



December 2019 / January 2020

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Pastor

Church Newsletter

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Editor

A Message from the Pastor

Matthew 1:22-23

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

We are coming to the end of AD 2019. It has been quite a year for our church. We've experienced some painful losses together. We have also experienced many miracles together!

We have seen and are experiencing the consequences of the construction on Hwy 146 together. We saw how the Lord answered our prayer for the former Wells Fargo building and property together (it is now called the Clark Center).

Mission trips, VBS, Bible Study, Sunday School, DLife Groups, Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Meal Boxes, Christmas Blessings, etc... All of them...together! For me, the most important part of all of this is that we are together.

Make no mistake, there are forces in the world dedicated to breaking up churches like ours. A church that remains together is a threat to the enemy. A broken church is not. A church that does life together can achieve incredible things in the Kingdom of God!

We remain together because of Jesus. He's together with us. It's in His name! Immanuel...God with us! Praise the Lord for His presence in our lives and our church!

I don't remember entering a year with so many unknowns as we are in 2020. There are huge question marks over our property, the construction, attendance and finances. Your earnest prayer is greatly appreciated. I know that we will get through all of this as long as we remain together and have Jesus, God with us! Amen?

Gerda and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We love you and are so thankful that we get to do life...together!

Merry Christmas and God bless,
Pastor Rob

December/January Calendar

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Sunday, December 1

- Lord's Supper Services
- One Thanksgiving Family Service at 10:30 am
- Women's Cookie Exchange & Fellowship at 5 pm

December 1 — 8

- Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering

Saturday, December 7

- YOUTH: Houston Zoo/Zoo Lights

Sunday, December 15

- Youth Secret Santa Christmas Party
- Children's & Pre-K Church Christmas Party

Thursday, December 19

- Ladies Lunch Bunch Christmas Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 21

- YOUTH—Neighborhood Prayer Walk/Caroling

Sunday, December 22

- One Christmas Cantata Worship Service at 10:30
- Cookie and Cocoa Fellowship

Monday, December 23

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

December 24 — January 3

- Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Wednesday, December 25

- No Evening Service

Sunday, December 29

- One Worship 5th Sunday Hymn Sing Service

Monday, December 30

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, January 1

- No Evening Service

Thursday—Sunday, January 2-5

- Blast & Cast Rockport

Saturday, January 4

- YOUTH Serve at Houston Food Bank

Sunday, January 5

- Lord's Supper Services
- Valentine Gram Fundraiser begins

Monday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 11

- YOUTH Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Sunday, January 12

- YOUTH Putt Putt

Wednesday, January 15

- Church Council Calendar Information Due

Monday, January 20

- February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 26

- Youth to teach Children's Church

Weekly Schedule

Sunday ****One Combined Service 12/01, 12/22 & 12/29 at 10:30 AM**

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 ****No CC 12/01, 12/22 & 12/29**** 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 ****No SS 12/01, 12/22 & 12/29**** 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 ****No CC or Pre-K 12/01, 12/22 & 12/29**** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 11:00 am — 12:00 pm 2nd Worship Service 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 1:15 — 2:00 pm Retirement Ministry Worship Service Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday ****Not Meeting 12/23 or 12/30**

6:30 pm..... Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Wednesday ****No Evening Service 12/25 or 01/01**

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 24—January 3**

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 2019 Tellers

Dec. 01 John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
 Dec. 08 Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
 Dec. 15 Gene & Heather Engel
 Dec. 22 Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
 Dec. 29 Mary Johnson, Linda Long and Pat Smartt

January 2020 Tellers

Jan. 05 John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
 Jan. 12 Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
 Jan. 19 Gene & Heather Engel
 Jan. 26 Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Pat Smartt

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...

General Funds		<i>Thank you for your faithful giving!</i>
October 2019 Contributions	\$21,965.06	
Building Fund		
October 2019 Contributions	\$1,414.15	
Missions Fund		
October 2019 Contributions	\$475.00	

Do You
Need Prayer?

[Click Here for a Prayer Request Form](#)

Birthdays

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Sarah Smith
Sarah Seelbach
Cody Stewart
H. Scott Apley
Lori Forrest
Rayma Solis
Brennon Malone
John Scott
Tanya Langham
D. Benjamin Woleben
Lupe Rodriguez
Bill Woleben
Matthew Abernathy
Don Clark Jr.

