



Christmas Greetings From Pastor Stan

Merry Christmas to you all! Happy Birthday Jesus!

I overheard a news report the other day that some nine million people in our country didn't want to be bothered with the pressure of celebrating the joyous Christmas season. They didn't want to be cheerful in greetings, to give gifts, to be bothered with festive occasions. I hope you don't fall into this group. I hope you appreciate this as a joyful time of year even though it may be bittersweet with memories of those we love who have gone on before us to be with the Lord. Let us lift one another at this time of year and enjoy the gift of the family of God.

You will find many activities listed in the newsletter. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to fellowship and serve. Watch for new weekday offerings especially on Wednesday nights following the New Year.

***Christmas Music Special
Presented at SIBC by
FBC Mt. Pleasant***

Join us on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 PM for a very special musical presentation by First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant's choir, under the direction of Ken Lee. This will be an evening of praise with carols and anthems for the Christmas season!



SIBC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



The entire church family is invited to a Christmas Eve Celebration on December 24th at 5:00 PM. This is a family-friendly time of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ through carols and the lighting of the last Advent candle. You are welcome and we encourage you to invite visiting family members, neighbors and friends.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

We are now collecting our Lottie Moon Offering during worship and will accept this offering throughout December. This offering supports the over 5,500 missionaries serving with the IMB around the world!



Children's Ministry - Worship Care Rotation: December

Dates	Creation Room	Jonah Room
Dec 4	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
Dec 11	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	LaNita Hutto
Dec 18	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Shawn Sullivan
Dec 25	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

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This Month at SIBC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM</i>	3
4 <i>Fellowship 9:15 AM Discipleship 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM</i>	5 <i>Deacon's Mtg. 6 PM</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM</i>	10
11 <i>Discipleship 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Church Conference 6:00 PM</i>	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM</i>	17
18 <i>Discipleship 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM FBC of Mt. Pleasant Choir Concert 5 PM At SIBC</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 PM</i>
25 <i>Worship 10:00 AM Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

- Dec 4 - First Sunday Fellowship 9:15 AM
- Dec 5 - Deacon's Meeting 6:00 PM
- Dec 11 - Church Conference 6:00 PM
- Dec 18 - FBC of Mt. Pleasant Choir Concert 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM
- Dec 24 - Christmas Day Service 10:00 AM

*Church-wide prayer and Touch Point will not meet during the month of December.

Men's Bible Study meets each Friday morning at 9:30 AM in the SIBC fellowship hall with the exception this month of December 23rd and December 30th.

Annual Church Conference This Month

SIBC members will gather for a church conference on Sunday, **December 11th** at 6:00 PM. *Childcare will not be provided for this meeting.*

Christmas Poinsettias

We thank all of you who have donated poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone special. They add so much to our worship experience during this time of the year! A list will appear in your worship guide of those who have given a poinsettia, and who is being honored or remembered.



Birthdays in December:

Kathy Eure	Dec 1
Robert Gore	Dec 13
Mary Morris	Dec 24
Sharon Stiltz	Dec 30



Apologies

Profound apologies for the lateness of our December newsletter. We are trying to "break in" the new guy and the learning curve this month was pretty steep. Please forgive any *faux pas* this time around. Hopefully, he will improve with age! Your patience is great appreciated!

Senior Breakfast!

Will begin again in January on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Our Senior Adults gather for breakfast at 8:30 AM at the **Bojangles** on Highway 17 in Mt. Pleasant.