

December 2019

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Shelton First Baptist

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Sunday Mornings 9:00 + 10:30

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Our Offices will be Closed. December 25. Blessings to you and your family!



For Everyone | The Gospel of Luke Sundays, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Join us as we embark on a series studying this masterpiece of true inclusion and investigative journalism: the Gospel of Luke.

Christmas Services Join us in Celebrating and Worshiping Jesus together! Invite someone to join you. It may be the best gift you offer this season.

Sun. Dec. 15: Children's Program " A Light In The Darkness" - 9 & 10:30 am.

Sun. Dec. 22: Christmas Celebration Services - 9 & 10:30 am.

Tue. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 6 pm.



Listen to weekly sermons on our webpage: www.sheltonfbc.org/resources/sermons/

Watch our weekly sermons posted to our FB page. www.facebook.com/sheltonfbc/

FBC Christmas Giving Tree

Our Christmas "Giving Tree" will be up, on December 1st - 15th. We hope you will take one or more tags from the tree, and bless a foster child by providing the noted wish gifts.





There are some great ways to bless a foster Sparrow child, from a bicycle, to art supplies, to an electric toothbrush (requested by multiple teens!). Remember to pray for the child as you fill the wish list!

Tracey Burnfield has led the making and filling of over personalized stockings that will go to foster kids. These 100 handmade, stockings look amazing and remind me of something a grandmother would make for you. They are personalized with their name at the top and will be a reminder for the child that they are cared about and remembered.



We have many other projects in upcoming months from a parent's night out, cleaning DCYF visiting rooms, making freezer meals for foster/adopt families, and hosting classes. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know!

Sparrow Care Team: Amy Rieck, Cindy Parsons, Laelann Scafe, Arienne Smith, Josie Walker, Jessica Howard, Joy Ordonez

FBC Christmas Offering

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Rom. 12:13

This year our Christmas Offering will be for our Family Care Fund. This fund is for our Elders to assist families and individuals from our church, when difficulties and hardships arise.

Worship Ministries, Opportunities to Serve

pastorryan@sheltonfbc.org or 360 426 8461 x. 11

Each Sunday, we are blessed to have a team of individuals leading us before the throne, in worship of our Savior. Whether on the stage or in the sound tech area, each member is a vital part of our worship ministry. We are currently looking for individuals who may want to join us in one of the following areas.



1.Worship Band: Skilled piano/keyboard players to play once or twice a month.

2. Visual Technicians | the person who runs the prepared slides on the computer for Sunday morning services. [training available].

3. Video Technicians | camera station people. [training available] For more information or interest contact Pastor Ryan.

Ueleome to the family, those who by confession of faith, became Family Members of FBC, Nov.17. 2019

Congratulations to all who, by confession of faith, were baptized on Nov. 17. 2019



Please let us know if you are interested in attending contact fbc@sheltonfbc.org or call the office at 360 426 8461!

LiveWire Events Senior Adults 55+ or Retired

Thurs. Dec. 12 Christmas Senior Luncheon

12 noon in the Family Center.

We will be having a special luncheon to celebrate the Christmas season. The children's **Lyrical Choir** will be singing for us, tables will be decorated with Christmas greens,

and Carols will be sung by all.

This month we will be providing the main dish and table settings.

Please bring your favorite Christmas salad or dessert to enhance our meal together. Join us for this special time of celebration.

Sat. Dec.14, Christmas Concert Outing!

This year we are enjoying a Christmas concert close to home. The Harstine Island Community Choir & Brass Quintet will be presenting their "Brass Tidings - Sweet Songs of Christmas" at the High School Performing Arts Center at 3 pm. There will be familiar carols as well as new Christmas music to entertain and uplift. If you are interested in dinner at a local restaurant after the performance call the Porters a week or more before the concert & we will try to make arrangements. (360) 426-4320.

No Senior Men's Breakfast—see you in 2020

MEN—Please let us know you are planning to attend our upcoming Men's Retreat! Register on Sundays, or online sheltonfbc.org/men's-retreat

IDENTITY:



2020 FBC Men's Retreat February 21-23

Guest Speaker: Mark Hoeffner Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church and Executive Director of CB Northwest

Cost: \$120.00 Location: Lake Retreat in Ravensdale, WA Sign up at sheltonfbc.org/mens-retreat





With Love & Sympathy,

Please continue to remember in prayer Rebecca Matheny & family, as her father Jim Coffman passed away in November.



There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Jim Coffman on Friday, December 20, at 1 pm., at First Baptist Church.

Missions Supply Workshop

We had a great workshop in November, and filled 66 Samaritan's Purse Boxes. Many more boxes came in from the general FBC population, and we sent 200+ boxes to bless children all over the world! Thank you! We will meet again, January 9, at 9:30 am. Rm. 205! We hope you will join us.

Q. Call Claire Long @ (360)427-1347

Bible Study Fellowship

• Men's Study Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm. Contact: Gerry Zacher (360) 462-0269

• Women's Study Wednesdays @ 9:30 am. Contact: Doris Zacher (360) 462-0269

Women's Bible Study, Thurs. @ 9:30 am.

