



First Baptist Church

# BROADCASTER

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DECEMBER 2023

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

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## RMMO 2023

*"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice." — Psalm 112: 5 (NIV)*

### Good will come from community.

"So many servants of God gave all that they have but were not compensated enough during their active ministry day. I have been the beneficiary of their dedication and know of many who are struggling to make ends meet after their retirement. I think we are morally responsible to support them."  
— Rev. Sebastian Ong, First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco

### Good will come from caring.

"It is a blessing to know that our ministry has made a difference in the lives of the people and churches we have served for the past 50 years."  
— Pastor Bill of Ohio

### Good will come from giving.

"I am sure I represent many widows who are happy to receive this [thank you check] from the churches we served."  
— Widows of Florida pastor

#### RMMO2023: Good will come.

Goodness came from the pastors, missionaries, and leaders who have served ABCUSA churches and ministries. Through your giving to RMMO2023, goodness will come back to each of them in the form of a thank you check—a tangible expression of our enduring gratitude for their service.

#### What is the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering?

RMMO is a congregational offering and a joint project of ABCUSA and MMBB. Collected annually in December from participating congregations, RMMO funds are distributed as thank you checks to ABCUSA retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to our denomination, as well as surviving spouses. A certain portion is also allocated for direct emergency assistance. The offering originated in the mid-1930s as the Communion Fellowship Offering and since 1977 has been known as RMMO.

Please make your gift in the envelopes provided by your church.

ABCUSA  
PO Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482

MMBB Financial Services  
475 Riverside Drive  
Suite 1700  
New York, NY 10115-0049

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:00 PM**

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE.

Don't forget to  
check out our  
website for up to  
date information.

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - KIDS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP FOR ADVENT

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - DAYCARE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @ 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - BIBLE STUDY AND YOUTH GROUPS

DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR EPIC YOUTH & KIDS (\$5 GIFT EXCHANGE)

For any questions or concerns please contact : Jackee Neal at 419-979-8583

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**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

Sue Siesel	December 1
Nancy Davenport	December 6
Kassi Bergdall	December 7
Jodi Thomas	December 8
Bella Kindle	December 8
Olivia Shields	December 10
Christian Patrick	December 10
Bruce Wells	December 13
Tanya Kline	December 16
Sidney Hale	December 22
Deb Miller	December 23
Robert Hutchinson	December 29

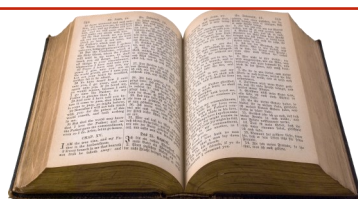
**Anniversaries**

Dennis & Debbie Hayes	December 16
Jack & Nancy Collert	December 23

**If we did not list your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so we may update our records.**

**BIBLE READING PLAN**

- December 1....1 Corinthians 10-13*
- December 2....1 Corinthians 14-16*
- December 3....2 Corinthians 1-4*
- December 4....2 Corinthians 5-9*
- December 5....2 Corinthians 10-13*
- December 6....Galatians 1-3*
- December 7....Galatians 4-6*
- December 8....Ephesians 1-6*
- December 9....Philippians 1-4*
- December 10....Colossians 1-4*
- December 11....1 Thessalonians 1-5*
- December 12....2 Thessalonians 1-3*
- December 13....1 Timothy 1-6*
- December 14....2 Timothy 1-4*
- December 15....Titus & Philemon*
- December 16....Hebrews 1-4*
- December 17....Hebrews 5-8*
- December 18....Hebrews 9-10*
- December 19....Hebrews 11-13*
- December 20....James 1-5*
- December 21....1 Peter 1-5*
- December 22....2 Peter 1-3*
- December 23....1 John 1-5*
- December 24....2 & 3 John, Jude*
- December 25....Revelation 1-3*
- December 26....Revelation 4-7*
- December 27....Revelation 8-11*
- December 28....Revelation 12-14*
- December 29....Revelation 15-17*
- December 30....Revelation 18-19*
- December 31....Revelation 20-22*



**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**9:30 am Adult Bible Review**

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**10:30 am B.L.A.S.T.**

**(Cuddle Cove 0-2 (upstairs))**

**Age 2 thru 4 in The Big Room**

**Age 5-10 in Elem. Class Room # 12**

**Age 11-14 Youth Room**

**Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:15 PM**

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**BROADCASTER ARTICLE – DECEMBER 2023**

*Prophecy in the News?*

The whole world is paying attention to the conflict between Hamas and the Israeli military that is happening currently in Gaza. The effort to destroy Hamas comes after a horrific day of terrorism on October 7 that killed over a thousand Israelis and the taking of more than 200 hostages. Verified reports of the specifics of the hate shown by Hamas have been shared ever since.

