

# The Good News

First Missionary Baptist Church  
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FIRST MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

410 SCARBOROUGH

2019



**THIS ISSUE:**  
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Church Motto:

## MOVING FORWARD, LOOKING AHEAD, REACHING OUTWARD

THEME:



**"ENCOURAGING AND BUILDING EACH OTHER UP"**



*"So encourage each other and build each other up. Just as you are already doing"*

**Jesus is Wonderful**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

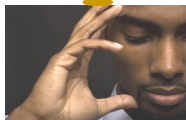
If you require a visit from the Pastor Please call: 936-632-2426



**JESUS CHRIST**  
KING OF KINGS  
*Lord of Lords*

**Pastor William R. Ricks**

*Thought For The Day*



**HARD WORK**  
NEVER KILLED ANYONE

Laziness and poverty are cousins.



*Yet little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.*

*Proverbs 24:33,34*

On July 21, 1969, President Nixon said that the greatest event in human history was when man set his foot on the moon. But the greatest event in human history was when **God** set his foot on earth and became a man. This is known as the Incarnation. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us remember that **JESUS** is what Christmas is all about. Isaiah 9:6 says...and his name shall be called Wonderful! Man knows a lot about many things, but what good is it if he does not know the one called Wonderful.

What good is it to know about:

Astronomy and study of stars and not know the Bright Morning Star?

Botany and about flowers and don't know the Rose of Sharon?

History and not know **Jesus** and His Story?

Geology and about rocks and not know the Rock of Ages?

**Jesus** is Wonderful!!!! Everything about Him is wonderful.

Wonderful in His Birth

Wonderful in His Life

Wonderful in His Death

Wonderful in His Resurrection

There's so many wonderful things about **Jesus**

So many wonderful things about Him!!!



### November Sermons:

It's a blessing and a joy listening to Pastor Ricks explain Scriptures. He preaches messages that seem to be forgotten by many churches today.

**3rd: Thankful During Rough Times**

*Acts 27: 33-37*

**10th: An Unusual Thanksgiving**

*Jonah 2: 1-10*

**17th: Some Ought To Tell The Lord Thank You**

*Psalms 107: 1-3*

**24th: Thankful To God For Bringing Me Out**

*Psalms 107: 4-31*

Pray For Our Pastor...for he carry the burdens of many.







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# December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Timothy Blake Cecil Agent	2 Lillian Spencer	3 Aaron Adams Ronnie Palmer	4 Sylvia Goff Paisyn Hale	5 Lottie Giles Pruitt	6 Leneth Sowell Patricia Singleton	7 Virginia Lewis	
8 Charlotte Key	9 Kevin Cole Demetrius Harrell	10	11 Keenan Hadnot Tia Myers Wileshia Stewart	12 KaToya Bell Kursty Harden Rev. Earnest Brown Linda Evans	13 Ashton Booth Kris Robbins	14 Kennedi Amie	
15 Kay Jones Brenda Barnes Jodie Holmes	16 Ruthie Byndom	17 Andre Booker JaCorey Richard Tommy Skinner Sherron Patton 	18 Christa Bagley Shurmeka Wortham Nita Wooten TyEasha Handy	19 Celeste Cole Billy Daniel Sr.	20 Glenda Leasear Belinda Ross Felicia Fry Ivory Johnson	21 Shirley Jones	
22 Beverly Johnson	23 Jamarcus Anders Damarcus Anders Genova Oppenhammer 	24 George Sellers	Merry Christmas! 25 Christi Stafford 	26 Ronnie Carl Jones	27 Johnny Giles Terrence Harris Rami Roberts	28	
29 Amelonee Amie	30 Ci'Nya Berry	31 Carl Runnels Sr.					



2019

# Angel Tree



Starting this Sunday, FMBC members are encouraged to participate in the Prison Ministry by taking a child's name off the tree in the foyer of our church or by making a donation toward the purchase of a toy for an inmate's child.

A \$20.00 limit is suggested for each gift purchased. Donation can be turned in immediately to the church secretary, Sis. Dorothy Bennett. All wrapped and unwrapped toys must be brought to the church by Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

For more information please contact Sis. Ame-lonee Amie @ 936-632-4914. Thank you in advance for being a blessing to our Angels.

## Willing Workers Breakfast



The Willing Workers will be hosting breakfast in Honor of the late Sis Earnestine Amie on Sunday, December 8, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) during Sunday School.

## Christmas Program



Our Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) during morning service. If you would like to help or would like your child to participate in the program, contact Sis. Kelly Proutt.

