

THIS WEEK

TODAY, December 13

9:30 a.m. – Worship
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

MONDAY, December 14

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

TUESDAY, December 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers
2:45 p.m. – Joyful Ringers
5:15 p.m. – Bell Quartet
7:00 p.m. – “Wings for the Journey” Bereavement Support
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 16

6:15 p.m. – Awana (K-6)
6:30 p.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study
7:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 17

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers
6:00 p.m. – Homeschool Christmas Concert

FRIDAY, December 18

6:15 a.m. – Men of Faith Bible Study at Sadie’s Restaurant
6:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, December 19

5:30 p.m. – Putterill/Satterthwaite Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY, December 20

9:30 a.m. – Worship – “Can You Hear..The Heavens Rejoicing?”, Luke 2:1-14, Pastor Dan Cash
10:30 a.m. – Called Business Meeting
3:30 p.m. – ABY & Jr. ABY
4:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling & Party
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir

Looking Ahead

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00 pm)
Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas! (Church Offices Closed)
Dec. 27 – Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Inquirers Class)

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor
Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Lauren Skelton, Children’s Minister;
Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant;
Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians
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Columbus, Indiana*

“Practicing Our Faith”

December 13, 2009



MESSENGER EXTRA

**WINGS FOR THE JOURNEY
“LIGHT OF HOPE” REMEMBRANCE
TODAY – 5:30 PM, at the Donner Park Shelter House**

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**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** – There is a table set up in the Narthex for you to pick up your new pictorial directory. One per family, please.  
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Wednesday Bible Study in December ~ “The Purpose of Christmas”

The video-based study will conclude this Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel with: Session 3 – A Time for Reconciliation
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**You’re Invited..**

For the past 12 years, First Baptist has been our spiritual home away from home, and family away from family. Please join us on Saturday, December 19, at 5:30 PM here at the church as we celebrate the marriage of our son, Michael Keith Dent Putterill, to Heidi Satterthwaite and share with us in this joyous occasion. (Cliff and Sue Putterill)  
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AWANA CHRISTMAS STORE



Today is the last day we are collecting items for the Awana Christmas Store on Dec. 16. Please place items in the box marked Awana in the hall by the kitchen. Unused items will be donated to Goodwill or Sans Souci. Thanks for your help.
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**🎵 CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY 🎵**

Everyone is invited to join our youth for a Caroling outing and Christmas party. Meet at the church at 4:00 PM next Sunday, Dec. 20. After caroling we will return to Fellowship Hall for soup, sandwiches, games, and fellowship. **If you plan to attend, please indicate the number of your party on the Registration Pads today!**  
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SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

A special called business meeting will be held next Sunday, December 20, immediately following worship to adopt our 2010 Budget. Copies of the budget are available at the Welcome Center.
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**GOING GREEN**

Have you noticed the recycling containers around the building? Our younger generation is challenging us to go green and recycle. Please help by placing bulletins, paper, and aluminum cans in these containers.  
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Join us at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 December 24, 2009 ~ 7:00 PM
 As the Chancel Choir leads us in Worship
 "I Hear the Prophet Callin"



The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment ~ Music and Lyrics by Pepper Choplin

Christmas Offering: The Church Council has designated the Pregnancy Care Center as the recipient of our Christmas Offering this year. (Please make checks out to FBC, designate "Christmas Offering", and either place in a blue pew envelope, or mail to the church office.)

HOMEWORK HELP MINISTRY NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS from 2:30-4:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The waiting list of children in need at Richards Elementary is growing!

RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOOK BUDDIES

Richards School has a real need this year for Book Buddies. There are at least 6 open spots right now. If you are able to assist with this program, please contact the school.

POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL: We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

Sssshhh.....It's a Secret! ~ Join the FBC 2010 "Secret Sisters" Club

This is for all women/girls of the church - any age. Jr. youth and youth can do it if parents are willing to help them. You will have a secret pal from within the church that you can slip notes, cards, small gifts, emails, etc. to throughout the year. We will end with a big reveal at a Christmas Party in December 2010. Please fill out the form below and place in the envelope on the Welcome Desk or return to the church office. Your Secret Sister will be randomly chosen for you the beginning of January. See Jane Ellen Watkins if you have any questions!

Secret Sisters



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Anniversary: _____

Hobbies: _____

Favorite Color: _____ Favorite Food: _____

GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN THE HALLWAY NEAR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

HELPING GOD'S CREATURES

As winter approaches, the Bartholomew County Humane Society is in need of blankets, towels and throws (in any condition) for the cats and dogs in their care. For the month of December a box will be placed on the lower level near the restrooms for donations. For more information contact Don Harris (378-3176) or the BC Humane Society (372-6063).

**INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONIC CHOIR'S FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
 AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH (6045 E. State St.)
 NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7:00 PM**

A concert of traditional Christmas music directed by Dr. Eric Stark and accompanied by Charles Manning.



We are now accepting donations for the Advent & Christmas decorations. If you would like to donate, please complete the form, include your check & place in the offering plate.

I/We _____

would like to donate \$ _____ towards Advent Decorations.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

We will publish a list of donors and the person you wish to remember in the bulletins on Sunday morning, December 20th and at the Christmas Eve service on the 24th.