Rm. 101—Book of 2 Peter Contact Sherry Kalte (360) 427-9447

Thank You FBC

for Helping provide 39 Thanksgiving Baskets for LOVE INC. Sponsored Community Families.



Please keep our community in prayer, that they will see the love of Jesus, and come to seek and know him this holiday season.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

MEN'S Breakfast Potluck and Study! December 28, 7:30 am @ FBC Please bring your favorite

Breakfast dish to share, a Bible, notebook & pen for our study time. Q: contact Michael Scafe (360) 463-0678





Sunday School Class Changes for the Holidays:





Dec. 01: Regular Classes: Nursery - 5th grade Dec. 08: Regular Classes: Nursery - 5th grade **Dec.15: Nursery - 5 years ONLY** Dec. 22: Regular Classes: Nursery - 5th grade **Dec. 29: Nursery - 5 years ONLY**

December 15 is the day of the Christmas Pageant – Parents, if your child is not a participant of our Christmas Program "Light In The Darkness", please have them sit with you in church and enjoy the program!

December 29 we will be taking a week off for the holidays, and plan to resume as normal the following week.

"Light in the Darkness"

Children's Christmas Program ~ December 15. 2019

Our Lyrical Choir & Sunday School Children have been preparing to share a special Christmas Presentation, in both services on Sunday, December 15.

<u>All Participants must attend the dress rehearsal</u> on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 am—12 noon, *in order to participate on Sunday*.

Parents, if your child is not a participant of our Christmas Program "Light In The Darkness", please have them sit with you in church and enjoy the presentation! <u>Questions Contact</u>: Anne-marie@sheltonfbc.org (360) 426-8461

Lyrical Concerts in December.

Thur. Dec.12: at 3:45 pm. at Maple Glen Thur. Dec.14: at 12:45 pm. at LiveWires' Luncheon Sun. Dec.15: at 9 and 10:30 am. FBC, "Light in the Darkness"

We will take a break over Christmas, and resume a new season on January 27 (we are taking the month of January off!). If your child would like to join Lyrical, plan to come on January 27 for the launch of a Spring Session. Please contact Anne-Marie Nakhla at <u>anne-marie@sheltonfbc.org</u> if you have questions.

Children's Ministry Director: Anne-Marie@sheltonfbc.org. (360) 426-8461 x17

Ministry Opportunity: Our KIDS MINISTRY NEEDS NURSERY WORKERS for both the

9 and 10:30 hours. No teaching needed – just love small children and be willing to wrangle them /hold them / play with them for an hour. Make a commitment for once a month or every week.

Please contact Anne-Marie Nakhla at <u>anne-marie@sheltonfbc.org</u> or text 360-490-7252.

AWANA CLUB. Wednesdays 6-8 pm,



DECEMBER Club Nights!



Dec. 04 Zoo Night

Dec. 11 Sdrawkcab Night

Dec. 18 Happy Birthday Jesus

Dec. 24 No Club! Merry Christmas!



FBC Youth Ministry

HS Study Group gr. 9-12

Sundays, 9 am, in C3

HS Youth Group. in C3 Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm

MS Study Group gr. 6-8 Sundays, 9 am, in C3

MS Youth Group. in C3 Wednesdays, 6 - 8 pm

Middle School (6th-8th grade)

Our middle school youth group is having a blast and growing together. We ended November with a Thanksgiving Smoothie game. It tastes worse than you think!

The focus has been on women of faith in the Bible. The teaching will lead us to Mary and the Christmas story.

The last Middle School youth group of 2019 is December 18th. We'll have a Christmas party. Students are welcome to bring a snack or drink to share.



High School

God continues to bless and grow our high school youth. Each week we spend time praying for specific students. This last month we hurt as students shared loss, anxiety, and concerns for loved ones. We praised God for his miraculous grace (the guitar was returned) and protection as a student went on a short mission to Peru.



Our focus for the fall is Christian Community

(Awkward. Weird. Messy. Fun. Life-Changing). On November 26th, 60+ high schoolers packed into C3 and shared a Thanksgiving meal. The community time ended with the teens writing each other notes of encouragement and support.

High School Youth will take a break for Christmas on 12/23 & 12/30.



If you have any questions or would like to connect a student to the ministry contact **Pastor James** 360.426.8461 or <u>pastorjames@sheltonfbc.org</u>

Giving of Our Regular Tithes and Offerings. Ministering together in His name.

In light of our current need to balance our giving and fiscal budget ~ we want to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving \$30 more a month, or begin giving as part of your regular worship to the Lord. Our leadership will continue to monitor our giving & budget needs, and if necessary we will modify the budget to be wise stewards of our finances and minister as the Lord leads.

Ways Our Church Family Can Give:

- Offering Envelopes are provided in the pew rack for your checks or cash offerings on Sundays, as a part of our regular acts of worship.
- Set up "Bill Pay" through your bank, for regular giving, to avoid extra cost associated with processing a credit card payment.
- **Giving Online** @ www.sheltonfbc.org. A secure resource on our web page, for credit card giving on a one time or reoccurring basis.

Please note: Credit Card payments have an added cost to FBC of 3%. Please consider adding 3% to your payment with this method to cover added costs.

Questions: Please contact our Financial Secretary Val Robbins, val@sheltonfbc.org