## Church Annual Fellowship Dinner



Our church fellowship dinner will be Sunday, December 15, 2019 immediately following morning service. Come fellowship with your church family over a nice dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.



# BIBLE STUDY

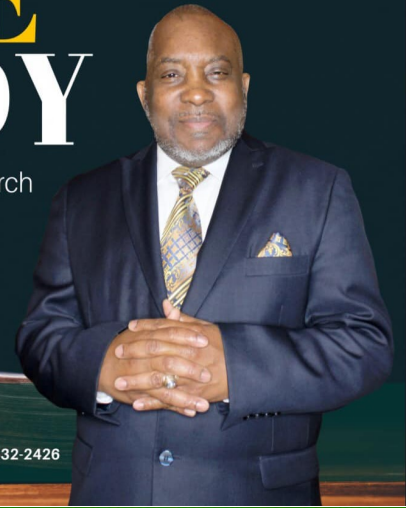
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Focus of the Year:  
"Encouraging and Building  
Each Other Up"

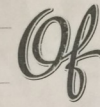
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor W. R. Ricks

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STUDENT



THE MONTH



12th grade

Makayla Doggett - 23125

As student of the month, we would like to recognize you for your strong character work ethic and positive attitude.

When: Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

You will be treated to lunch and take your picture for student of the month after lunch in N-107.

Time: Report to the front office immediately after 2<sup>nd</sup> period ends

If you have any questions, see Mrs. McManus

The Brotherhood Mighty Men of God visit and pray with Deacon Elmo Scott during a home visit.



First Missionary Baptist Church gave out over 133 Thanksgiving Baskets to different families during Thanksgiving Holiday.



# Bible Variety Pack



Z N Q S A L V A T I O N T S E I R P  
 Q B E T H L E H E M S I T P A B S B  
 Y T A P O C R Y P H A E G O S P E L  
 G E R B L N S N B J T S R Q  
 O L C V E I E R G I E E P C  
 L P H V N L G H U E R L E U  
 O M A S T F D Z W C L T N I  
 E E N S T S  
 H T G O N J  
 T A E P E O  
 H O L Y J E S T M Y M A M R  
 R C R T C Z R A R T Z U A D  
 B R R A A I E V U I S Y T A  
 G E R U H R L C N V N P S N  
 X G G T H U I P O I P I E O  
 A N I Y C C G R I T A H T L  
 M A G I H I I O S A S S C Y  
 F M F R A A O P N N S R T B  
 B E I Y P M N H E O O O Y A  
 R S E H T A B B A S S E C S V W N B  
 T E J Y E R U T P I R C S I E S G C  
 E L P A R A B L E S M Y A D R U E C

Every word listed is contained within the group of letters above. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

ALTAR  
 ANGELS  
 APOCRYPHA  
 APOSTLES  
 ARAMAIC  
 ARCHANGEL  
 ASCENSION  
 BABEL  
 BABYLON

BAPTISM  
 BETHLEHEM  
 CHAPTER  
 CHRIST  
 CHURCH  
 CROSS  
 EASTER  
 FAITH  
 GOSPEL

GRACE  
 HEAVEN  
 HOLY  
 JORDAN  
 LENT  
 LUCIFER  
 MAGI  
 MANGER  
 NATIVITY

PARABLES  
 PASSOVER  
 PRIEST  
 PROPHECY  
 RELIGION  
 SABBATH  
 SALVATION  
 SCRIPTURE  
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SINS  
 TEMPLE  
 TESTAMENT  
 THEOLOGY  
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 TRIBES  
 TRINITY  
 VERSE  
 WORSHIP



