

# In Worship Today

## December 24, 2017

Offertory: "Saviour Christ the King" Arline Bowman, Solo

Today's Message: Rev. Ed Johnson  
"The Wonder of Jesus Christ" (Isaiah 9:6)

### WELCOME REV. ED JOHNSON

We have the privilege to welcome Rev. Ed Johnson as our interim preacher. Rev. Johnson, who has been in ministry for over 50 years, served as senior pastor at FB Ocala from 1983-2006. He has also served as Adjunct Professor for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and held other leadership positions within the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Johnson will fill the roll of interim preacher until a new senior pastor is called.



### CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

9:00AM - Sunday School  
10:30AM - Morning Worship Service  
5:00PM - Candlelight Service

### DISCIPLE NOW 2018 FEB 23 - 25

Open to 6-12 grade students. Disciple Now is a great weekend of friends, fellowship, discipleship and fun competition centered around God's Word and getting to know Him better. Registration opens **Jan 1** and closes **Feb 18**. Cost is \$99 with an Early Bird Discount of \$89 if registered AND paid in full by midnight, **Wed, Feb 7**. Visit [fbsweetwater.org/events](http://fbsweetwater.org/events) for all the details.



### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT SAT | JAN 6 | 5-9PM

This month's theme is Pokemon... come and catch 'em all! Cost is \$15 per child, birth - grade 5, with a maximum of \$40 per family. We will feed your child if you provide a meal. If your child has any allergies, please pack a snack or food, otherwise we will provide a snack. Register and pay online at [fbsweetwater.org/events](http://fbsweetwater.org/events), or make checks payable to FB Sweetwater referencing, "Parent's Night Out" in the memo. This event is a Student Choir Summer Mission Tour fundraiser.

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING & POSTAL CENTER

Our FBS goal this year is **\$50,000**. To give online, go to [fbsweetwater.org](http://fbsweetwater.org) and click on the green Online Giving button. If you are sending a Christmas card to a friend at Sweetwater, use our Lottie Moon Postal Center instead of the USPS. We ask that you include the postage cost with your Lottie Moon offering.

### READ THROUGH THE BIBLE CHALLENGE 2018

Take the challenge of getting to know our Lord better by reading through the Bible next year. Sign up on the Connection Card. Suggested reading plans are available at the welcome centers or online.

### REMOVE DECORATIONS (3PM) FELLOWSHIP DINNER (5:30PM) THURS | JAN 4

Removing the Christmas decorations takes half the time as putting them up! And this year we have a free spaghetti dinner and all the fixins' (donations accepted) following in the Fellowship Hall to reward you for your hard work in helping us get our Worship Center ready for the new year. Sign up on the Connection Card. You may sign up for either event, but please consider signing up for BOTH!

### YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

The church office will be closed from **Dec 25 - Jan 1**. Any donations postmarked by **Dec 31**, as well as donations made online by midnight on **Dec 31** will receive contribution credit for 2017.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

In addition to the Lottie Moon offering promoted during December, please consider a gift to the A.N.G.E.L.S Ministry. (Acknowledging Needs, Giving Encouragement, Love and Service). Reference "ANGELS" on your check or offering envelope.

### F-ORGIVE...B-LESS...S-ERVE

FBS Ladies' Retreat, **March 9-11**, Lake Yale Conference Center. Join us at this peaceful lakeside retreat center, as we look forward to hearing from special guest speaker, Sandy McRaney. An \$80 deposit is due by **Jan 7**. Reference "ladies' retreat" on your check, or register and pay online at [fbsweetwater.org](http://fbsweetwater.org) by clicking on the "Ladies' Retreat" button. Complete the retreat brochure, which can be found at the Welcome Desk or online.

### UPPER CLASS PROGRAM MON | JAN 8 | 11:30AM

Don't miss the unique harmony of the Weaver Believer Band. Sign up on the Connection Card and bring your covered dish to share.

### WOMEN'S PRECEPTS CLASS LUKE PART 2 | JAN 8 - MAR 12

Melody Ringenberg will lead this class. You needn't have done part 1 to come. Daily homework involved. No childcare offered. Questions? Contact Melody at [rtingenberg@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rtingenberg@cfl.rr.com). Sign up on the Connection Card if you'd like to attend.

**Sunday, December 24**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service (Rev. Ed Johnson)  
12:00 pm 1st Time Guest Reception  
5:00 pm Candlelight Service

**Monday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!  
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 26**

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool  
Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 27**

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool  
Church Office Closed

**Thursday, December 28**

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool  
Church Office Closed

**Friday, December 29**

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool  
Church Office Closed

**Saturday, December 30**

**Sunday, December 31**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service (Rev. Ed Johnson)  
12:00 pm 1st Time Guest Reception

**Pastor Search Team (PSMAT):**

Amy Bailey, Bart Barrett, Bill Chatlos, Nick Elkins, Chad Garmon, Greg Larson, Ron Pierson, Melody Ringenberg, Sarah Taylor.

