

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Newsletter



DECEMBER - 2022

Greetings!

Can you believe it's December? It seems like it was just summer and the week before that we were learning to write 2022. So, as we move into this final month of the year and you look back at 2022, what are you thinking about when it comes to 2023? What areas do you need to grow in: spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically?

How will you accomplish these plans for next year? Setting goals are great! I'm all about setting goals and accomplishing them, since that works well with how I'm wired. However, I am seeing something else most of us miss. It's a simple word that I don't think we consider when planning.

Strategy! That's the word! We can set perfect goals, and have great ideas and dreams, but if we don't have a strategy, then we're going to be disappointed. Let me give you an example from one of my favorite authors, James Clear. He wrote - - -

If you've had a thorn bush that keeps scraping you, and you remove the thorns today, you'll avoid being scraped this year. But next year, you will face the same problem again! What if you removed the entire bush, from its roots, then you wouldn't get stuck by the thorns. The question is . . . are you solving problems at the branch level or the root level? I've been there on that one!

My point is, are we looking for a quick fix, or a permanent solution? What's your strategy for next year? How are you going to grow closer to God? Do you have a plan? How can I help you to better experience His grace, mercy, peace, power, love and more? Remember the Christmas promise from Paul in Galatians 4 - - -

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters. 6 And because you are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but sons and daughters, and if a son and daughter, then an heir through God.
- Galatians 4:4-7

How glorious that when you say YES to Jesus, you become a child in God's family and you have full inheritance rights! Thank you, Jesus!!

See you Sunday!!

Pastor Michael

NEWS AND EVENTS

Sewing Ladies Art Show

On Sunday, December 4th (after worship) the Sewing Ladies will be displaying their art in the Family Life Center. Light refreshments will be served. Take a moment to experience their beautiful work. Donations to the First Choice For Women pregnancy center will be accepted.

Attention kids in K-6th grades!





JOIN US FOR A

Birthday Party for Jesus

DEC | 4 | 12PM

LUNCH - GAMES - CRAFTS - BIRTHDAY CAKE

Parents should pick up their children at 2pm.
Preschoolers are welcome to attend with a parent.



IN CONCERT
CIRCLE CITY RINGERS
INDIANAPOLIS

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4, 2022
7:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

HOSTED BY
ALEXANDRIA
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2107 PARK AVENUE

A TIME OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL
FOLLOW IN OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER





**Friday, December 9th
6:00-10:00pm**

**Food, Crafts, Games,
and a Christmas movie!**

*Kids in K-6th Grade
are invited!*

Parents are invited to drop off their children at 6:00pm and then go shopping, wrap gifts, or just have dinner out. We will have a great evening of food, crafts, games, and a Christmas movie! Please plan to pick up your child by 10:00pm.

Children from Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to come have fun.
Your child is also welcome to bring a friend!

Attention teens in 7th-12th grades!

IMPACT

CHRISTMAS PARTY



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TIME
6PM



BRING A FRIEND!

MUSIC, GAMES, FOOD, GIFTS, PRIZES, AND MORE!!!

● **BRING A WRAPPED \$10.00 GIFT FOR AN EXCHANGE** ●

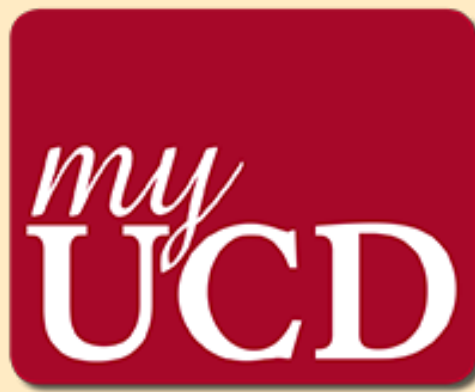
Other upcoming events:

Community Band Concert - Sunday, December 11th at 7:00pm

Special Children's Presentation - Sunday, December 18th during morning worship

Christmas Eve Service - Saturday, December 24th at 6:00pm

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th at 9:30am. There will be donuts in the Family Life Center with a Worship Celebration to follow at 10:30am. All are welcome to come in PJs or casual dress for this special time of celebration.



This is just a reminder that our church directory is available in digital form!

Step-by-Step instructions to download and access the app:

1. With your smart phone touch the App Store icon for your type of phone (Apple Store or Google Play) then search for: '**Universal Church Directory**'
2. The App is called *myUCD*. Click on the "Get" or "Install" button
3. When the app has finished installing, click "Open"
4. Enter the following Unique Identifier: **fpeCwEXNH** (this is case sensitive)
5. Click on the gray "Download My Church Directory" button (there may be a delay)
6. Begin using the church app features such as:
 - Watch Services
 - Email the church
 - Call the church
 - View Announcements and Events
 - View the church calendar
 - Give Online
 - Access YouVersion Bible
 - View the church directory
 - Visit the church website
 - Visit the church's Facebook page

To access the directory on a desktop computer:

1. Go to directory.ucdir.com
2. Enter the following Unique Identifier: **fpeCwEXNH** (this is case sensitive)
3. Hit "Go"
4. Prompts will appear to create your own Username and Password
5. Click on "Create Account"

If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We hope you enjoy using the app!

SERVICES



Sunday

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch

S.A.L.T. Society will not meet in December

Wednesday

6:30pm: Prayer Meeting (first Wed. of month), Bible Study (remaining Wednesdays)

6:30pm: Kids and Youth Activities

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Merry Christmas!

I have enjoyed writing something each month from the Board of Deacons. This month I would like to add one more invitation to your holiday schedules. This is the best kind of invitation; no presents to purchase, no food to prepare, no pressure, in what for many, is a month filled with a packed schedule.

I invite you to find a way to deepen your relationship with God. You might want to come to the first Wednesday night in December and take part in prayer time, when we spend some time sharing prayer concerns with one another, and then those who want to can pray aloud, praying for those concerns. You might want to come to the Wednesday night Bible studies with Pastor Michael where he is taking us through the book of Romans. I would invite you to come to the business meeting on December 21st and get to know the running of the church as we look to the new boards and budget for 2023. I invite you to make sure you are planning to attend the special services: the Circle City Bell Ringers, the Community Band, the Children's Sunday morning program, the Christmas Eve service, and the service on Christmas Sunday morning!

As you can tell, we have quite a few opportunities to worship the reason for the season, instead of having just another busy December where we ask ourselves on Dec 26th, "Where did the month go?" As we continue to recover from the interruptions to our lives caused by the Covid crisis, if you have gotten out of the habit of attending Sunday church, we invite you to return. If you are unable to physically return we invite you to join us online. Finally, I invite you to extend an

invitation to others to attend church, or watch online.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons, we want to wish you a very blessed Christmas!

Kevin Thompson
Co-chairman, Board of Deacons



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