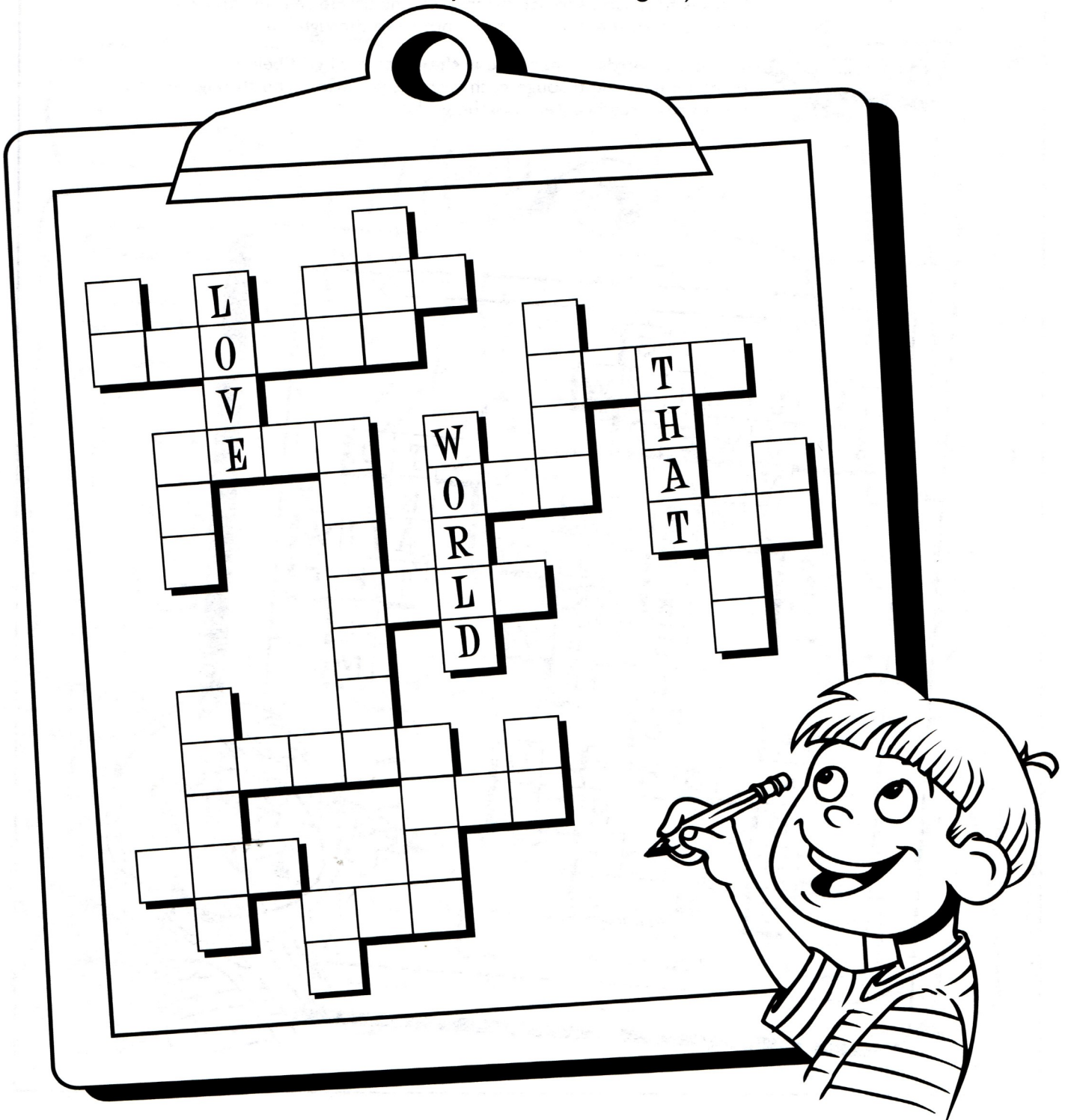
# WRITE ON!

1 John 4:9

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”



Write the words of the verse in the crossword grid below.  
(Hint: Draw a line through each word as you use it and through the words already entered in the grid.)



## NURSING HOME

### When You Pray Remember Our Members In The Nursing Home

Sis. Ruby Scott	Southland Nursing Home
Bro. Leroy Spencer	Castle Pines Nursing Home
Bro. Bobbie Cannon	Larkspur Nursing Home
Sis. Georgia Mays	Southland Nursing Home
Bro. Jumbo Davis	Southland Nursing Home
Bro. L. C. Dodd	Southland Nursing Home
Sis. Rose Mary Scott	Oakwood Rehab.-Arlington, TX
Sis. Lottie Pruitt	Southland Nursing Home

## COMMEMORATING JESUS' BIRTH

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary as a fulfillment of the Old Testament's Messianic prophecy. There are two differing accounts which describe the events surrounding Jesus' birth. These biblical accounts are found in the Gospel of Matthew, namely Matthew 1:18, and the Gospel of Luke, specifically Luke 1:26 and 2:40. According to these accounts, Jesus was born to Mary, assisted by her husband Joseph, in the city of Bethlehem.

According to popular tradition, the birth took place in a stable, surrounded by farm animals, though neither the stable nor the animals are specifically mentioned in the Biblical accounts. However, a manger is mentioned in Luke 2:7, where it states, "She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Early iconographic representations of the nativity placed the animals and manger within a cave (located, according to tradition, under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem). Shepherds from the fields surrounding Bethlehem were told of the birth by an angel, and were the first to see the child. The Gospel of Matthew also describes a visit by several Magi, or astrologers, who bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus. The visitors were said to be following a mysterious star, commonly known as the Star of Bethlehem, believing it to announce the birth of a king of the Jews. The commemoration of this visit, the Feast of Epiphany celebrated on January 6, is the formal end of the Christmas season in some churches.