Steve Mewborn
Barbara Sue Smith
Katy Wilk
Pastor Rob Purdy
Eileen Morse
Ronda Rabalais
Joyce Fisher-Clark
Bob Snow
Kathy Littlefield
Pat Broussard
Lawrence Wall
Jackson Rawls
Rebecca Miller
Bobby Laird



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William Williams
Melanie Martinez
Mary Johnson
Marianne van Leeuwen
Daniel Clark
Betty Coker
Joy Moss
Carly Wells

Azalee Treadaway
Alice Joy Brown
Aaric Augustine
Andrea Harrington
Lucile Phelps
Wayne Stewart
Theresa Smith



Sunday, Dec. 1 & Jan. 5

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: December 1—8

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

- Sunday, Dec. 01 One Combined Thanksgiving Service
*(*No Pre-K or Children's Church or Youth SS)*
- Sunday, Dec. 22 One Combined Christmas Cantata Service
*(*No Pre-K or Children's Church or Youth SS)*
- Monday, Dec. 23 No Men's Ministry Bible Study
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Wed., Dec. 25 No Wednesday Evening Service
- Sunday, Dec. 29 One Combined Worship Service
*(*No Pre-K or Children's Church or Youth SS)*
- Monday, Dec 30 No Men's Ministry Bible Study
- Wed., Jan. 1 No Wednesday Evening Service

ALL Combined Worship Services begin at 10:30 am



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SEABROOK

**All Combined Worship Services
begin at 10:30 am**

“Thanksgiving Worship”

One Service on Sunday, December 1, 2019

“Christmas Cantata ‘Joy! Joy!’ Worship”

One Service on Sunday, December 22, 2019

“5th Sunday Hymn Sing New Year Worship”

One Service on Sunday, December 29, 2019

We will all gather together for one service, which means there will be no Children’s or Pre-K church and no Youth Sunday School. The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for these special morning services.



*FBC Seabrook ~ Women’s Ministry
Christmas Cookie Exchange & Fellowship
Sunday, December 1st @ 5:00 pm*

FBC Women’s Ministry
Christmas Cookie Exchange and Fellowship
Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 pm

All women are invited! Here’s what you need to know...

- Bake and bring your favorite Christmas Cookies, along with copies of your recipe to exchange.
- Bring a wrapped, handmade gift (\$5.00 limit) for a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Everyone will leave with the glow of the Season and a variety of Christmas Cookies to share with their families.

Please sign-up in the hallway. No worries if you don’t have childcare... bring your kids with you!

Christmas Blessing Project

December Collection

FBC Seabrook Benevolence department’s goal and ministry is to provide short-term financial assistance (rent, utilities, food pantry) to residents of the Seabrook community when the unexpected happens. As we visit with each client and their needs unfold, it is clear that if they are struggling with their basic living expenses then purchasing Christmas gifts for their children will be impossible. Here’s where you can help...donate money, no amount is too small and no amount is too large ;-). If you can donate toward this project please mark your offering envelope “Christmas Blessing” .

Gloria Henry and Heather Engel will be using all monies donated to purchase items specific to each families needs. If you have any questions please call the church office at 281-474-3281 or speak with Gloria and/or Heather.

**CHILDREN’S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Children’s Church Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9:15—10:30 am & 10:45 am—Noon

Pre-K Christmas Party @ 10:45 am to Noon



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Red Hat Christmas Celebration

All ladies of the church are invited!

It’s time to pull out your red hat regalia. Our December Lunch Bunch will be on **December 19**, and we are meeting at the **Hoagie Ranch** in Kemah at 11:30 am.

This is our annual Christmas celebration. Please bring a \$7 to \$10 gift to exchange. Wear your red and purple regalia. This is a great time of laughter and fellowship for the ladies and friends of the church, please join in the fun... the more the merrier!





R.E.F.U.G.E. 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. *(Not meeting on December 1st, 22nd or 29th as there will be only ONE combined worship service at 10:30 am on those day.)*

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 25th or January 1st)*

Sunday, December 1 ~ One Thanksgiving Worship Service at 10:30 am. There will be no Youth Sunday School.

Sunday, December 1 ~ If you would like to order a calendar and have not done so, please sign-up by December 1st. These calendars are beautiful and heavy duty, make great gifts. The calendars are \$7 each.



Saturday, December 7 ~ The youth will spend the day at the **Houston Zoo** and will stay for the **Zoo Lights** that night. There will not be a charge for admission to the Zoo; however, each youth will need to bring money for food/drink and any souvenirs. We will plan to meet at the church at 7:45 am and leave the church at 8:00 am.

