO Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, December 28

- No Evening Services

Sunday, January 01

- Lord's Supper Services

Monday, January 02

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, January 04

- No Evening Services

January 05—08

- Blast & Cast Men's Ministry—Rockport

Monday, January 09

- Men's Ministry Bible Study Resumes
- Hospitality Committee Recruitment & 2023 Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 10

- Politics & School Information Group Meeting at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 11

- Church Council Calendar Information Due

Thursday, January 19

- Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hap's Cajun at 8:30 am

Friday, January 20

- February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 29

- Spud Run Youth Fundraiser

January 30 — February 10

- Senegal Mission Trip

Weekly Schedule

Sunday **NO Sunday School 12/25, ONE Worship Service at 11:00 am on 12/25

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 | 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146) |
| 11:00 am — 12:00 pm | 2nd Worship Service | 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146) |

Monday **Not Meeting 12/26/22 and 1/2/23

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| 6:30 pm..... | Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship | 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146) |
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Wednesday **No Evening Service 12/21/22, 12/28/22, 1/4/23

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|----------------------|--|---|
| 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 03**

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 2022 Tellers

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| Dec. 04 | John & Cheryl Harrison |
| Dec. 11 | Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt |
| Dec. 18 | John & Cheryl Harrison |
| Dec. 25 | Michelle Hazlett and Linda Long |

January 2023 Tellers

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|---------------|---|
| Jan. 01 | John & Cheryl Harrison |
| Jan. 08 | Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt |
| Jan. 15 | John & Cheryl Harrison |
| Jan. 22 | Michelle Hazlett and Pat Smartt |
| Jan. 29 | Volunteers Needed!! |

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| General Funds | |
| October 2022 Contributions | \$28,114.30 |
| Building Fund | |
| October 2022 Contributions | \$183.87 |
| Missions Fund | |
| October 2022 Contributions | \$335.00 |

*Thank
you for
your
faithful
giving!*



Birthdays

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Steve Mewborn
Sarah Smith
Christopher Thomas
Sarah Seelbach
Barbara Sue Smith
Cody Stewart
Pastor Rob Purdy
Lori Forrest
Eileen Morse
Rayma Solis
Ronda Cannon
Brennon Malone
Joyce Fisher-Clark
Bob Snow
Kathy Littlefield
D. Benjamin Woleben
Pat Broussard
Lupe Rodriguez
Lawrence Wall
Zan Sine
Bill Woleben
Mary Kinsey



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William Williams
Robert Weldon Sr.
Mary Johnson
Lisa Jobe
Andrea Harrington
Levi Burrows
Lucile Phelps
Betty Coker
Tommy Miller
Wayne Stewart
Joy Moss
Theresa Smith
Carly Wells



Sunday, Dec. 4 & Jan. 1

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: Dec. 4—11, 2022

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

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| Wed. Dec. 21 | No Wednesday Evening Service |
| Sat. Dec. 24 | 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| Sun. Dec. 25 | ONE Worship Service at 11:00 am ***No Sunday School Classes*** |
| Mon. Dec. 26 | No Men's Ministry Bible Study |
| Wed. Dec. 28 | No Wednesday Evening Service |
| Mon. Jan. 02 | No Men's Ministry Bible Study |
| Wed. Jan. 04 | No Wednesday Evening Service |

FREE **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** *At First Baptist Church of Seabrook*



1506 BAYPORT BLVD SEABROOK, TX

DECEMBER 10, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 PM

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

FBC Seabrook Youth will host a **SPUD RUN MISSIONS FUNDRAISER**

The youth will serve fully loaded baked potatoes
following both services for a suggested
donation of \$10.00 each.

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Immediately following both services



Politics & School Information Group Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th meeting has been cancelled.

Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm

Meeting in the Annex

Communities standing up for Christ. Politics & School
Information Group Meetings are to inform, take action and
follow God's plan to keep a biblical world view.

Please call Sherry Gardner at 909-227-8782 for more
information.

Hap's Men's Monthly Cajun Meats & Market Prayer **Breakfast**

Thursday, Dec. 15th & Jan. 19th at 8:30 am

Men will gather at Hap's Cajun Meats & Market, 902 E.
Main St., League City, on the third Thursday each month
to eat an awesome breakfast and pray together.

Due to limited space there is a need to reserve your spot.
Follow Hap's on Facebook and you should be able to
make your reservation there or call 281-525-6167.

First Baptist Church of Seabrook Presents...

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BORN IS THE KING!

