

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Newsletter

DECEMBER - 2024

### Did You Ever Wonder?

Did you or do you ever wonder where the time goes? We sure do! All of a sudden, it's December! 2024 is rapidly drawing to a close.

We, Kevin and Beth, are celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary this month. Those years went by in the blink of an eye. So did many other milestones. It's been 35 years since the Alexandria First Baptist Church got serious about leaving downtown Alexandria and building a larger facility on the highway, opening in 1992. In that new location, we celebrated our 100th anniversary as a congregation. That was 1995, so in 2025, we celebrate 130!

In January 2005, an ice storm hit, leaving Alexandria and most of the county without power. It's hard to believe that was 20 years ago.

Pastor Michael has been with us since July 2007, so he will celebrate his 18th anniversary with us next year.

It's been almost 5 years since the March 2020 pandemic, 5 years of really getting a video ministry going. And in the autumn of that year was our last church directory. We have changed and grown since then... maybe it's time for a new one.

Now, we've thrown lots of numbers at you, but we've also shown a peek of some things that will be celebrated in 2025, or some projects that we can bring to fruition.

What ties all of this together? Jesus. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." No matter what happens in 2025, whether a personal or professional milestone, a natural disaster, or the accomplishment of many working together, Jesus will be there. He's been here every time.

Kevin and Beth Thompson

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **S.A.L.T. Society** (Seasoned Adults Learning Together)

On Tuesday, December 3 at Noon, we will meet at The Harrison to eat lunch.  
All are welcome to join us!

The Children's Scuba Christmas Program originally scheduled for December 4th has been cancelled.



IN CONCERT  
CIRCLE CITY RINGERS  
OF INDIANAPOLIS

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 8, 2024  
6:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

HOSTED BY  
ALEXANDRIA  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
2107 PARK AVENUE

A TIME OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
WILL FOLLOW



**Attention FBC Kids and Youth!**

Sunday, December 1st after worship - Birthday Party for Jesus! (Grades K-6th)

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm - Kids and Youth Christmas Parties

**Alexandria Community Band Christmas Concert**

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th - 6:00pm



November was a great month for serving. The Watchmen gathered, the mission team had a very productive day at Heaven's Wearhouse, and we packed 167 shoe boxes at the packing party with about 30 multi-generational volunteers! We are praising God for all these opportunities.

Speaking of opportunities, the Mission Team is a non-elected, volunteer group that shares a heart for serving. As you plan for a new year, you might consider joining us!

May the "Reason for the Season" bless your December celebrations!

Gerry Cloncs

BETTERMAN will NOT meet on Sunday, December 1st.

BETTERMAN men's ministry meets every Sunday evening from 6:00-7:30pm. If you haven't signed up already, please visit [www.betterman.com/register](http://www.betterman.com/register)

All material is free and the hope is that we grow in our relationships as men and become a better-man.

 BETTERMAN

### Books and CDs

I have laid out many books and CDs in the Family Life Center for people to take. I don't want them back. I want you to have them, keep them, sell them, give them as gifts (but not to me!).

## SERVICES



### Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

6:00pm: Betterman Men's Ministry

### Tuesday

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

S.A.L.T. Society meets on the first Tuesday of every month

### Wednesday

6:30pm: Bible Study

6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)



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