



## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, January 7

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom  
9:45 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom  
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

### Monday, January 8

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105/Zoom  
2:00 p.m. Take down Christmas Decorations  
4:15 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

### Tuesday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Children Chapel-Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library  
2:00 p.m. History Committee-Rm. 219  
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Take down Christmas Trees

### Thursday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom  
12:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Rm. 105  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### **Gratitude for Giving**

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of John Abbott by Elizabeth Floyd. A gift has been given in memory of Crystal Austin by James Austin. A gift has been given in memory of Katherine & Winston Nelson by Luther Ensminger. A gift has been given in memory of JoLene White & The McConnells by Lee Anne & Frank Fuller. A gift has been given in honor of Martha Medley by Lee Anne & Frank Fuller

### **Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2024 Food Assignment: Sugar (4lb.)**

Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

### **2024 Wish List from the FBC Flower Committee-Can you donate?**

#### **New Christmas Trees**

The Flower Committee would like to raise money to buy much-needed new Christmas Trees for the Narthex and Sanctuary. The current trees are in bad shape – the lights no longer work and the branches are broken. We are looking to buy three 9' pre-lit trees. Each tree will cost \$799 for a total of \$2,397.

#### **New Green Paraments**

We would like to upgrade our green paraments to a more modern green color and design. The cost for paraments (Lord's Table and pulpit) is around \$1,500.

#### **Worship Banners with stands for the Sanctuary**

These banners depicting the different liturgical seasons would be 3'x9' and would hang on a stand in the Sanctuary to focus our worship for each season. The stands are \$300 each (need two) and the banners range from \$200-280 each (2 per season, reusable).

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund for any of these projects, you may do so in memory/honor of a loved one.

## Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

**A diverse community of believers coming from many Christian traditions** to worship, learn, and grow together as followers of Jesus.

**Serving God in our church, our community, and the world** by investing our energy and resources to living like Jesus called us to live — in service to God and neighbor.

**Growing and changing our ministries** to include more variety in our vision so as to meet the needs of our community. Come GROW with us!

***If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here.***

*Come and see what God is doing among us as we worship and serve in Christ's name.*

Want to know more? Contact our Pastor: [libby@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto:libby@fbcmartinsville.com) or 276-632-6336.

### Open Invitation

Our congregation wishes to partner with you and your family on a shared journey of faith. Whatever your background, we would love to explore with you how to join with us as we minister to this community together.

Please contact our pastor if you are interested in wanting to know more about following Jesus, how to join this church as an active participant, or if you'd like to recommit yourself to this church and its ministry.

*Our doors are always open.*



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*Following the Star...*

*Epiphany Sunday*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2024 Pledge Campaign Update**  
Thank you for submitting your 2024 pledge! So far for 2024 we have received 27 pledges totaling \$158,936. Pledge cards are still available in the church office.

**Offering Envelopes for 2024** - pick up in the Bell Tower.

**The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.**  
The Center is now located at the Salvation Army, 603 Memorial Blvd. S, Martinsville, VA. To learn more about how you can volunteer, see your e-newsletter or the church bulletin board for a list of donations needed.

**Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry**  
The Missions Committee invites the church to serve children in our community through food donation. Patrick Henry Elementary school is providing food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. A list of items can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please place any of the needed items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room.

**Donations Delivery**  
Can you help FBC deliver donations to partner organizations? If interested, please contact the church office.

**Heifer International Offering-Thank You!**  
Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,551.02 for Heifer International during the month of December. Our total of \$1551.02 was 4x matched when our donations were sent on December 29<sup>th</sup>. This enabled us to purchase **one Water for Life systems; send two Girls to School; purchase two honeybee hives; and purchase two flocks of chicks and two garden seeds.** Your donations will help Heifer International reach their mission "to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities."

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,  
finding one wiser than they knew;  
rich men, they met with one yet richer—King of the kings,  
they knelt to you: Jesus, our wisdom from above,  
wealth and redemption, life and love.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendor,  
led by a star to light supreme; promised Messiah, Lord eternal,  
glory and peace are in your name. Joy of each day,  
our Song by night, shine on our path your holy light.

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect  
light.*

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