Christians celebrate Christmas in many ways. In addition to this day being one of the most important and popular for the attendance of church services, there are numerous other devotions and popular traditions. In some Christian denominations, children perform plays re-telling the events of the Nativity, or sing carols that reference the event. Some Christians also display a small re-creation of the Nativity, known as a Nativity scene or crib, in their homes, using figurines to portray the key characters of the event. Live Nativity scenes and tableaux vivants are also performed, using actors and animals to portray the event with more realism. Prior to Christmas Day, the Eastern Orthodox Church practices the 40-day Nativity Fast in anticipation of the birth of Jesus, while much of Western Christianity celebrates four weeks of Advent. The final preparations for Christmas are made on Christmas Eve.

A long artistic tradition has grown of producing painted depictions of the nativity in art. Nativity scenes are traditionally set in a barn or stable and include Mary, Joseph, the child Jesus, angels, shepherds and the Three Wise Men: Balthazar, Melchior, and Caspar, who are said to have followed a star, known as the Star of Bethlehem, and arrived after his birth.

# December's Events

## December Schedule / Announcements

December 1, 2019-11:00am

Worship & Communion

December 8, 2019

Between Sunday School & Worship

Willing Workers Breakfast

*In Honor of the late Sis. Earnestine Amie*

December 8, 2019-3:00pm

Free Spirit Church

Lufkin, Tx

Appreciation for Rev Eric Dixon

Guest: Pastor Ricks & FMBC

December 15, 2019-11:00am

FMBC WORSHIP, CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, & ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER

December 23-27, 2019

FMBC CLOSED EXCEPT ON DEC 25th.

December 25, 2019-9:00am

CHRISTMAS DAY ONE HOUR WORSHIP

December 31, 2019-8:00pm

COMBINED WATCH MEETING SERVICES @ FMBC



## RESPONSIVE READING

*2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (NLT)*

**Leader:** For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

**Congregation:** Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

**Leader:** So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

**Congregation:** As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

**Leader:** And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.

**All:** Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!



**"One City Under God"**  
 City Wide Prayer meeting will be  
 Held at Brandon Park each  
 Saturday morning in October at 7:00AM.



Glenn & Bessie Gamble Park

**FOR THIS CITY**

HOSPICE IN THE PINES PRESENTS:  
**LEGACY of LEGENDS**  
 JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE TO EDGE DR. CARLTON LEWIS!  
 DECEMBER 13, 2019  
 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
 THE SILO  
 206 E. GROESBECK AVE., LUFKIN, TX  
 THERE WILL ALSO BE A SILENT AUCTION AND SPECIAL TRIBUTES

ALSO HONORING:  
 Mr. Jerry Highmate BOARD SERVICE LEGEND  
 Representative Trent Ashby STATE SERVICE LEGEND  
 Mr. Ed Rios COMMUNITY SERVICE LEGEND  
 Dr. Ravinder Bachireddy MEDICAL SERVICE LEGEND  
 Mr. Glenn Johnson BUSINESS SERVICE LEGEND WE HONOR VETERANS

PHILANTHROPIC LEGENDS:  
 Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr.  
 Mr. George H. Henderson, Jr.

FOR INFORMATION ON TICKETS, CONTACT THE HOSPICE IN THE PINES BUSINESS OFFICE

HOSPICEIN THE PINES.ORG 1504 W. FRANK AVE • LUFKIN, TX (936) 632-1514

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 Office: 936-632-1514

**BIBLE VARIETY PACK**

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 Q B E T H L E H E M S I T P A B S B  
 Y T A P O C R Y P H A E G O S P E L  
 G E R B O N S N B J T S R Q  
 O L C V E I E R G I E E P C  
 L P H V N L G H U E B L E U  
 O M A S T F D Z W C L T N I S  
 E E N S T O S  
 H T G S I N S J  
 T A E S O N S P E O

H O L Y J E S T M Y M A M R  
 R C R T C Z R A R T Z U A D  
 B A R A A I E V U I S Y T A  
 G E R U H R C C N V N P S N  
 X G G T H U I P O I P I E O  
 A N I Y C C G R I T A H T L  
 M A G I H I I O S A S S O Y  
 E M F R A A O P N N S R T B  
 B E I Y P M N H E O O Y A  
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*Church News*  
**2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019**

**DECEMBER 2019**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT III**  
**WHAT'S IN STORE THIS QUARTER**

The study this quarter focuses on God's gift of faith and how we respond to it both personally and communally. The sessions from the Old and New Testaments illuminate how God's grace impacts the lives of all believers, as demonstrated by their obedience, gratitude, and holy living. This quarter explores ways of honoring God through worship. The Old Testament sessions recall how David and Solomon honored God by establishing the center of worship in Jerusalem and building the temple. The New Testament sessions focus on Jesus' teachings about right attitudes that honor God through worship.

