

## THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Merry Christmas everyone! I am so thankful that we can gather together today to worship the Savior of the World. Thank you for being here!

Several of you have remembered my family during the Christmas season through various gifts. Thank you for the cards, snacks, and financial gifts. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

I want to thank everyone who has played or sung a special yesterday and today for the Christmas special observances. Using your giftedness not only blesses us but it also gives the rightful praise due to Jesus Christ. Please continue giving your best to the Master.

As a reminder, please note the following changes to our schedule...

- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-There will be no evening service tonight.
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>- The church office will be closed tomorrow.
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>- There will be no evening service.
- Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>- The church office will be closed.

Be sure to pick up one of our Bible Reading schedules for 2017 today as you exit the sanctuary. In 2017, we will spend the entire year in the New Testament during our Sunday morning worship. And as usual, I will preach from one of the chapters you read during the week. I can't wait to see how God changes us and the world because we are faithful to read His Word and become faithful to Him. Just think of the possibilities!

**Just a thought for this Christmas Day...**In one familiar hymn, the song writer penned these words:

"Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me.  
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room,  
For thy holy nativity.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

It's hard to fathom the news that Joseph and Mary received on that precious night. Somehow, there was "no room" for the Savior of the world and his Parents. They had traveled so far and now that they have arrived, the audience in this cave-like surrounding, was nothing more than animals. All the inns were over-crowded. There is something to be said about that. Today, as your gatherings take place and gifts are exchanged, and meals are being feverishly prepared, take time to remember what this day is all about. Please don't let this day of celebration, get so over-crowded with activity, that we miss the Savior of the World. Let Him into your hearts!

**Brad**

December 18, 2016	
Sunday School	n/a
Morning Worship	108
Evening Worship	25
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,361.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,040.00
Women's Ministry	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 75.00
Van Fund	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 161.00

SERVING SCHEDULE December 25, 2016		SERVING SCHEDULE January 1, 2017	
At the Table	Dick Shumaker and Ron Enlow	At the Table	Mitch Shell and Patrick Wersell
Serving	Dale Rose, Carmel Marsh, Mike Milbaugh, Mitch Shell	Serving	Ron Enlow, Ray Ayers, Dan Brown, Mike Bussey
PM Deacon	No Evening Worship	PM Deacon	No Evening Worship
COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown	COMMUNION	Ray and Margie Ayers
GREETERS	Ray and Margie Ayers	GREETERS	Shirley Alexander Penny Hawkes
NURSERY		NURSERY	
Sunday School	Margaret Burgess	Sunday School	
Worship	Angie Music	Worship	
VISITOR CENTER	Wanda Turner	VISITOR CENTER	Janet Brown
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	No Children's Church	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Family Sunday
SECURITY		SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Tim Williams	Sunday School/ Worship	
Evening Worship	Ray Coats	Evening Worship	

## Prayer List

Millie Hoy	Jean Cunningham	Leroy Shaner	Marc Mooney
Piper Stark	Kasen Newman	Naressa Allen	Larry Blosser
Debi Erwin	Kenneth Dusthimer	Jeane Goldfarb	Howard Stouffer
Paul Scott	Camille Stiverson	Heather Tracy	Unspoken
Pat Sain	Shirley Hopkins	Caleb Witham	Heather Baker
Our Troops	Veronica Hartmann	Mira McCarty	Dan Hinkle

*Gatlinburg Fire Victims: Joann Tant, Richard and Judy Sortore, and Janet James (our special Christmas offering will support these families from the Gatlinburg Church of Christ.)*

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are preparing a new church directory to be distributed at the beginning of 2017. There is a copy in each adult Sunday School classroom, and one on the bulletin board in the coat room. Please make any changes to your information.

## Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

**Nursery**  
(Birth through 3 years old)  
"Jesus Loves Me"  
Room 102

**Preschool**  
(Ages 3-6)  
"Bible Friends"  
Room 105  
Marie Huffman, Teacher

**Early Elementary**  
(K- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
"Jesus, Our Example"  
Room 101  
Deborah Will, Teacher

**Upper Elementary Class**  
(4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Room 106  
Ron Enlow, Teacher

**Junior/Senior High**  
"Creation"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

**Ladies' Class**  
"Fervent"  
By Priscilla Shirer  
Room 209  
Jean Azbell and Bev Puckett,  
Teachers

**Adult Class**  
"Independent Studies"  
Fellowship Hall  
Brad SeEVERS, Teacher

**Harmony Adult Class**  
"International Sunday School Lessons"  
Room 204  
Dave Tingler, Teacher

**Philothean Adult Class**  
"Parables"  
Room 208  
Jim Love, Teacher

## 2017 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2017 are available to be picked up in the church parlor. If you do not currently have offering envelopes but would like to have some, please contact Marg Shumaker or the church office.



