# \$\mathcal{I}\$n Worship TodayDecember 17, 2017

Baptism of Matthew Payne

Special Music: "I Believe" Choir, Orchestra & Kelleigh Powell, solo

Today's Message: Dr. John Holloway "This Jesus...My Jesus" (Acts 2:22-36)



# Merry Christmas!

With Love,

The FBS Staff

#### 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. Online registration & pay option (fbsweetwater.org/events) opens **Dec 22**, or make checks payable to FB Sweetwater.



referencing, "Parent's Night Out" in the memo. This event is a fundraiser for our Student Choir Summer Mission Tour.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE**

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

#### YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

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

## LOTTIE MOON OFFERING & POSTAL CENTER

Our FBS goal this year is **\$50,000**. To date we have collected \$6,157. Designated envelopes are placed in the back of your pew. To give online, go to fbsweetwater.org and click on the green Online Giving button.

If you are sending a Christmas card to a friend at Sweetwater, why not use our Lottie Moon Postal Center instead of the USPS? No stamps needed, but we do ask that you include the postage cost in with your Lottie Moon offering.

## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE CHALLENGE

Take the challenge of getting to know our Lord better by reading through the Bible in a year. A copy of the reading plan is inserted in your bulletin today or go to fbsweetwater.org/bible-reading for the online version.

If you have nearly completed your goal of reading through the Bible in 2017, let us know by signing the Connection Card! We'd like to celebrate with you! Also, sign up on the Connection Card to take the 2018 Read Through the Bible challenge.

### DISCIPLE NOW 2018

FEB 23 - 25

Save the date for Camp Ithiel 2018! Open to all 6-12 grade students. Registration will open **Jan. 1, 2018**.

#### 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. by clicking on the "Ladies' Retreat" button. You must complete the retreat brochure, which can be found at the Welcome Desk or online.

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

The Weaver family, AKA Weaver Believer Band, is known throughout the country, because of their unique mixture of bluegrass, southern gospel and country music. With their tight harmony and one of a kind family group, it's sure to be a performance not easily forgotten. Sign up on the Connection Card and bring your covered dish to share.

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

How does Jesus, knowing crucifixion awaits Him, spend His final days? Handle His adversaries? Melody Ringenberg will lead this class and discuss these questions and more. You needn't have done part 1 to come. Daily homework involved. No childcare offered. Questions? Contact Melody at rringenberg@cfl.rr.com. Sign up on the Connection Card if you'd like to attend.

#### Sunday, December 17

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service (John Holloway)

12:00 pm 1st Time Guest Reception

#### Monday, December 18

6:30 pm PSMAT Meeting (A133) 7:00 pm IPMAT Meeting (A108)

#### Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am Sweetwater Christian Preschool

#### Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am Sweetwater Christian Preschool 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

#### Thursday, December 21

9:00 am Sweetwater Christian Preschool

#### Friday, December 22

NO Sweetwater Christian Preschool

#### Saturday, December 23

#### 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

#### 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

#### Financial Update for October 2017 - September 2018 Giving thru December 10

YTD Budget	\$ 322,714
YTD Receipts	\$ 287,393
Lottie Moon	\$ 6,157

#### 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 (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 - 291 Worship - 596

#### Wednesday Night Ministries:

Prayer Meeting - 10
Adult Choir & Orchestra Banquet - 80

#### Peanut Butter & Jelly

Collected for the A.N.G.E.L.S. Ministry
Peanut Butter - 103

Jelly - 6



#### 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.

## First Baptist Sweetwater

THIS JESUS Acts 2:22-36 **December 17, 2017** FIRST BAPTIST SWEETWATER