

## DECEMBER 2017

First Baptist Church  
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Join us for Worship + SS

**Sunday Mornings**  
9:00 + 10:30

**Services in Spanish**  
Latino Ministry  
5 pm at FBC

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## Christmas is here!

Join us for our December series as we look at the *surprising* and weird events surrounding the birth of the most remarkable person.

**9:00 & 10:30 am. every Sunday!**

Sun. Dec. 03. New Series & Communion  
Sun. Dec. 10. Children's Cupcake Musical  
Sun. Dec. 17. Special Christmas Service  
Sun. Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Morning Service

Missed a Sunday? Listen to our messages at  
[www.sheltonfbc.org](http://www.sheltonfbc.org)

We look forward to celebrating this season with **Advent Devotions**, candle lightings and *special weekly readings* for you and your family!

Each week's reading will be available Sundays, at our Welcome Desk, or go online to [www.sheltonfbc.org/advent](http://www.sheltonfbc.org/advent)

### Advent Devotional

**Purpose:** Children can be far more excited about a friend's birthday party than they about their friend's birthday. Parents know this. This is why at some point during the party they ensure that the event is truly about their birthday boy or girl. They call all the kids to the table with the cake. They light the candles and focus on that child. That's similar to the purpose of an Advent devotional. This season can easily be about Jesus' birthday party instead of Jesus. And an advent devotional can be one of a number of ways for us to stop in this midst of this busy season and reflect on Jesus' birth. Consider using this with friends, small groups, neighbors, and/or family to refocus your hearts on Jesus this December.

**Instructions:** For the next four weeks we will give you a one-page advent guide on Sunday morning. Each week will focus on one of four themes we will be studying as a church: *Adoption, Grace, Providence, and Adoration*. Pick just one day out of the week and set aside 15 minutes for the devotional. Consider buying four candles that represent each of these four themes. Light one each week to begin your devotional and the following discussion guide.

### Week 1 | Adoption | December 3 - 9

#### Light the Advent Candle

Have a person light the first of four candles.

#### Scripture Reading

Have one person read the following passage out loud.

#### Galatians 4:4-7

"<sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. <sup>6</sup> And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir."

#### Reflection

Verse 4 says that Jesus is God's Son. | **Discuss:** What are the awesome things children get because of the relationship to their parents? How is this like Jesus relationship with the Father?

Verse 5 says that we were slaves and instead of God's children. | **Discuss:** What images come to mind when you hear the word slavery? How is a slave different than a child?

Verse 4-5 says that we were slaves because we kept disobeying God's law. But God sent His Son to obey the law for us and to die for our sins so that he might free us and adopt us as his children. | **Discuss:** What is adoption? What are some of awesome things we get because of our adoption into God's family?

#### Pray

Have a family member say a prayer to thank God for making us his kids because of Jesus.



## FBC Giving Tree



This year we have the privilege of blessing two ministries in our community.

**TURNING POINTE**  
Survivor Advocacy Center  
www.turningpointe.org  
Shelton: 360.426.1216

**CROSSOVER**  
Women's Ministry  
www.crossoverwm.com  
360.463.8146 or 360.490-2979



These two ministry organizations are vital for women in our community who are in transition and in need of support for various life situations.

Thank you for your generosity!

Visit our Giving Tree on Sundays, and **take a tag** with noted "needs" for these two groups. The impact of your kindness will be greater than you may know.

**Return the needed items in gift bags, by December 19.**

We will be delivering these gifts to the group homes by December 20!

**Also:** There are a few "family care" tags available to help FBC families too!

Thank you for your generosity!

## LOVE INC. Community Thanksgiving Baskets.



Love INC is blessed to **thank all who participated** in providing Thanksgiving Baskets for community families. Our FBC family provided 38 baskets this year. Along with other community churches, 161 baskets total were given away, feeding 900 people. **COLD WINTER NECESSITIES:** Blankets, Tents, Tarps, Sleeping Bags are a great need during these cold months. Bring your New or gently used items for donation on Sundays, to our LoveINC basket in the Family Center.

## Women's Precept Bible Study Wednesdays

9—11 am. Rm. 101  
*Lord, Teach Me to Pray*  
Nov. 29th - Dec. 20,  
Workbook \$8 Child care available. Please contact **Kathleen Esterly** at (360) 432-0656

*We always welcome newcomers!*

## Women's Bible Study Mondays

6:30—8 pm.  
Rm. 204  
"Living Free"  
*Learning to Pray God's Word*



Facilitated by **Beth Williams** (360) 426-2041

## Ladies Fellowship Event. Friday, Dec. 8.

**Sock Exchange Party! 6:30-8:30 pm.**



**Bring 2 pairs of Socks:** Wrap one for a white elephant exchange and fill it an assortment of small treats. The Other pair will be donate to the Community Lifeline.

**Bring a Dessert** to share. And at the end of the evening, we will take pictures of our silly feet!

We hope you will come and enjoy a night of friendship, dessert and hot drinks.  
**Q's: contact** LaelAnn Scafe @ 360.426.8085

## Holiday Blues Decoration Swap January 06. 2013

Ladies come join us **Saturday January 6th 10AM-12PM** we are going to counteract the holiday blues with a decoration swap, **bring your decorations** you are tired of (and are ready to give away) and swap them out. All holiday decorations are welcome (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Valentines, etc) **Bring a snack** to share. All leftover decorations will be donated when we are done.



