CHRISTMAS CARDS
The annual Christmas Card Post Office is set up in the main foyer. You can drop your cards in the baskets with the letter of the person’s/family’s last name, and pick up cards left for you. These need to be for those who attend First Baptist. If you aren’t sure if someone attends First Baptist, please call the office at 534-5812.

SIGN-UP
College Students & High School Grads - Passion Conference
January 2-4 - Atlanta, GA
Deposit: $50 due at sign-up

2019 FBCNA Bible Reading Plan Foundations
New Testament
for Adults and Teens
by Robby and Kandi Gallaty
Available in the main foyer and church office in January for $10

First Baptist is collecting sugar for the Good Samaritan Center during December. Please place your donation in the designated box behind the choir loft, on the west side. If you’d like to volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center, please call 534-0911.

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ENVELOPES ARE IN THE MAIN FOYER BY THE STAIRS.
Oh, may God teach you the meaning of that name, Immanuel.
God with us. Immanuel, it is wisdom’s mystery, God with us
Sages look at it and wonder, Angels desire to see it
The plumb line of reason cannot reach halfway into its depths
The eagle wings of science cannot fly so high
And the piercing eye of the vulture of research cannot see it
God with us
It is hell’s terror, Satan trembles at the sound of it
His legions fly away, The black winged dragon of the pit quails before it
Let Satan come to you suddenly and do you but whisper the words “God with us”.
And back he falls confounded and confused, Satan trembles when he hears that name
God with us
It is the laborer’s strength
How could he preach the Gospel, How could he bend his knees in prayer
How could the missionary go to foreign lands, How could the martyr stand at the stake
How could the confessor acknowledge his master, How could men labor if that one word were taken away
God with us
Is the sufferer’s comfort
Is the balm of his woe, Is the alleviation of his misery,
Is the sleep that God gives to his beloved, Is the rest after the toil and exertion,
God with us is eternity’s sonnet, Is Heaven’s hallelujah, Is the shout of the glorified,
Is the song of the redeemed, Is the chorus of angels,
Is the everlasting oratorio of the great orchestra of the sky
God with us
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This was taken from the Christmas Eve sermon that Charles Spurgeon
preached in 1854. I came across it when looking into “Immanuel!” for a message. The promise of God with us cannot be understated. We can have hope in the face of uncertainty. We can have peace through any storm.
There is nothing that can take us away from His love. As we celebrate Christmas, let us hope in the face of uncertainty. We can have peace through any storm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
A Special Business Meeting, to discuss changes of staff positions and a Constitution & Bylaws amendment, will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Amendment: “Regular business meeting shall be held on a quarterly basis on the second Sunday night of the following months: January, April, July and October.”

FINANCIAL NOTE!
All 2018 Contributions must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 30.

TV Sunday School Lesson: 9:30 a.m. Channel 44 Cable with Bro. Tom Sumrall
ESL (English as a Second Language): Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Fellowship Hall (Need donated snacks placed in the designated box in the foyer.)
KidLife: December 16 at 10:30 a.m. 101W
2019 Budget Vote: December 16
Children’s Musical “Straight Outta Bethlehem”: December 16 at 6 p.m. Sanctuary
Senior Adult Choir: New Albany Health & Rehab December 19 at 9:45 a.m.
Youth Christmas Party/Tacky Sweater: December 19 at 6 p.m. Refuge Room
(Entry Fee - canned goods)
No Evening Activities or Evening Worship: December 23 & December 30
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24 at 5 p.m. Sanctuary
No Evening Activities or Prayer Meeting: December 26 & January 2
5th Sunday December 30: All Tithes & Offerings go to the “Investing In The Vision” building fund, unless otherwise specified
Church Office Closed: December 24, December 25, December 31 & January 1
No Preschool & Children’s Breakfast: December
College & High School Grad Passion Conference: January 2-4 Atlanta, GA

 chiropractic
We appreciate the following being on staff at First Baptist Church:
Joy McCullough
for 1 year January 1, 2019.

The Church in Outreach
Sunday, December 2
James & Susan Lusk
(Letter) &
Ell Young
(Profession of Faith-Baptism)

First Baptist Church wishes to extend Christian sympathy to the families of:
Jim Dodds
(brother of Frank Dodds) &
Robert Wingo
(father of Lisa Downs & Bob Wingo).

First Baptist is collecting new, with tags all size children’s coats for the Rescue 1:27 Ministry during December. Please place your donation in the designated boxes located throughout the church.