**UNIT III, "DAVID HONORS GOD"**

Unit III, "David Honors God," has five sessions: four from First Chronicles and one from Luke. The first three sessions are from First Chronicles and tell about David's bringing the ark to Jerusalem, leading the people in offering a psalm of thanksgiving, and planning to build a house for God. Session 4, the Christmas session, considers Mary's visit to Elizabeth as found in Luke. Session 5 returns to First Chronicles and David's prayer of gratitude for God's promise of a dynasty.

- December 1 Celebrate!**  
1 Chronicles 15:1-3, 14-16, 25-29
- December 8 Showing Gratitude**  
1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 19-27
- December 15 Negotiating Obedience**  
1 Chronicles 17:1,3-4,11-14;21:18,21-27
- December 22 Graciously Accepting Praise**  
Luke 1:39-56
- December 29 A Greater Plan**  
1 Chronicles 17:16-27




**KYC (Kids/Youth Choir)**  
 The KYC will sing Christmas Carols at Southland Nursing Home 10:00A.M. December 21st. They will also perform Christmas carols at Castle Pines Nursing Home December 21st at 11:30A.M.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!



# Coming Events

**FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** **DECEMBER 2019** 

- Pastor Appreciation (January)
- Black History Program (February)
- Annual Men Day (February)
- Easter Program (April)
- Annual Choir Day (May)
- Annual Women Day (July)
- Church Anniversary (August)
- MSMC Rededication (September)
- Fall Revival (October)
- Annual Usher Day (October)
- Deacons & Deaconesses (November)
- Christmas Program (December)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FMBC 1 WORSHIP</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <i>Sunday</i> Following Morning Worship 	2 Willing Workers 5:30PM Gospel Circle 5:30PM Young Matrons 5:30PM	3 Sunday School Review 6:00 PM	4 Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study 6:30 PM	5 <b>MIGHTY MEN OF GOD</b> 6:00PM	6 	7 City Wide Prayer Meeting Gamble Park 7:00A.M 
8 Between Sunday School & Worship Willing Workers Breakfast in Honor of the late Sis. Earnestine Amie <b>Free Spirit Church</b> Lufkin, Tx Appreciation for Rev Eric Dixon Guest: Pastor Ricks & FMBC 3:00PM	9 Willing Workers 5:30PM Gospel Circle 5:30PM Young Matrons 5:30PM	10 Sunday School Review 6:00 PM	11 Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30PM Bible Study 6:30 PM	12 <b>MIGHTY MEN OF GOD</b> 6:00PM	13 	14 City Wide Prayer Meeting Gamble Park 7:00A.M 
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22 	23 	24 	25 <b>ONE HOUR WORSHIP</b> 9:00am to 10:00am	26 	27 	28 City Wide Prayer Meeting Gamble Park 7:00A.M 
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**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE!**

Information for the newsletter should be turned in **no later than the 4th Sunday** of each month. Email Bro. Alex Alexander @ [fmbclufkin410@gmail.com](mailto:fmbclufkin410@gmail.com). or Sis. Dorothy Bennett @ [firstmissionsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:firstmissionsecretary@yahoo.com). Thank you: The Newsletter Committee.

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- Rev. William R. Ricks, Pastor
  - Rev. Earnest Brown, Associate Minister
  - Rev. Brian Bass, Associate Minister
  - Rev. Webster West, Associate Minister
  - Rev. Donnie Valley, Associate Minister
  - Bro. Elmo Scott, Deacon Chairman
  - Bro. W .H. Johnson, Acting Deacon Chairman
  - Sis. Dorothy Bennett, Church Secretary
  - Sis. Rachel Coutee, Recording Secretary
  - Sis. Kim Culbreath & Wilria Monmouth, Publicity
  - Sis. Tina Sellers, Website Committee
  - Sis. Kelly Proutt, Youth Director

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- Youth Ministries
  - Brotherhood Ministries
  - Women's Ministries
  - Kitchen Crew Ministries
  - Music Ministries
  - Usher Ministries
  - Support Team Ministries