

TODAY: December 1

- 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- 10:00a—Children's Christmas Program Practice
[Children through 6th Grade]
- 3:15p—Drama Team Practice
- 4:00p-5:30p—Choir Christmas Practice
- 7:15p—Cross Current Youth S.N.A.C. at Kryachun

THE WEEK

- **Mon.** Dec. 2—7:00p Women's Ministries **Coffee Talk** at Flying M Coffee in Nampa
 - **Tues.** Dec. 3—11:30a **J.O.Y. Group Christmas**
Potluck Lunch at the church
 - **Wed.** Dec. 4—TLC \$50 **Deposit Due**
 - **Fri.** Dec. 6—6:30p Area **Pastors Christmas** Party at Notus First Baptist
 - **Sat.** 9:00a **Elders Meeting**
 - **Sat.** 10:00a **Elder Exam** / Alan
- [weekly activities listed on the back of bulletin]



- Dec. 8—12:30p **Deacon's Meeting** Room N126
- Dec. 11—**Deadline** to bring new pillows for the AWANA **Christmas Project** for the Boise Rescue Mission
- Dec. 13— Cross Current **Youth Christmas Party**
- Dec. 14—9:30a **Choir Cantata Rehearsal**
- Dec. 14—7:00p Women's Ministries **Christmas Goodie Exchange** in Room N129A-B
- Dec. 15—9:00a **Christmas Brunch**
- Dec. 15—10:00a **Choir Cantata** / No SS Classes or Children's Church
- Dec. 22—6:00p **Children's Christmas Program**
- Dec. 24—5:00p **Christmas Eve Service** at the church
- Dec. 30—Jan. 1— **Teen Leadership Conference** (TLC) High School Youth accepting donations for work projects to help pay for conference expenses
Departure: 1:00p Sun. Dec. 29 — Return: Jan. 1
- Jan. 4—9:00a to Noon **New Members Class**
- Jan. 18-20 JR High **Winter Blast** at Camp Pinewood in McCall
- Jan. 29—AWANA **Grand Prix Night**—car kits are available now for purchase



Ministry Assignments

December 1:

- Greeters:** Bill & Annalee (F) Margaret (B)
Ushers: Mike / Donn / Carl / Alan
Nursery:
- **AM:** Kathy H. / Rosy
 - **SS:** Jeremy & Hillary
 - **PM:** Jacque / Joanna
- Children's Church:** Becca (Teacher)
Anna / Yakov (Helpers)
Junior Church: Zack & Kim
PM Children's Ministries: Sue / Heather
Sound Booth: Audio: Brent (AM & PM)
Video: Iyana (AM & PM)
Safety Team: Ray (AM) Dick (PM)

December 8:

- Greeters:** Jean (F) Donn & Johsta (B)
Ushers: Lloyd/ Jason/ Thane/ Vio
Nursery:
- **AM:** Kelly / Amanda
 - **SS:** Connie / Marietta
 - **PM:** John & Erin
- Children's Church:** Christy (Teacher)
Iyana / Carson (Helpers)
Junior Church: Zack & Kim
PM Children's Ministries:
Sound Booth: Audio: Alex (AM & PM)
Video: Anna (AM & PM)
Safety Team: Brian (AM) Jim M. (PM)

Deposit Report 2019
November **General Fund Budget:**
\$40,307.69

WEEK: November 24, 2019
General Fund: \$7,796.00
Special Offering: \$12,271.35*
(Ingathering: \$172,789.98*)
Deposit: \$20,067.35*

MONTH: NOVEMBER
General Fund: \$42,442.43
Special Offerings: \$183,384.28*
Deposits: \$225,826.71*

*Includes Ingathering Offerings

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 1, 2019

9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Scott

Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #435—*We Gather Together*

Hymn #249—*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Hymn #218—*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave

•Welcome Guests

•Special Music: Ladies' Quartet

Song—*Psalm 69*

[Dismiss Children through 6th Grade]

Scripture Reading: Garrett

Message: *Man of Sorrows*

Text: Psalm 69 Pastor Randy

Closing:

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Michelle

Song Leader: Scott

Hymn #177—*In Christ Alone*

Song—*Cornerstone*

Hymn #389—*All I Have Is Christ*

Song—*Living Hope*

Communion Service / Benjy

Message: Psalm 70 Pastor Randy



For ages 2—5 years old during our PM Service



Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our Continuing in Faithfulness Building Campaign over the next three years.

MISSION FOCUS

December



Paul & Laura Fulks

Baptist Mid-Missions UTAH

Greatest Stories Ever Told

Testimonies by our leaders

Alan Cukurs born January 1, 1965

Married Joy Quinsay on August 17, 1991

Dad to: Jacob, Emily, Nathan, Max, Tony



My earliest remembrance of God was before the age of two. I do not recall anyone telling me about the Lord. I knew there was a heaven and a hell and I had a sense of impending judgment. I was raised in a typical divorced dysfunctional American family. In 1986 I found my father dead on the living room sofa, having died in his sleep. No goodbyes. Death can be sobering. I was staring at where I would be in the future. I put my life on hold and started to seek God. My first one and a half years of seeking the Lord was a life of misery as I tried to earn my salvation. I immersed myself into the study of the Scriptures, but did not understand grace and the eternal gift that God gives.

During a visit to an IFCA church in Tacoma WA, I was struck with the scriptures John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand". John 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out". I wrestled with scriptures like these for weeks, specifically with eternal security. Summer of 1987 I had to resolve this: either you can lose your salvation or you can't. With yellow legal pad, Bible and pen I wrote a series of questions and dug into the Bible. After a few hours, I emerged to a shaky conclusion that a person could lose their salvation. As I began to embrace this thought, suddenly, God let me know that I was His for eternity and I would never be separated from Him because of the work of Jesus Christ. The scriptures that I had read for over a year and a half, no longer were just individual pieces of a puzzle. God illumined my understanding of Scripture about His grace. The concepts and Bible verses, which were mostly an enigma, finally all fit together into a beautiful tapestry of the loving goodness, graciousness, holiness, righteousness of God. This was too good to be true! I hit the Jackpot! I was so very, very happy and amazed at His saving me. For me, the grace of God was the truth that made all the pieces come together.