Whenever Israel is in the news, those who are knowledgeable about bible prophecy take an even closer look. They wonder if this means the Lord will return very soon. Sadly though, in addition to the wonder, there is also some panic.

For Born-Again-Christians there doesn't need to be panic when there are "wars and rumors of wars". We should know that the Lord Jesus will return a second time to begin a Kingdom Rule and to establish Justice. A lot of powerful events will happen to draw people to Jesus in the final days, many will die, but even these things do not need to cause fear. God is in charge of the time of Jesus' second return, no person knows the date or time. Born Again Christians are just called to remain faithful at work until Jesus returns and welcomes us to our forever home in heaven.

Jesus's coming is called Advent. Jesus' first coming was as a baby born in Bethlehem, and was characterized by Jesus coming in weakness. The second coming of Jesus can be called a second Advent, it will be a coming with power. We wait, and do the work sharing the gospel for the next year or 1000 years. As Andy Griffith on TV once said, "we are not on the planning committee, we are on the welcoming committee."

Rev. Andrew Shields

**First Baptist Day Care**

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

My mom used to say this verse all the time. I never understood it until the past year. I hit a rough time in my life. Some days I felt like giving up, but I could hear my mom saying this verse in my head. It kept me pushing and trying to do better because I have to remember who I have watching me. My mom also tells me every day "Ebony, just remember God only gives us battles that he thinks we can handle." For her I am thankful because of her strong encouragement because I think I would have given up a long time ago.

Miss Ebony- Lead Wobbler Teacher

December birthdays...

1<sup>st</sup>- Miss Carlee – Lead Older 3's/4's

7<sup>th</sup>- Miss Kassi – Co-Director

19<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Caleb – Infant PM Aide

29<sup>th</sup>- Miss Chloe – School Age Lead Teacher



We now have tithing online. Scan this QR Code. Use your QR reader and scan this and it will take you to our website giving page.

**C.U.P. FOOD ITEM FOR DECEMBER**



**Toilet Paper**



**NOVEMBER 2023**

Monthly receipts needed for budget: \$16,500

Receipts received in month of November : \$34,993

A positive of: \$18,493.00



**Leviticus 27:30** Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.



## “A Country Christmas”

**Experience a heart warming Christmas event “A Country Christmas”. Where a carriage ride takes you through 5 different Nativity scenes.**

**Saturday December 9th, Tour begins at 5:30.**

**All planning to attend should arrive 30 minutes early.**

**You can pick up your reserved tickets from someone in the Parlor on November 26th and December 3, At that time they will collect the money for your reserved tickets.**

**Adults tickets are \$14 and youths ticket are free.**

**Tickets may be available at the door for \$16.**

**Come and experience this marvelous event .**

**Marmon Valley Farm’s address is:**

**7754 State Route 292 South**

**Zanesfield, Ohio 43360**

# DECEMBER

	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI Dec 1	SAT 2
			● 6:15pm Hangir	● 1pm Primetime	● 10am RUTH W	
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10 ● 9:45am Adult E ● 10:30am B.L.A ● 11:45am Trust ● 12pm Annual M	11	12 ● 5:30pm DayCa ● 6:15pm CE Box	13 ● 6:15pm Bible S ● 6:15pm EPIC K ● 6:15pm EPIC Y	14 ● 1pm Primetime	15 ● 10am RUTH W	16 ● 9am Men's Bre
17 ● 9:45am Adult E ● 10:30am B.L.A	18	19	20 ● 5pm Lima Res ● 6:15pm Bible S ● 6:15pm EPIC K ● 6:15pm EPIC Y	21 ● 1pm Primetime	22 ● 10am RUTH W	23
24 ● 9:45am Adult E ● 10:30am B.L.A	25	26	27	28 ● 1pm Primetime	29 ● 10am RUTH W	30
31 ● 9:45am Adult E ● 10:30am B.L.A	Jan 1	2	3 ● 6:15pm Bible S ● 6:15pm EPIC K ● 6:15pm EPIC Y	4 ● 1pm Primetime	5 ● 10am RUTH W	6

**REMINDER : LOVE GIFTS FOR OUR STAFF WILL BE COLLECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.**