

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Church Family,

It seems that the Christmas season is fully upon us. Here at First Baptist we have been blessed with some great opportunities to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. In fact, I think the celebration is already well underway.

- "Angels Say What?!" and Christmas Party, held on Sunday, December 2nd: Pam Schut and her crew of energetic volunteers and children provided an entertaining musical play and time of fun and fellowship.
- Church Family Celebration, last Tuesday, December 4th: Those who came were encouraged with many uplifting stories of how God is at work in the various ministries and groups of FBC. Thanks to Sharon MacKenzie for organizing the desserts.
- SRY Seniors' Dinner, on Wednesday, December 5th: This annual treat, hosted by the youth group under the leadership of Andrew and Laura Bennett and their dedicated crew of volunteers, served up delicious food and festive fun for all who attended.

This is just the beginning. Many groups will hold their own festive gatherings. We also have two upcoming occasions that provide perfect opportunities to reach out:

- "The Heart of Christmas" on Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. is an evening of praise featuring music of the season.
- Our Christmas Eve Service, December 24th also at 6 p.m., continues our long tradition of sharing the message of Christ's birth with our community.

I'm looking forward to these worship gatherings with the church family. Be sure to invite a friend.

Blessings, Pastor Dave



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Childrens Ministry at First Baptist Church

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Welcome to First Baptist Church

*If you are visiting today, we are delighted to have you with us.
If you need any help at all, please ask one of our hosts or staff members.*

Our Sunday services include the 9:30 "Morning Well" and 11:00 "Classic Worship".

During the 9:30 service children are invited to sit with their parents until they are dismissed from the service for the Children's Programs downstairs.

*Sunday morning programs for children include Nursery (ages 0-2)
and Pre School & Junior Church (ages 3 - grade 6).*

There is no formal program for children during the 11:00 service, but there are activity pages that can be enjoyed. These pages are at the information centre.

At 10:30 everyone is invited to "Halftime" downstairs in the Café.

*Prayer with a pastor or deacon is offered in the chapel
(area to the left of the sanctuary) following the service.*

God Speaks

"And then there were three"

Luke 2:1-7

Week at a Glance

<u>Monday, Dec. 10th</u>	9:00 a.m. – Food Pantry (Pam K., Fran P.)
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 11th</u>	9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Mom's Drop In 1:30 p.m. – Bible Study 6:00 p.m. – Prince St. School concert 7:00 p.m. – Trustees Board (at the DuBois')
<u>Wednesday, Dec. 12th</u>	12:10 p.m. – Prince St. churches Advent Service 7:00 p.m. – SRY 7:00 p.m. – Choir
<u>Thursday, Dec. 13th</u>	7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. – KICK
<u>Friday, Dec. 14th</u>	1:30 p.m. – Crochet/Knitting Group 5:45 p.m. – Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m. – The Living Room (at the Bennetts')
<u>Saturday, Dec. 15th</u>	9:00 a.m. – "Heart of Christmas" Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, Dec. 16th</u>	9:30 a.m. – Morning Well Service 10:30 a.m. – Halftime 11:00 a.m. – Classic Worship Service 6:00 p.m. – Heart of Christmas

Heart of Christmas – Many have been hard at work planning and practicing for this special night of Christmas music and praise. Come out on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your family and friends to join you!

Christmas Eve Service – our annual Christmas Eve family service will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24th. This is a special time of celebrating and remembering the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Remember that there will be free parking in the Fitzroy Parkade after 5:00 p.m. that night (use the Fitzroy St. gate.)

Giving Options at First Baptist Church

For your convenience in worship, we offer the following ways to give:

1) Use your numbered **offering envelopes**, an envelope from the pew, or from the Welcome Centre and place it in the collection during the Sunday service.

2) **Giving online using Tithe.ly** – this app allows for giving using your credit card. You can find a link on the church website, or download the app at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give. If you do not wish to set up a tithe.ly account yourself, you can write your information down on a form from the pew and our Accounting Technician will input the details.

3) Giving through **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** – this allows for automatic giving on weekly, bi-weekly or monthly intervals. Sign up sheets for this option can be found at the Welcome Centre.

If you have any questions about giving at FBC, please contact the office at fbc@pei.aibn.com or 902-628-2111.

Thanks be to God! – In the past few weeks members have been informed of the need for people to give towards erasing our budget shortfall. We truly see God's blessings when his people are faithful to his direction to honour Him with our wealth (Proverbs 3:9). As of December 5th, a total of \$18,830 has been received in the Special Christmas offering appeal. We look forward to what God will continue to do in every area of our church!

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:8,15)

Postage stamps – Your used postage stamps can help support the work of French Baptist churches in Canada! Bring them in to the church office, and they will be passed on to a group in Moncton that sells them.