

TODAY: January 6

- 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- 7:15p—Cross Current Youth S.N.A.C.

## THE WEEK

- Jan. 2—12—Pastor Randy's Ministry Trip / Brazil
- Mon. Jan. 7—**POSTPONED** WM **Coffee Talk**
- Thurs. Jan. 10—9:30a **Pastor's Fellowship** Meeting / Room #126
- Fri. Jan. 11—East Wing **Reserved** for Decorating
- Sat. Jan. 12—10:00a **Annual Women's Ministry Kick-Off**—join us to learn how you can be involved with our Women's Ministries

[weekly activities are listed on the back of the bulletin]



- Jan. 14—15 **Life Touch Photography** sessions—this is to update our current pictorial directory—if your family was not published in our last directory please schedule an appointment online <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykbh6l5k/> or with the church office
- Jan. 15—Ministry Heads Budget Requests are due
- Jan. 19—9:00a **AWANA Grand Prix Work Day** at the church
- Jan. 19—9:30a **Security Team Meeting** / East Wing
- Jan. 19—21—**Junior High WinterBlast** at Camp Pinewood—Cost \$85—Registration forms available in the church office
- Jan. 25—**Couple's Retreat** at Camp Pinewood in McCall
- Jan. 26—9:00a **AWANA Grand Prix Work Day** at the church
- Jan. 27—12:30p **Potluck and Annual Business Meeting**—Food Assignments: A—L = Main Dish & Salad; M—Z = Main Dish & Dessert
- Jan. 28-30—**Pastor BNN Prayer Summit** and Meetings at Camp Pinewood
- Jan. 28—7:00p WM **Coffee Talk** at the Coffee Mill in Boise
- Jan. 30—6:30-8:00p **AWANA GRAND PRIX**



## Ministry Assignments

### January 6:

- Greeters:** Ona (F) Peterson (B)  
**Ushers:** Alan/ Lloyd/ Jason/ Thane  
**Nursery:**
- AM: Rosy / Kathy H.
  - SS:
  - PM: Kathy C. / Glenda
- Children's Church:** Kara (Teacher)  
 Anna / Carson (Helpers)  
**Junior Church:** Viktor & Inna  
**PM Children's Ministries:** Michelle  
**Sound Booth:** Audio/Jonathon (AM & PM)  
**Video** / Alison (AM & PM)  
**Safety Team:** Craig (AM) Jim D. (PM)

### January 13:

- Greeters:** Marietta (F) Carman (B)  
**Ushers:** Vio/ David/ Mike/ Donn  
**Nursery:**
- AM: Kelly / Amanda
  - SS: Donna / Anna B.
  - PM: Sara / Connie
- Children's Church:** Kara (Teacher)  
 Hailey / Yakov (Helpers)  
**Junior Church:** Viktor & Inna  
**PM Children's Ministries:** Michelle  
**Sound Booth:** Audio/Brent (AM & PM)  
**Video** / Iyana (AM & PM)  
**Safety Team:** Luke (AM) Dick (PM)

Check the Missionary Board in the north hallway for recently posted missionaries prayer letters.

James & Melissa Fife  
 One-year ministry in Togo  
 Goal: **\$75,000**  
 Needed: Approx. **\$1,817.50**



## MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

January 6, 2019  
9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Noah  
Song Leader: Arnie

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #125—*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Hymn #86—*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn #77—*God of Grace*

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave

•Welcome Guests

•Special Music: Lina

Hymn #58—*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

[Dismiss Children]

Message: *The Sin of Partiality* Jim  
Text: James 2:1-13

Closing

### 6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Arnie  
Song Leader: Luke

Hymn #61—*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymn #341—*Never Cease to Praise*

Hymn #388—*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Communion Service: Alex

Message: Jim Cornell



FOR AGES 2-5 YEARS OLD DURING THE PM SERVICE



## January



Marc & Serena Mouser

## BRAZIL

### Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Brazil's president-elect, Jair Bolsonaro, took office Jan. 1st—pray for national stability
- Pray that we will be able to schedule all of the necessary dental appointments and medical check-ups that we need to during this vacation time
- Serena's dad (Pastor Randy) will be visiting us in São Paulo in Jan. to teach a course at the seminary
- School resumes on January 23—pray that we will be ready for all of the responsibilities of a new semester—Marc will be coaching varsity girls' volleyball again this year

Deposit Report 2018	
December General Fund	
Budget: \$49,236.15	
WEEK: December 30, 2018	
General Fund:	\$10,832.03
Special Funds:	\$485.00
Deposit:	\$11,317.03
MONTH: DECEMBER	
General Fund:	\$57,120.42
Special Funds:	\$10,749.11
Deposits:	\$67,869.53

## Cool Bible Tools

Observation INTERPRETATION Application  
INTERPRETATION: What does the text mean?

While observation leads to an accurate understanding of what the Word of God says, INTERPRETATION goes a step further and helps you understand what it means.

As you seek to INTERPRET the Bible accurately, the following guidelines will be helpful:

### Remember that context rules

The word "context" means that which goes with the text. If you lay the solid foundation of observation, you will be prepared to consider each verse in light of the surrounding verses, the book in which it is found, and the entire Word of God. Never take a Scripture out of its context to make it say what you want it to say. Discover what the author is saying; don't add to his meaning.

### Always seek the full counsel of the Word of God.

Saturate yourself in the Word of God; it is your safeguard against wrong doctrine.

### Remember that Scripture will never contradict Scripture

The best interpretation of Scripture is Scripture. Remember, all Scripture is inspired by God. It is God breathed; therefore, Scripture will never contradict itself.

### Don't base your convictions on an obscure passage of scripture

An obscure passage is one in which the meaning is not easily understood. Because they are difficult to understand they should not be used as a basis for establishing doctrine.

### Interpret Scripture literally

God spoke to us that we might know truth. Look first for the clear teaching of Scripture, not a hidden meaning.

### Look for the single meaning of the passage

Always try to understand what the author had in mind when you interpret a portion of the Bible. Unless the author indicates that there is another meaning to what he says, let the passage speak for itself.