

- ▶ 8:30a —Deacons' Prayer Time
- ▶ 8:45a —Prayer Time
- ▶ 4:00—5:30p—Choir Practice
- ▶ 7:15p—Cross Current Youth **S.N.A.C.**

THE WEEK

- Dec. 5-11—Pastor Randy's **Ministry Trip** to Brazil
- Tues.** Dec. 6—9:30a —**WM Quilting Activity** come and help us get our quilts ready for the Boise Rescue Mission—bring your lunch—call church office if you have questions
- Thurs.** Dec. 8—6-9p—East Wing Reserved
- Thurs.** Dec. 8—7:30p—**Sending Team Meeting** at the Fife's
- Fri.** Dec. 9—6:00p—*J. O. Y. Christmas Party* at the church—Rhom's Catered Dinner—Phyllis Tinchler playing the Bells

(Regular Activities are on the back of the bulletin)



- Dec. 11—4:30-5:30p—**Choir Practice**
- Dec. 15—11:30a—W.O.W. **Ladies' Lunch** at Frankie's JAVA (112 E. Idaho Ave./ Meridian) sign up at the Women's Ministries' table in the foyer
- Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19—New **Pictorial Directory photos** —Schedule your photography session today! Call the church office (208) 888-1109 or go online at www.mfbc.org
- Dec. 17—9:00—10:30a — **Choir Practice**
- Dec. 17—9:30a-12:00p—**Children's Christmas Program Practice**—Pizza lunch will be provided
- Dec. 17—**Cross Current Youth** Christmas Party
- Dec. 18—9:00a **Christmas Brunch**
- Dec. 18—10:00a **Children's Christmas Program** — NO SS Classes
- Dec. 18—5:00p—**Choir** Dress Rehearsal
- Dec. 18—6:00p—**Choir** Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 21—6:00p—Deacons & Elders Christmas Party
- Dec. 27-30—**TLC** (Teen Leadership Conference)
- Jan. 12-14—**AWANA LEAD** Equip Experience—call church office for details
- Jan.14-16—**JR High** Winter Blast at Camp Pinewood
- June 23-25—Join us for our family friendly **All Church Campout** at Huckleberry Campground—Call the church office to reserve a spot for next summer



Ministry Assignments

December 4:

- Greeters:** Ona Healy (F) Carol Barrett (B)
Ushers: Woody/ James M./ David/ Yuriy/ Mike
Nursery
 •**AM:** Rosy Nelson / Kathy Hamilton / LeAnna Setter
 •**SS:** Hillary Ravenscroft / Danielle Steinmeyer
 •**PM:** Susan Wyatt / Linda Morgan
Children's Church: Christy Ho
 Linda Morgan / Allegra Fife
Children's Ministries PM: LeAnna Setter & Garrett Munger
Sound Booth: Jonathon Knapstad (AM & PM)
Security: Bill Postmus (AM) Dan Geib (PM)

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AWANA is collecting new pillows for the Boise Rescue Mission again this year for their **Christmas Project**. Please bring pillows to the church by Dec. 14th.

Women's Ministries is collecting slightly used women's clothing and new pajamas, underwear, and socks to give Boise Rescue Mission's **City Light** on Dec. 14th. Bring items & place under the Women's Ministries' table. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES For ages 2—5 years old during the PM Service

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 4, 2016
9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Jim Dorris
Song Leader: Jim Cornell
Welcome & Announcements

Hymn #244—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Hymn #249—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Hymn #286—*Once in Royal David's City*

Greetings

Special Music: Vickie Mathew

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave

Hymn #270—*Joy to the World!*
(Dismiss Children)

Scripture Reading: Garrett Munger

Message: "A Word to the Sheep"

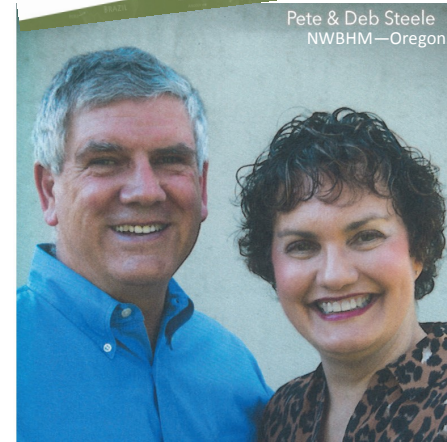
Text: Matthew 25:31-46 Pastor Randy
Closing Hymn:

6:00 PM Service

Song Leader: Luke Perrine
Pianist: Jim Dorris
Song — *Take My Life and Let it Be*
Song— *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*
Song—*He Who Began a Good Work in You*
Message: Pastor Dave
Text: Philippians 1:1-11



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Deposit Report 2016

General Fund Budget:

\$36,133.84

WEEK: November 27, 2016

General Fund: \$7,265.42

Special Fund: \$47.00

Deposit: \$7,312.42

MONTH: NOVEMBER

General Fund: \$33,400.47

Special Fund: \$33,990.92*

Deposits: \$567,391.39

Total Ingathering Offerings: \$35,109.35*

General Fund YTD Deficit: **(\$8,228.92)**

Daily-Reading for Growth

Incline your ear to the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge"
Proverbs 22:17

DAYS of PRAISE

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Love from the Beginning

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 John 3:11)

The pungent phrase "from the beginning" occurs no less than nine times in the first three chapters of the little epistle of 1 John. Thus, while in one sense, Christ's command to love one another was a new commandment, in another sense it has been with us from the very beginning of the world. "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning" (1 John 2:7).

The first verses of John's epistle show that this beginning is the same beginning in Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1: "That which was from the beginning, . . . of the Word of life; . . . that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us" (1 John 1:1-2). Note also 1 John 2:13: "I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning" (see also 1 John 2:14).

"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father" (1 John 2:24). This is an eternal commandment, for "God is love" (1 John 4:16) and "love is of God" (1 John 4:7). In the upper room, Jesus prayed to the Father: "Father . . . thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. . . . And I have declared unto them thy name, . . . that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them" (John 17:24, 26).

Love, therefore, has been at the center of God's plan from the beginning, but a new pattern and measure of that love was given us by Christ. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). HMM

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