

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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*The Lord's Day – January 7, 2018*

8:45 a.m. – Coffee & fellowship time in small gym  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Small Group Studies; classes for all ages

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**10:45 a.m.**

Prelude:  
Special Music: 2 & 3 year olds  
Choir Opener: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"  
Welcome & Prayer: Pastor Grotzke  
Congregational Carol: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #199  
Special Music: Ezra House  
Special Music: "It's About the Cross" Erika House  
Announcements  
Special Music: Jonathan Larson  
Choir: "Sing Joy!"  
Special Music: "Carol of the Bells" Joshua Maendel  
Special Music: Ogren family  
Congregational Carol: "How Great Our Joy" #218  
Offertory: Gracia Larson  
Special Music: Scott Kirkvold & Strings  
Congregational Carol: "The Birthday of a King" #224  
Special Music: Jourdyn & Kathy Schack  
Message: Pastor Grotzke  
Congregational Carol: "Ring the Bells" #208  
Closing Prayer: Bob Anderson

4:45 p.m. – Choir practice  
5:30 p.m. - Orchestra practice

**EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 p.m.**

Offertory: Christina McMahan  
Special Music: Katrina Grotzke & Heather Hagen  
Brief business meeting to elect deaconesses  
The Lord's Table: Bob Anderson, Keith Card, Nate Grotzke, Scott Imdieke

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Ladies Bible Study in fireside room

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – Ruth Circle in fireside room

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Midweek service: Adult Bible Studies;  
Youth Group, AWANA (3 yrs. old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Fri., 4-10 p.m. & Sat., 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Annual deacons retreat in  
the fireside room

**LRCS NEWS:**

Monday, January 8 – (H) basketball vs Maplewood Academy, 4:00  
and 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 – (H) basketball vs Prior Lake Christian School,  
4:00, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> semester

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

January 18 – Senior Lunch

January 23 – Ladies Cabin Fever in the fireside room

**MEN PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no Men/Boys Bible Study/Breakfast in January.

**FINANCIAL NOTE:**

If you want your offering to be recorded for 2017, please note that on  
the memo line of your check, or use a 2017 envelope. Any other  
offering will be recorded for 2018.

**2018 DIRECTORY INFORMATION:**

Please turn in your 2018 directory information sheets to Betty Wolhart  
by next Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. There are more at the Welcome  
Center if you need one. You don't need to be a member to have your  
information listed. We warmly welcome it. Thank you to those who  
have already responded.

**HELP NEEDED:**

We need someone to volunteer to clean the nursery once a week. If  
you have any questions as to what is involved, see Christina  
McMahan or Keith Anderson.

**JANUARY GREETERS:**

East: Rich & Linda Winkelman

Middle: Calvin & Shirley Wallin

West: Curt & Bonny Norwood

Far West: Ruthann Kostek

**CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Happy birthday to Larry Lahr and Viola Knapp today; Kim Germann on the 10<sup>th</sup>; Eric Montague on the 11<sup>th</sup>; Rachel Pagarigan and Autumn Peterson on the 12<sup>th</sup>; Jessie Cestnik, Benjamin Braaten, Eliana Gosiak and Alyssa Blake on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE – for children up to age 3:**

Sunday, January 7 – a.m. Keith & Rachael, Liz & Isabel Anderson

p.m. Nate and Darla Grotzke

Wednesday, January 10 – Julie and Jennifer Kovacik

Sunday, January 14 – a.m. Tim and Amanda Miller, Whitlee and Carson

Moore p.m. Katie, Cora and Christian Gunderson

Wednesday, January 17 - Julie and Jennifer Kovacik

**Last Week's Offerings & Statistics:**

**Offerings:**

**Budget amount needed weekly: \$8,486.77**

**Budget giving YTD: \$172,030.85**

**Budget needs YTD: \$152,761.86**

**No offering or attendance to report. Church cancelled due to weather.**

**GOODBYE, OLD YEAR**

*Goodbye, Old Year, we part, but I shall keep  
The memory of a happy walk with you;  
For 'though sometimes the heavens were overcast,  
There were many days when skies were blue.  
And ever, whether skies were dark or fair,  
There walked with me a gracious Presence there.*

*He kept His word. Remember how He said,  
"Lo, I am with you alway"? Blessed word!  
Each step, through light or shadow, joy or pain,  
I knew the guiding hand of Christ the Lord.  
So, unafraid, I welcomed each new day,  
Knowing Who walked with me along the way.*

*Goodbye, Old Year, we part as old friends part –  
An earnest handclasp, and a warm farewell.  
The New Year waits to greet me, and I place  
My hand in God's, with trust no tongue can tell.  
For He who walked with me, my Guide shall be,  
And in this New Year too, will walk with me.*

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