

DECEMBER 2017

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

Welcome to the Monthly Calendar for Second Baptist Church – which will display all meetings and events planned to take place at our church this month. **Please check this calendar weekly for new dates/times and cancellations.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1p Anna Circle 6p Dawson/Brown wedding rehearsal	2 9a Leadership Mtg. 11a Evangelism Mtg. 11a Mentor Mtg. 11:30a SS Christmas Program rehearsal 3:30p Dawson/ Brown wedding
3 Communion/ Baptism 1 st Sunday of Advent Mass Choir	4	5 6:30p New Song/Review 6:30p Male Chorus 7p Choir Sectional 7:30p Full Choir 8p Choir Training	6 11a/6p Sweet Hour of Prayer	7 11:30a PACT Mtg. 6:30p Dance Ministry 6:30p Male Chorus	8	9 9a Men's Fellowship 11a ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
10 Devoted Saints Dance Ministry Male Chorus 2 nd Sunday of Advent	11	12 6:30p New Song/Review 7p Choir Sectional 7p Usher Ministry Christmas Dinner 7:30p Full Choir 8p Choir Training	13 11a/6p Sweet Hour of Prayer	14	15	16 9:30a Women's Fellowship Ministry 10a Food Pantry Faith Mission
17 Mass Choir 3 rd Sunday of Advent 1:30p Senior's Holiday Dinner	18	19	20 11a/6p Sweet Hour of Prayer 6p Security Team Mtg.	21 6:30p Dance Ministry	22	23
24 Youth Choir 4 th Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS EVE 9:30a Sunday School Christmas play	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed	26	27 11a/6p Sweet Hour of Prayer	28 6:30p Dance Ministry	29	30
31 Puppet Ministry NEW YEAR'S EVE 1:30p Two-by-Two Visitation 10p Watch Night Service						

INTERNATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS MONTH
NAT'L DRUNK & DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

ADVENT 2017

Advent, "the season of preparation for the coming of Christ," begins **Sunday, December 3rd**. During Advent, the church prepares for the birth of Jesus as a babe in a manger in history and for the rebirth of Christ's presence in the hearts of faithful people. Advent is a time to remember that we also wait for Christ's promised return to the world, called the "Second Coming."

Here at Second Baptist Church, during our worship services, Advent candles will be lit each week signifying that the light of Christ is coming closer. The Deacon/Deaconess, Women, Men and Youth/Children ministries will assist in the Advent portion of our worship by lighting the candles and reading scripture:

December 3 rd	Deacon/Deaconess	The first candle (purple) is the candle of "anticipation."
December 10 th	Women	The second candle (purple) symbolizes "love."
December 17 th	Men	The third candle (pink) symbolizes "discernment."
December 24 th	Youth/Children	The fourth candle (purple) symbolizes "love and joy." The fifth and final candle will be white. It is lit to announce the birth of Jesus, "The Light of the World."

To inspire us to celebrate our God throughout the Advent season, here is a **Daily Advent Reading Plan**:

First Week in Advent: Anticipation

December 3: 2 Peter 3:1-10
December 4: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
December 5: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
December 6: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
December 8: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
December 9: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Second Week in Advent: Love

December 10: 2 Peter 3:11-18
December 11: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
December 12: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
December 13: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
December 14: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
December 15: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5
December 16: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Third Week in Advent: Discernment

December 17: Hebrews 12:18-29
December 18: 2 Peter 1:1-11
December 19: 2 Peter 1:12-21
December 20: 2 Peter 2:1-10a
December 21: 2 Peter 2:10b-16
December 22: 2 Peter 2:17-22
December 23: Jude 17-25

Fourth Week in Advent: Love and Joy

December 24: Ephesians 6:10-20

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

We extend our heartfelt **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to each member of Second Baptist Church born in December. *(If your name is not listed, it is because we do not have your birth date in our membership files. Please contact the church office so we can update our records.*

12/01 Joyce Jackson	12/06 Kaamilya Reddens	12/17 Carla Whiting
12/01 Sydney Parmis	12/09 Catherine Cain	12/19 Eugene Jones
12/02 Victoria Ahart	12/09 Brianna Corner-Stafford	12/20 Atla Carroll
12/02 Giovanna Corner-Stafford	12/09 Donna Miller	12/20 Dorothy Kelly
12/03 Nancy Butler	12/10 Anthony Davis	12/22 Aiden Jones
12/03 Vivian S. Peterson	12/11 Tristen Davis	12/22 Mataya Stokes
12/04 Cameron Stokes	12/11 Wanda Glenn	12/23 Desanee Dawson
12/05 Jasmine Bailey	12/12 Anthony Hodge	12/26 Booker Rene Coats
12/05 Tracy Lockhart	12/16 Divine Akama	12/27 Taylor Adams
12/05 Marge Whatley	12/16 Clyde Wright	12/29 Janet Gissendaner
	12/17 John Coats	