Questions or suggestions? Email the team at [pastorsearch@fbsweetwater.org](mailto:pastorsearch@fbsweetwater.org)

*Financial Update for  
October 2017 - September 2018  
Giving thru December 17*

YTD Budget	\$ 352,051
YTD Receipts	\$ 305,546
Lottie Moon	\$ 10,677

**Ways to Give at FBS:**

- ◆ Mail to the church office
- ◆ Place donation in the offering plate
- ◆ Bill pay through your bank or financial institution
- ◆ Online Giving at [fbsweetwater.org](http://fbsweetwater.org) (one time, recurring, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly). If you don't have an account, click on NEW MEMBER and follow the prompts

**Attendance:**

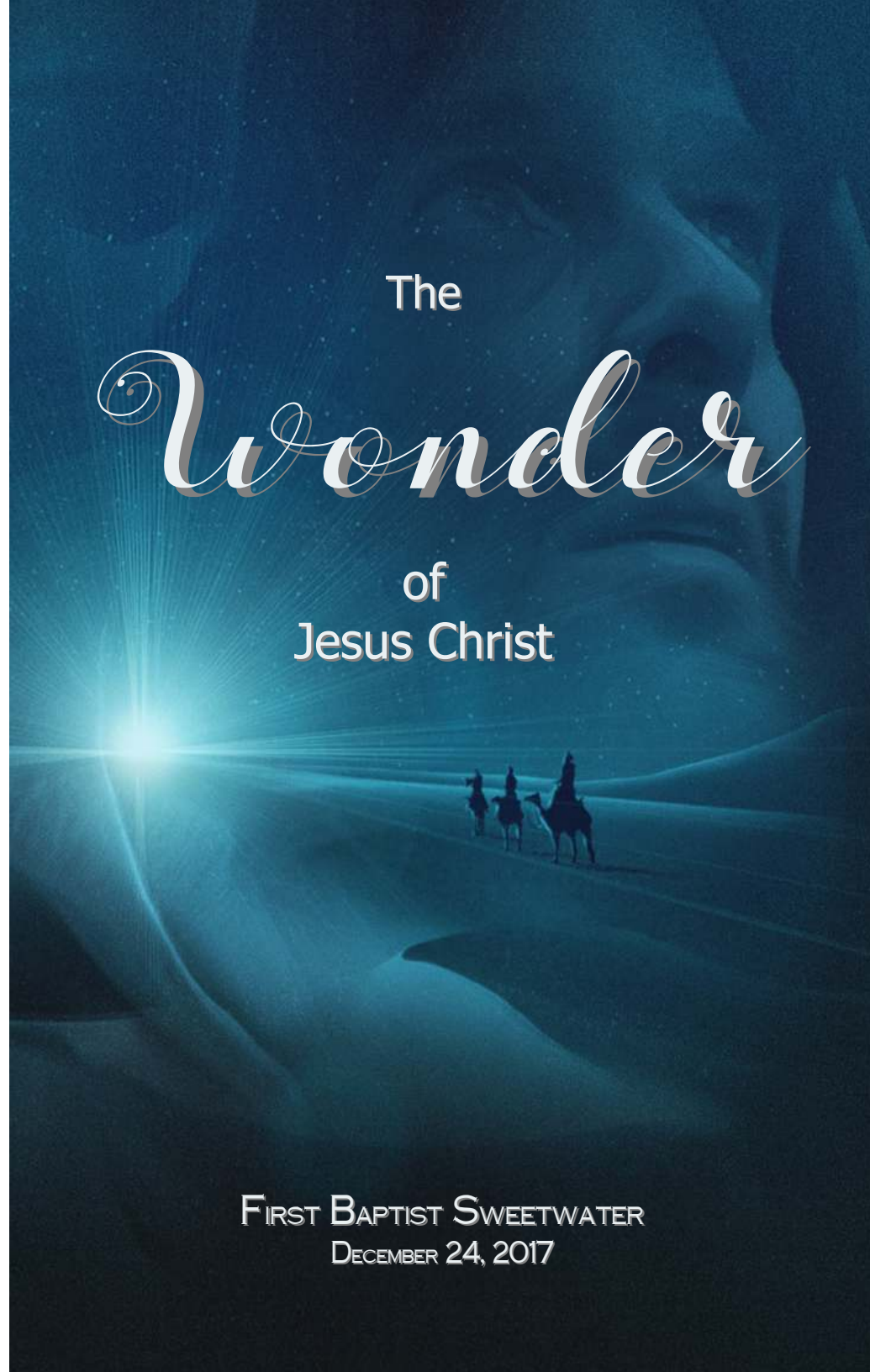
Sunday School - 292  
Worship - 396



**Kingdom Kids Children's Church  
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade**

Kids, worship with your family at the beginning of service, then watch for our Kingdom Kids Team to escort you to our Kingdom Kids space. We'll bring you back to the Worship Center before the service ends.

The  
*Wonder*  
of  
Jesus Christ



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