Sunday, December 15 ~ The youth will meet in the youth room at 9:00 am for our **Christmas Party** before Sunday School. Each youth should bring a gift (Under \$20) to exchange.



Saturday, December 21 ~ The Youth will be heading into Pastor Rob's neighborhood, Edgewater By the Bay, in Bacliff for a **Neighborhood Prayer Walk**. **Caroling** has been suggested as well and is dependent on the number of willing voices we have sign up. Please sign-up in the hallway if you would like to participate. For more details please see Lori Forrest.

DECEMBER 22 & 29 ~ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

(One worship service 10:30)

DECEMBER 25 ~ NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1 ~ NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



During the month of **JANUARY**, the youth will be selling their annual Valentine Grams which will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Please stop by our table in the foyer during the month to order your personalized Valentine Gram. The money raised will support our summer mission trip.

Saturday, January 12 ~ The youth will be serving at the **Houston Food Bank**. We will meet at the church at 6:30 am and will leave at 6:45 am. We should return to the church 1:00 pm. **Everyone is invited to join us.** There will be a sign-up in the hallway. Please sign-up if you want to go and Lori Forrest will get you registered.



Saturday, January 11 ~ The will meet at the church at 9:30 am to prepare/pray and organize for our **Neighborhood Prayer Walk**. Our last few prayer walks have gone very well and we have seen a few new faces at church as a result. **Everyone is invited to join us.** Our neighborhood should be our first mission field. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Please see Lori Forrest for more details.

Sunday, January 12 ~ The youth will leave church after the 2nd worship service to go to **Putt Putt Funhouse**. Each person will need \$20 for an Xtreme Unlimited Pass. If money is an issue, please speak privately with Lori. We do not want anyone to miss out on the fun and fellowship.

Sunday, January 26 ~ The youth will be teaching Children's Church during the 1st service. Please be there by 9:15 am.

Christmas Cantata *Joy! Joy!*

One Combined Worship Service

Sunday, December 22, 2019
at 10:30 am

Christmas Cantata Fellowship

Rumor has it the Hospitality committee will offer hot chocolate and cookies immediately after the cantata. Please plan to join us!

First Baptist Church of Seabrook



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
7:00 PM

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

December 25 & January 1



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship Meets Every Monday

(will not meet on 12/23/19 or 12/30/19 ~ resumes 1/6/20)

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

Hospitality Committee Planning & New Member Recruitment Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020
7:00 PM

The Hospitality Committee is recruiting new members. This is a fun way to get to know everyone and participate in planning activities for 2020. Contact Mandy Stilwell for additional information.

Women's Ministry NEWS

New Women's Sunday School Class

All women are invited! This NEW Women's Sunday School Class begins on January 12, 2020 from 9:30 to 10:30 am and will meet in the two-story building on Capri in the Kitchen. The cost for the student workbook is \$12.99. For more information about this class, please see Michelle Hazlett.

Women's Winter Bible Study

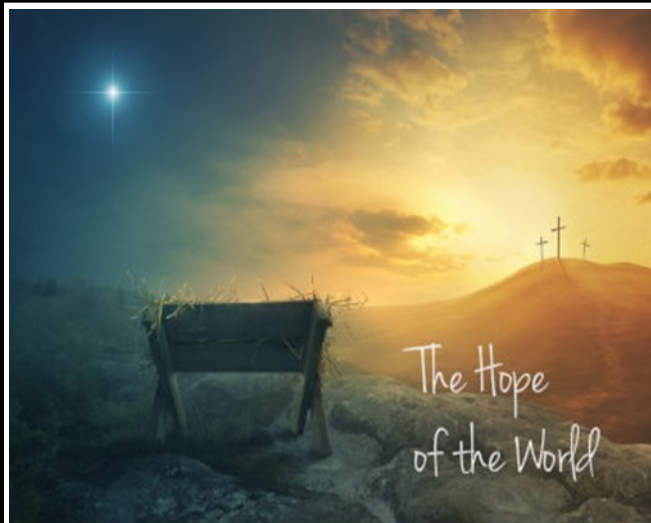
Every Wednesday beginning January 22, 2020 at 10 am

It's a new year and a new Women's Bible Study. Come along as we explore the lives of six women in the Bible. From these women, women today can learn valuable lessons. Whether you are young or old, single or married, a mother or without child, a homemaker or a businesswoman, you can clearly see God's pattern for godly living in the lives of Old and New Testament women. (PS... reading each woman's story in the bible is the only homework for this new class.) Sign-Up sheet will be in the hallway soon!

