



FIRST BRADENTON

December Newsletter

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



A Free Event for the Entire Family
Celebrate Christmas with us in the Park
Listen to K.R.E.W.'s Christmas musical
Roast marshmallows on our fire pits
Create Christmas cards
Parents come and interact with your kids!

TNT (Senior Adult Ministry)

Christmas Carol Singing

Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel

Join us in celebrating the season with a carols sing-a-long led by our ministerial staff.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 PM

And again on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 11:00 AM

In the Office Building

Books - \$5.00

Please call the church at 941-746-2149 to let us know if you are planning to attend.

Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 6:00 PM in the Worship Center
Christmas Carols. Children's Message.
Candle-lighting.
Preschoolers and children will join us in the service.
Bring your family and invite your friends

Senior Adult Lifestyle Festival

Hosted by TNT

Thursday, January 10 at 10:00 AM in the Gym

All senior adults are invited to this free event.
Over 35 exhibitors will share information about how to live an active and healthy lifestyle.
Bring your friends and neighbors.

Men's Growth Group Bible Study

33 The Series – A Man and His Design

Starting Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 AM at the home of Tim Newby

If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Beth at the Church Office.
Beth@firstbradenton.com

Women's Ministry

Growth Group Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, January 15 at 10:00 AM

Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin

Examine the words of Jesus in-depth as He challenges us to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification.

Beginning Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 PM

One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land by Priscilla Shirer

This study encourages participants to fully engage in the abundant life God has waiting for those who will allow Him to take the lead in daily living.

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First Events Monthly Newsletter December 2018

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Dec. 4 - Griefshare/Surviving the Holidays
Dec. 5 - Griefshare/Surviving the Holidays
Dec. 7 - First Students Winter Classics Gaming Nite
Dec. 10 - Harvest Food Pantry
Dec. 12 - First Kids - Christmas in the Park
Dec. 13 - TNT (*Senior Adult Ministry*)
Dec. 19 - First Students Christmas Party
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Dec. 24 & 25 - Church Office is closed
Dec. 31 - Church Office Closes at noon
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Jan. 1 - Church Office Closed

Upcoming events

Jan. 3 - Adults on Mission
Jan. 7 - Food Pantry
Jan. 10 - Senior Adult Lifestyle Festival

October Church Report

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| Monthly Budget | \$107,563.83 |
| Budget Gifts | \$66,983.56 |
| Budget Expenses | \$98,037.80 |
| Average Attendance | 297 |

November Additions to the FBC Family - 2

by statement/letter - 2
YTD Total Additions - 45
by baptism - 17
by statement/letter - 28

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$10,000

Please give generously to the offering that supports our Southern Baptist international missionaries.

From the Finance Office:

All contributions for 2018 need to be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018, to get credit on your 2018 Contribution Statement.

A Church Urgent About the Mission

Over the last few weeks, we've had a bit of bad news. With a decrease in giving, our leadership has asked for a slow-down on spending and hitting the proverbial pause button on filling the open student ministry position. However, all of this can be easily undone by one thing: churchwide urgency about the mission of God. Our answers are not found in better strategy or a faked happiness. Growth does not depend on a superior strategy or deeper thinking. A church that is urgent about the mission of God will chase after the work of God by the filling of the Spirit of God to win more people into the family of God. May we all move into the holiday season with ready hearts to work alongside Jesus for the sake of His glory and the good of our neighbors.

A Weary World Rejoices

I am excited for the message series that we will deliver during December. During "A Weary World Rejoices," we'll look at the arrival of Jesus brings us hope, joy, love, and peace. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbors to our worship services.

A Community in Celebration

Each year, we gather on Christmas Eve for a special service of worship and the Word. It allows us a brief respite from the chaotic pace of the holidays to ensure that we have our hearts set upon Christ. Invite everyone you know to join us for this time of celebration.

I'm excited about celebrating the holiday season with you.