## Welcome! FBC Family Members!

On Sunday, December 03, we will welcome these new FBC Members! Brooke Bane, Thomas & Trisha Christian, Michael & Kelley May, Warren & Judy Rich and Allen & Carol Silver.

## Missions Supply Workshop

**2nd Thursdays NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. SEE YOU AGAIN, JANUARY 11. 9:30-11:30 am. Rm. 205**



Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes! This year our FBC family sent over 210 boxes to children all around the world! Did you get a tracking number for your box? If so, that will be great to see where your box goes this year!

## LiveWires' Senior Adults 55+ or Retired

**Thursday, December 14, 12 noon, in the Family Center**

Our monthly potluck will be all about Christmas, as we celebrate Christ's birth with carol singing, beautiful table decorations, and sharing good food together.

Bring a hot dish, or salad, or dessert, and this time **we will supply the table service.** Come a little early--our tables fill up quickly.

**Saturday, December 16, Outing to "Coming Home": A Singing Christmas Tree Performance** Life Center, Tacoma.

This seasonal extravaganza features thousands of lights, carols, dancers, singers, a full orchestra and a dramatic storyline. **We will leave the**

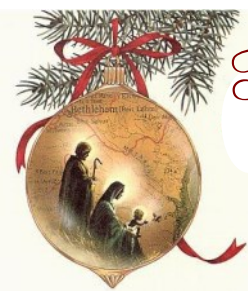


**church at 11:30,** have lunch at the Olive Garden in Tacoma, and go to the 3 pm. performance.

We need to order tickets **soon** to guarantee our seats.

**Tickets are \$15.** Call Ron Porter at (360)426-4320. Transportation \$3.

★ **THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S BREAKFAST IN DECEMBER!**



*For unto us a child is born  
Unto us a Son is given...*

*Isaiah 9:6*



## Children's Ministry

Children's Minister: **Lynn Foster**,  
426.8461 x. 11, [lynn@sheltonfbc.org](mailto:lynn@sheltonfbc.org).



## SUNDAY MORNINGS Kid's Classes:

Pre K—5th grade

### “EXPLORE THE BIBLE”

LOOK for the take home paper each week that you can use for your family devotions!

## Children's Christmas Program!

We have been practicing singing our songs for months in Sunday School so... on **Sunday, December 10**, the children will be singing during both church services.

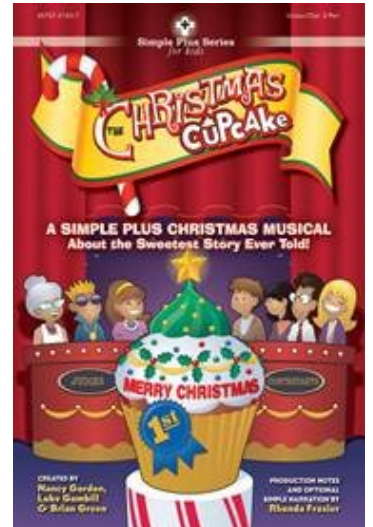
**Children need to be at the church in Rm. 105 by 8:45 am!**

Please plan on coming to the 1st service so that your child can sing for both services. The children perform at the beginning of each service so you need not stay for the entire second service! We will plan on a fun party for the children, after they finish singing in the 1st service. **Parents please pick up your children in Rm. 105 after they finish singing in the 2nd service.**

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal + Pizza Lunch: Saturday, December 9**, from 11:00-1:00pm. We will be rehearsing where to stand, when to sing and all the other important things that are involved in doing the program.

**If you miss this rehearsal**, please have your child sit and enjoy the program with you on Sunday morning, and then they can come join their class after the program! Only children who have attended the mandatory rehearsal will be able to perform in the program.

Please **RSVP** to Lynn at the church sign up, [lynn@sheltonfbc.org](mailto:lynn@sheltonfbc.org), / 426.8461 to let us know your child will be attending, so we know how much pizza to order.



## AWANA Bible Club K- 5th grade

Weds. 6—8 pm.

**Dec 06 Friendship Night:** Introduce a new friend to Jesus tonight! Both earn a candy bar!

**Dec 13 Happy Birthday Jesus Night:** Bring a new baby gift to donate to Crisis Pregnancy Care in honor of Jesus' birth!

**Dec 20** No AWANA

**Dec 27** No AWANA

We will see you all back on **January 3 for Double Dollar Night** – a good night to say extra verses!!



Thank you for all the food donations for “Blessed to Be a Blessing Night” at AWANA! John at the Saint's Pantry says a BIG Thank you to everyone!



## FBC Youth Ministry

**HS Study Group gr. 9-12**  
Sundays 9 am, in C3

**HS Youth Group. C3**  
Monday 6:30-8:30 pm

**JH Study Group gr. 6-8**  
Sundays 9 am, Rm. 101

**JH Youth Group. C3**  
Wednesday 6- 8 pm



HS Christmas Party December 18! C3—6:30 pm.  
Check out the details on our facebook page!

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[facebook.com/sheltonC3](https://www.facebook.com/sheltonC3)

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