## Christmas Gathering

(rescheduled from December's date)

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Watch for more information!**

## Dinner Out

Our "Dinner Out" event at Pizza Cottage was a great time. We had 21 souls attend despite the weather. We will have our next event in February. Watch for more information about where it will be.

**Hymn Sing and Talent Night**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sign up in the coat room.**

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
New Year's Day  
No Evening Worship

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Craft Corner, 3-5pm

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Foundation Dinner

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Carriage Court, 2pm  
Hymn Sing and Talent Night

## Holiday Schedule

**Today - Christmas Day**  
No Children's Church  
No Evening Worship

**Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Church office closed

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
No Evening Worship

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Church office closed



**Craft Corner**  
**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**3-5pm**

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE!

At FACC, we focus on loving God, loving people, and turning the world upside down.

We are happy you chose to worship with us today. We hope you return next week and bring your friends with you. If you would please take a few minutes to fill out a "Silent Roll Call Card", located on the back of the pew, you can then place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you. For more information about our great church, contact our minister, Brad Seevers at 5thavecofc@gmail.com or call him at 740.550.9882. Have a great week and may God bless your life.

## Core Values...

Values central to the life, mission and vision of Fifth Avenue Church of Christ are:

### Christ-Centered Worship

We make it a priority every Sunday to celebrate Jesus through our music. (Romans 11:36-12:1-2). We focus on Jesus through grace-based preaching and teaching & understand the Bible is our authority (2 Timothy 3:16).

### Church Health and Biblical Balance

Church health becomes reality when God's people seek harmony & live consistently. We expect every member to protect the unity of Christ's Church. (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8)

### Global Evangelism

We are constant to our founding call to worldwide evangelism, proclaiming to all that Jesus Christ is the Savior, Healer, and Soon-Coming King (Acts 20:27).

### Fellowship and Ministry

After people begin their journey with Jesus, we will equip them to find a ministry based upon their strengths. We want everyone to serve in some capacity. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) We also want His church to be the living evidence of His love and power to the world.

### Discipleship

We do not want you to "get religion" here at Fifth Avenue Church of Christ in Lancaster. We are all about teaching you that Jesus seeks a daily relationship with Him through a life of obedience. In other words, we want to see the things you are taught actually change your lifestyle & your daily decisions.

### Social Conscience

We place high value on the sanctity of human life, of Biblical marriage and morality, and we welcome ethnic diversity (Isaiah 56:7; Philippians 2:15-16).

## Brad Seevers preaching

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## How Can I Respond Today?

At FACC we look to the Bible for guidance on all issues. We believe that God's Word is clear concerning what a person must do to become a Christian.

- ◆ Trust that Jesus can bring you to salvation.
- ◆ Turn (repent) from the sin in your life.
- ◆ Confess your desire to make Jesus the Lord of your life.
- ◆ Be baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the Holy Spirit into your life.

To make this *life decision for Christ*, we ask that you *come forward during our commitment song* at the conclusion of the Sunday message. *Baptized believers are welcome to become members* at FACC by coming forward on Sunday morning or by seeing our Senior Minister to discuss this further. We ask that you *complete a series of Curious classes* to help you better understand what you are committing to as a member. If you would like to take a *Curious class*, please indicate this on your Silent Roll Call Card.

## OUR PURPOSE:

WE EXIST TO: Exalt God's Greatness; Evangelize God's Work, Equip God's People. Express God's Love through Jesus Christ

OUR MISSION: "To Love God and Love People!"

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# The Christian Messenger

December 25, 2016



**Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed  
New Year!**

**From the Church  
Staff**

**Brad Seevers  
Dale Thornton  
Debbi Hoagland**

**Brad Seevers, Senior Minister**  
Email: 5thavecofc@gmail.com

Sunday Services: Bible School 8:45 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m.;  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.