Church Council Information Deadline

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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 committee leads and directors plan ahead for these months. Please email information to the office no later than Wednesday, January 15th at fbcseabrook@yahoo.com.



December 2019 / January 2020 Lamplight

Growing old is fun. It must be true, because...

If time flies when you're having fun... and the older I grow, the faster time flies... then, growing old must be fun.

How could it be that there are only 47 days left until Christmas? Where did the first 318 days of 2019 go?

As I write this article, Thanksgiving has been eclipsed by "Black Friday" commercials, and even though a brief Texas autumn still lingers in the air, advertisers earnestly try to convince us that it's snowing outside. Department store shelves are lined with seasonal products, and clever marketers persuade us to buy, buy, buy...

Suddenly, in the flash of a Christmas light we find ourselves neck-deep in the hustle-bustle of the Christmas season. With this in mind, let's take a breath and remember the "Reason for the Season." For a few minutes let's shift gears from buy, buy, buy... to give, give, give...

On Sunday, December 22nd (three days before Christmas) the FBC Seabrook Sanctuary Choir will lead worship with a "Joyful" Christmas Cantata. This collection of music beautifully celebrates God's gift of salvation through His Son. Every song touches my heart, but one piece stands out from the rest — One King.

In some form or another we've heard the ancient account of the Magi. The traditional story tells of three eastern kings who travelled from afar to worship the King of Kings. The song, "One King" helps us to fix our eyes on the gift of the one, true King.

One king held the frankincense – a valuable, precious gift of incense that represents worship and priesthood.

One king held the myrrh – a valuable, precious gift of anointing oil that fore-shadows sacrificial death.

One king held the purest gold – a valuable, precious gift that honors the King of Kings.

And One King held the hope of the world – a valuable, precious Gift that proves God's love for a fallen world.

Amid the holiday hustle-bustle, take a few minutes to reflect upon the timeless gift of God's Son.

As the flicker of vibrant Christmas lights elevates your mood, allow the "Light of the World" to illuminate your heart.

As you purchase the gifts on your list, remember that God's gift of salvation is free.

As you wrap your gifts with festive paper, ribbons and bows, celebrate the Holy Child who was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As you exchange gifts with those you love, be grateful that Jesus exchanged his life to redeem us from our sin.

Yes, this is Christmas... God's undeserved mercy and grace given freely to all who believe. It's the perfect gift that keeps on giving, and giving, and giving...

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT)

Before we know it, Christmas 2019 will be history. Many will descend upon the stores to return unwanted gifts and marketers will tempt us with half-price sales. Even in this we can give thanks... No need to return God's gift of salvation; however, re-gifting is mandatory.

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

In Christ,
Cheryl



December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • ONE Thanksgiving & Lord's Supper Service at 10:30 am • Women's Cookie Exchange & Fellowship at 5 pm	2 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer: Dec 1 – 8, 2019	3	4 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	5	6	7 Youth to the Zoo and Zoo Lights
8	9 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	10	11 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	12	13	14
15 Youth Christmas Party at 9:00 am Children's Church & Pre-K Christmas Party	16 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	17	18 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	19 Ladies Christmas Lunch Bunch Gift Exchange	20	21 YOUTH Neighborhood Prayer Walk and Caroling
22 10:30 AM One Christmas Cantata Service & Cookies & Cocoa following Cantata	23 NO Men's Ministry Meeting	24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 No Evening Service	26	27	28
29 10:30 AM One 5 th Sunday Hymn Sing Service	30 NO Men's Ministry Meeting	31	Church Office Closed December 24 -- January 3			



January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 January Youth Fundraiser ~ Valentine Grams Stop by the Youth table and order for your loved one all month			1 No Evening Service	2 Blast-n-Cast ~ Rockport ~ January 2-5	3	4 Youth Serve houston foodbank
5 Lord's Supper Services Valentine Gram Fundraiser begins	6 Hospitality Planning & Recruitment Mtg Men's Monday Night Ministry resumes	7	8 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	9	10	11 9:30 AM Youth et al Prayer Walk
12 YOUTH Putt Putt Funhouse after 11 am service	13 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	14 Church Council Calendar Info. Deadline is Jan. 15	15 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	16	17	18
19 February Newsletter Deadline is tomorrow	20 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	21	22 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	23	24	25
26 Youth to teach Children's Church	27 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	28	29 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	30	31	