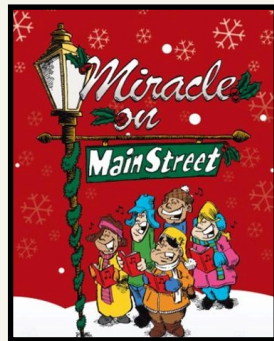


**First Annual Memorial Service**  
**Sunday, December 3 @ 6pm**

**Week of Prayer for International Missions (Lottie Moon)**  
**December 3-9**

**Ribbon Cutting for Walking Trail**  
**Monday, December 4th @ 1:30pm**



Come hear our  
**Children's  
 Choir present  
 "Miracle on  
 Main Street"  
 Sunday,  
 Dec. 10  
 @ 6pm**

**Family Christmas  
 Tree**

New Members:  
 Add your ornament  
 to our  
 Family Christmas Tree  
 in the great hallway.

**Memorial Poinsettias**

If you wish to provide a  
 poinsettia in memory of or  
 in honor of someone to  
 help decorate our sanctuary  
 for Christmas, please  
 contact the church office by  
 December 13th.

*Tyler's Tune*



How many times have you sung "Joy to the World" at Christmas and thought how wonderfully it matched the feeling of the season of Christmas with the joy of the birth of Jesus? If you're like me, you love the song. You love how it is one of the easier carols to sing. You love how you can belt it out and let the joy show in your voice.

But did you know Isaac Watts, one of the greatest hymn writers ever, never intended "Joy to the World" to be a song and certainly not a Christmas song? In 1719, Watts published a book of poems in which each poem was based on a psalm. In his poems, he wanted to show how the psalms related to how Jesus was revealed as the Savior of the world in the New Testament.

"Joy to the World" was one of those poems based on Psalm 98 as Watts interpreted this psalm to be a celebration of Jesus's role as King of both his church and the whole world. He intended the words of his poem to show the return of Christ rather than His birth. Watts never knew that the poem he wrote became one of his most famous hymns when more than a century later a Boston music teacher named Lowell Mason discovered his poem and set it to music. Because it was released at Christmastime, it quickly became a holiday favorite and went on to become the most published Christmas carol in America.

Take some time to read Psalm 98

What is your favorite Christmas carol or song? Scan this QR code and vote now and we'll sing it next week!

Tyler Yawn



*Our altar flowers today are in loving memory of Bill and Janet Adkerson and were provided by their daughters Amanda, Suzanne, and Lori*

**GIVING & ATTENDANCE**  
**November 26**

Sunday School	319
1st Service	262
2nd Service	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>
Wednesday	233
Offering	\$13,865.53
YTD	\$1,318,578.36
<b>Bldg Fund Bal.</b>	<b>\$2,323,364.23</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>

**Wednesday Nights**

- Supper 4:45-5:45pm**
- GA's, RA's, Mission Friends** (PreK 3-6th grade) 5:30-6:10pm
- Children's Choir, Awana** (PreK3 - 6th grade) 6:10-7:00pm
- Youth Worship** 6:00-7:00pm
- Discipleship Classes** 6:00 -7:00pm
- Prayer Meeting** 6:00 - 7:00pm

**SERVING NEXT WEEK,**  
**DECEMBER 10**  
**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

- 1st Service: Dallas Koscho, Renita Myers, Samantha Johnson, Row Miller, Julie Glass, Ellen Glass, Pam Anderson, Katherine Anderson*
- 2nd Service: Nicole Hensley, Marla Phillips, Meagan McBride, Brette Pinner, Mary Claire Hensley*

Being a member of FBC is as easy as ABCD: **Attend** weekly worship service • **Belong** to a small group • **Contribute** your time, talent, and resources • **Disciple** Groups

## Church Correspondence

ARE YOU A VISITOR TODAY?.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Or Scan the QR Code  
below with your phone to  
fill out digitally



KEEP ME IN THE LOOP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Preschool & Younger \_\_\_\_\_

**December 6**  
*No Meals the  
Month of December*

Text FBCC to 84576 – Get connected



**First Baptist Church**  
Covington, TN Connecting Hearts to Him



Sunday Morning Worship  
8:30am and 11:00am

LIVECAST at 11:00am

*Mary Did You Know*, Everett Elkins on piano

### Call To Worship

*What Child Is This?*, CHS Chamber Choir  
*Joy To The World*, CHS Chamber Choir

### Welcome and Prayer

### Worship Through Music

*Christmas Hymn*, Sanctuary Choir  
*Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

### Lighting The Bethlehem Candle (Peace)

*Joy To The World*

Children ages PreK4 & Kindergarten may leave for Children's Church in the  
Kindergarten Sunday School room.

### Message From God's Word

Pastor Cliff Marion

The Christmas Story According To the Gospel of Matthew, Part 2  
Emmanuel: God With Us  
Matthew 1:18-25

### Hymn of Response

*Just As I Am*

*Thank you for serving today!*

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

*1st Service:* Stephanie Kissell, Sabrina Benard, Hayden Benard,  
Joey Benard, Hannah Benard, Haylee Benard, Whitney  
McPherson, Jenn Taylor

*2nd Service:* Morgan Anderson, Mylea McCalla, Ava McCalla,  
Glen Daniel, Patrick & Lilian Grott

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Jennifer Downing, Piano  
Sharon Southall, Organ  
Kathy Davis, Keyboard  
Matthew Gardiner, Drums  
Hogan Maughan, Guitar

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December 3, 2023



### Four Pillars of FBC

- Loving Jesus Passionately
- Making Disciples
- Impacting Our Community, Country, and the Continents
- Living a Holy Spirit Filled Life