



A Night of Christmas Music

With Guests Michael and Joseph O'Brien

Saturday, December 16— 6:00 PM— First Baptist Church

Tickets are Free but must be picked up at the Welcome Center on Sundays or Church Office during the week.



15th Annual Fannin CLC Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 9
6:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church
of Blue Ridge

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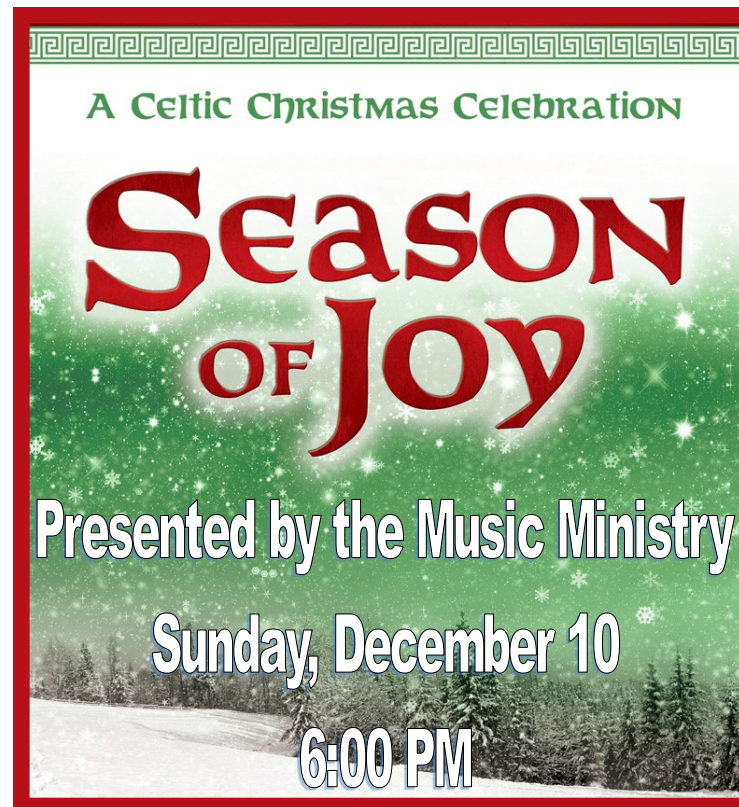
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Begin your Christmas season focusing on the true story of Jesus' birth

- ◆ See stable animals
- ◆ Visit the pottery shed, textile shop, scribe's tent, spice shop and the Bethlehem bakery

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Sign up in Fellowship Hall





The Cross Brought Me Up

It's already that cooler time of year when many in the county are beginning to stockpile firewood and a few chimneys and stove-pipes are already billowing out their white clouds. I recently broke my axe chopping firewood and it reminded me of a story in 2 Kings 6.

Elisha accompanies a number of young prophets to the borders of the Jordan to chop logs to build a new prophet's school dormitory. While chopping, one of the students loses an axe head in the river and then begins to lament to Elisha that it was borrowed inferring that he would now have to pay for a new axe. The prophet promptly tosses a stick to the location where axe went in the water and it floats to the surface. This story has always amused me.

But allow me a little liberty to say that this is a story of redemption reminding us of our own salvation. We creatures, not of our own possession but of the Creator, ruined these borrowed selves by sin through Adam. We were sunk deep in the depths, until the cross made the difference. A stick cast into the annals of human ruin, and the lost were brought back, brought up from the depths of sin and restored to their rightful Owner and rightful use. Amen and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ!

—Pastor Rusty

NOVEMBER 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”</i> <i>Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)</i>			1. CC Classes 9:30 AM	2. Precept will not meet today Aerobics 5:30 PM	3.	4.
5. Sunday School 9:30 AM AM Worship 10:45 PM Worship 6:00	6. Aerobics 5:30 PM	7. Heart to Hands 10 AM Young Adult Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM	8. CC Classes 9:30 AM FALL SCHEDULE	9. PRECEPT 9:00 AM Aerobics 5:30 PM	10.	11. Men’s Ministry Breakfast—8:00 am Fellowship Hall
12. Sunday School 9 :30 AM AM Worship 10:45 PM Worship 6:00 BUSINESS MEETING	13. Aerobics 5:30 PM	14.  Return filled shoe boxes today! Young Adult Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM	15. CC Classes 9:30 AM FALL SCHEDULE	16. PRECEPT 9:00 AM Women’s Ministry: “Joy” Bible Study Room 211 6:30 PM Aerobics 5:30 PM	17.	18. <i>“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”</i> Psalm 46:10
19. Sunday School 9 :30 AM Thanksgiving Service Followed by Thanksgiving Lunch No PM WORSHIP SERVICE	20. Aerobics 5:30 PM	21. Young Adult Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM	22. NO ACTIVITIES	23. Church office closed HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY!	24. Church office closed	25. S.A.L.T.
26. Sunday School 9 :30 AM AM Worship 10:45 PM Worship 6:00	27. Aerobics 5:30 PM	28. Young Adult Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM	29.	30. Aerobics 5:30 PM		

FALL WEEKLY SCHEDULE		
Sun.	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 PM	Aerobics
Tues.	7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 am	Homeschool
	3:30 PM	Painting with a Purpose
	5:00 PM	Family Fellowship Meal
	6:00 PM	Preschool/Children Bible Study/Choir
		ESL Class
	6:00 PM	Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center
		Prayer Mtg./Adult Bible Study
	7:15 PM	Worship Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Precept Bible Study—A/Y Center

DEACON OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 2023

05	Mike Creasman	678-232-8859
12	Mike George	252-341-3385
19	Don Peek	706-632-3369
26	Fred Cochran	850-585-6507

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2	Clara Rogers	
7	Jessica Ramirez	
8	Andrew Carroll	
9	Kevin Turner	
10	Cecil Anderson	Jerrie Merritt Beverly Carter
13	Patricia Bordeaux	
16	Hannah Queen	Tom Carroll
18	Sharon Mullings	
19	Elijah Carroll	
20	Cindy Kunieda	
21	Karen Goebel	Don Peek
24	Philip Arnall	
27	Mary Alice Turner	Matt Hinman
28	Cecil & Pam Anderson (A)	
29	Sheila Golden	

May today be a celebration
 of your life in Christ and faithful service to God.