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The Lord's Day – December 24, 2017

8:45 a.m. – Coffee & fellowship time in small gym

MORNING WORSHIP – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Prelude:	Heather Larson
Welcome & Prayer:	Pastor Grotzke
Special Music:	"O Holy Night" Brass Ensemble
Congregational Carol:	"Born in a Manger" #206
Special Music:	"Joseph's Lullaby" Faith Kampen
Special Music:	"O Come, Little Children" Natalie Thorson
Special Music:	Moore Girls
Special Music:	"Mary, Did You Know" Abe Imdieke
Congregational Carol:	"Silent Night, Holy Night" #219
Special Music:	"When Love Was Born" Dana Moody & Rachael Anderson
Special Music:	"Carol of the Bells" Joshua Maendel
Special Music:	"What Child Is This" Jacobus Girls
Offertory:	"Go Tell It on the Mountain Medley" Judy Witta & Heather Larson
Special Music:	"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" Natalie Thorson & Aaron Jaehnert
Scripture Reading:	Pastor Grotzke
Special Music:	"New Star Shining" Scott Campbell
Congregational Carol:	"Ring the Bells" #208
Special Music:	"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"/"Born to Die" Anderson Strings
Special Music:	"Fulness of Grace" Wayne & Margie Erickson
All children under the age of 12 please come quickly to the front by the Communion table to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.	
Special Music:	"Joy Has Dawned" Joy to Praise Trio
Devotional & Prayer:	Pastor Grotzke
Special Music:	"We Wish You a Merry Christmas" Katrina Grotzke
Congregational Carol:	"Go Tell It on the Mountain" #212
Closing Prayer:	Rolund Wetterlund

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

There will be no evening service today and no midweek ministries on Wednesday this week.

LRCS NEWS:

December 20–January 1 – Christmas Break; school resumes Jan 2nd.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Normal schedule times in the morning: Coffee and fellowship time in the small gym at 8:45; Sunday School at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:45. There will be no evening service on the 31st.

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – LRCS Foundation fund-raiser concert at Heritage Church

January 7 – The Lord's Table in the evening service

January 8 – Monday evening Ladies Bible Study begins

January 9, 10:00 a.m. – Ruth Circle in the fireside room

January 12-13 – Deacons annual meeting in the fireside room

January 18 – Senior Lunch

January 23 – Ladies Cabin Fever in the fireside room

BRIDAL SHOWER INVITATION:

There will be a bridal shower for Heather Collins, Caleb Anderson's fiancée, on Tuesday, January 2nd in the fireside room. All ladies are invited.

NEWS, NOTES, REMINDERS, ETC.:

-There are baskets on a table in the hallway back of the auditorium for your Christmas cards and/or gifts for our pastoral staff.

-There are several families at First Baptist who would like to share their home and hospitality with anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day. If you don't have plans to be with family or friends, please see Pastor Wayne or Pastor Grotzke.

-Please turn in your 2018 directory information sheets to Betty Wolhart as soon as possible. There are more at the Welcome Center if you need one. You don't need to be a member to have your information listed. We warmly welcome it. Thank you to those who have already responded.

-On Sunday, January 7th there will be a brief business meeting to elect three deaconesses to replace those whose terms end on December 31st. The names that will be on the ballot are Christina McMahan, Joyce Wold and Sharon Larson. That item was inadvertently left off the ballot for the election on December 3rd.

FINANCIAL NOTE:

The last day for your financial contributions to be recorded for 2017 is next Sunday, December 31st.

HELP NEEDED:

We need someone to volunteer to clean the nursery once a week. If you have any questions as to what is involved, see Christina McMahan or Keith Anderson.

DECEMBER GREETERS:

East: Scott & Bobbie Blake Middle: Dave & Penny Bottorff
West: Linda Wolvert & Sheila Eberline Far West: Shelly Whited

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Happy birthday to Dorothy Chileen and Bobbi Blake on the 28th.

NURSERY SCHEDULE – for children up to age 3:

Sunday, December 24 – a.m. Scott & Debbie Kirkvold, Valerie Imdieke, Sydni Ogren

Sunday, December 31 – a.m. Bob & Peggy Anderson & Ellie Shafer

Wednesday, January 3 – Julie and Jennifer Kovacik

Last Week's Offerings & Statistics:

Offerings:			
General	\$6,761.65	Budget amount needed weekly:	\$8,486.77
Missions	1,003.00	Budget giving YTD:	\$163,737.33
LRCS	2,400.00	Budget needs YTD:	\$135,788.32
AWANA	20.00		

Attendance: Morning service – 304	Children's Church – 28	Nursery – 9
Evening service – 211	Nursery – 0	

JESUS

*To the weary, He is WONDERFUL;
 To the confused, COUNSELOR;
 To the weak, MIGHTY GOD;
 To the orphaned, EVERLASTING FATHER;
 To the troubled, PRINCE OF PEACE.*

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