Sunday, December 18, 2022

9:30 & 11:00 am

PreK & Children's Church Christmas Parties

December 18, 2022

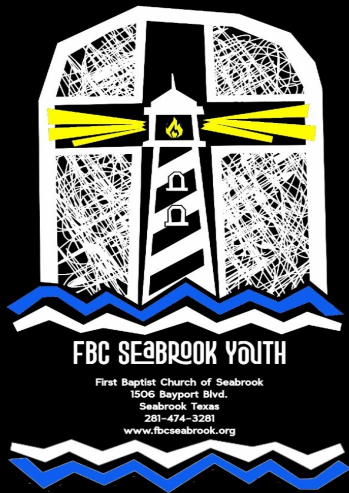
9:30 & 11:00 am

Cookies & Hot Cocoa Fellowship



Sunday, December 18, 2022

immediately following each worship service



FBC Seabrook Youth NEWS...

Youth Beach Day

Monday, December 19, 2022

Weather permitting. Permission slips required.

**See Pastor Cory for details or go to fbcseabrookyouth.org*



FBC Seabrook Youth Lock-In

December 16—17, 6:30 PM until 7:00 AM

The Lock-In is specifically for 6th—12th graders. We encourage all the youth to bring friends but the friend is required to attend a youth service before the Lock-In. Some other important rules... NO energy drinks will be allowed and NO PAJAMAS. Permission slips required.

*Lots of activities... First the youth will go van caroling from 7—10pm. Please be sure your youth member is at the church before 7pm. We will also have an Ugly Sweater Contest and a prize will be awarded. We will also play the White Elephant game. Each youth is asked to bring a gift no more than \$10 in value and gender neutral. *Please see Pastor Cory for more details or go to fbcseabrookyouth.org*

\$8.00



WALL CALENDAR

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

These beautiful 2023 calendars make nice and easy Christmas gifts. They are located in the foyer.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

12/21/22, 12/28/22, 01/04/23

Men's Monday Night Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Meets Every Monday

In person at 6:30 pm, Live Stream begins at 7:00 pm

Holiday Break, NOT meeting 12/25 & 01/02

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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

7:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship

ONE SERVICE

11:00 am

There will be no Sunday School, PreK or Children's Church classes on Christmas Day.

Nursery will be available.

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2023

BLAST&CAST

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Rockport Event ~ January 5—8, 2022

Hospitality Committee Planning and New Recruitment Meeting

**Monday, January 9, 2023
at 6:30 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.



**INFORMATION DEADLINE
Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

The Church Council will be planning for the months of February, March and April. It is imperative that the servant leaders, administrative staff and all Ministry leads, Committee Leads and Directors take the time to plan for these months.

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

**Deadline
for February 2023**

Newsletter Submissions

**Friday,
January 20th**

FBC Seabrook Youth will host a SPUD RUN YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The youth will serve fully loaded baked potatoes following both services for a suggested donation of \$10.00 each.

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Immediately following both services



Senegal Mission Trip January 30 — February 10, 2023

Please pray for Pastor Rob Purdy and Deacon John Mayes as these seek God's guidance in where He would have us serve in West Africa.



December 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer: December 4 - 11, 2022 | | | | | | |
| 4 9:30 & 11:00 am Lord's Supper Services | 5 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship | 6 | 7 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club | 8 | 9 | 10 1:00 - 4:00 PM 3rd Annual Christmas Festival |
| 11 SPUD RUN MISSION FUNDRAISER | 12 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship | 13 | 14 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club | 15 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Meeting at Hap's Cajun | 16 | 17 YOUTH LOCK-IN DECEMBER 16-17 6:30 pm through 7:00 am |
| 18 9:30 & 11:00 am Children's Ministry Christmas Parties Christmas Cantata Cookies & Cocoa | 19 YOUTH Beach Day 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship | 20 | 21 No Evening Services | 22 | 23 | 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| 25 11:00 AM ONE WORSHIP SERVICE | 26 NO Men's Ministry Meeting | 27 | 28 No Evening Services | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| January 2023 | | | | | | |
| 1 9:30 & 11:00 am Lord's Supper Services | 2 NO Men's Ministry Meeting | 3 | 4 No Evening Services | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 6:30 PM Hospitality Planning & Recruitment Mtg Men's Monday Night Ministry resumes | 10 6:30 PM Politics & School Info Group Meeting Church Council Calendar Deadline | 11 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| 29 SPUD RUN YOUTH FUNDRAISER | 30 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night | 31 | January 30 - February 10 → Senegal Mission Trip | | | |