

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Card Exchange** is being sponsored by the Sr High Encounter Youth. Leave your cards/letters in the mailbox. They will arrange them for you to pick up at your convenience. The exchange will last from now until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a basket available for Diamond Care/Assisted Living residents that we will deliver. Use your Senior Adult Address sheet and Military address sheet for MAILING these cards. *NOTE: Jim Janssen is living at Firesteel Healthcare, 1120 East 7th Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301 and LeRoy Ibis address is Teri Monteferrante, 111 E Pine Meadow Crt, Andover, KS 67002.*

The **Jesus Birthday offering** TODAY will go to the Bridgewater Emery School Need Fund. The staff of the school help shop for students in need and bring some cheer to our local community. It is a very appreciated gift from our church so please consider this gift. The offering will be taken during the Sunday School hour. It is suggested to donate \$.25 per year of your age. 2 yrs of age @ \$.25 = \$.50 Thank you.

There is **Program Practice** for grades 1–8 TODAY from 12–2pm. Lunch will be provided.

**Jr High Encounter** will take place TODAY from 6-7:30pm at Scott & Amanda Stahl’s home. Pizza and drinks will be provided. If parents want to have their kids bring a snack to share, they sure can, but it is not required. We will be doing a gift card exchange. Please have your child bring a \$10 gift card with them. We are looking forward to a fun night! Hope to see you there!

**Sr High Encounter** will have their Christmas Party December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Church Directory Update:** As you take your family photos for Christmas greetings, please consider updating your photo and information for the church directory! You can view the current directory in the white binder located on the counter by the Mission Table in the foyer.

➤ White forms are available to update your contact information. Purple forms are for updating how you receive Church Cancellation notices. Please email updated photos (JPEG format) to the church office at [fbcemery@triotel.net](mailto:fbcemery@triotel.net). *Deadline for pictures and updates is December 21<sup>st</sup>.* If you currently are not listed or have any questions, please contact the church office or Deb Heitzman. Thank you for helping keep our directory current!

**Candlelight Service:** Join us for a special Candlelight Service on **Sunday, December 21st at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome—please invite friends and family to share in this beautiful evening.

**“The Greatest Gift Ever”** will be presented on Christmas Eve at 6pm, featuring children from age 2 through 8th grade. Join us as we celebrate the true reason we have hope and joy at Christmas.

**January/February calendar dates** need to be submitted to the church office no later than **December 24th**. Thank you!

There will be a **Special Business Meeting** following worship on December 28<sup>th</sup> to present the 2026 ballot.

Changes or updates for the **December 28<sup>th</sup> bulletin** need to be at the church office by 8:30am on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

If you have an extra copy of the ***King’s Daughters* cookbook** available for purchase, please reach out to Lisa Roskens.

The CE Board is looking for volunteers to be on the **2026 VBS committee**. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let Lisa Roskens or Brenda Stahl know.

**The Church Board is looking for volunteers!** The **Military Committee** is responsible for maintaining communication, recognition, and support for our servicemen and women. This role helps ensure that each member of the military community feels remembered, appreciated, and connected to home. *To see the duties see the Military Table or to volunteer, contact Scott Werning.*

The **Youth Pastor Search Team** asks our church to pray as we search for someone to become part of our community and our lives, that we will be people willing to invest in their life as well.

**Prayer Chain:** To include a request in the bi-monthly Petitions & Praise sheet or in the bulletin, contact Deb Heitzman (text or call (605) 770-9382 or email [dmaph53@hotmail.com](mailto:dmaph53@hotmail.com) **or** text or call Susan Olthoff (605) 630-9521. To join or leave the prayer chain, please contact Deb.

Prayer Requests-

Mission of the Month: Great Plains Association

Health & Recovery:

Special Concerns:

Church Ministry:

Pray for the team to have wisdom and discernment as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a youth pastor.

Nancy Roskens – Ongoing recovery  
Brad Wollman LouEtta Decker  
Larry Bahmuller

Henry Olinger, Ray Schultz

We would love to hear from you!

The section along the right edge of this bulletin is a place for you to share information with the Church Office. If you are a first-time visitor or have recently started attending, please fill out the form so we can connect with you. Place this form in the offering plate or give to our Pastor as you leave. Our contact information is on the back—feel free to keep it handy by placing it on your fridge or in your Bible. V v



Visitor Information & Prayer Needs

Welcome to First Baptist Church  
Glorifying God by Making Disciples

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request for Deacons: ☐

Prayer Request for Prayer Chain: ☐

Please contact me: ☐

I am a first-time visitor: ☐

Other needs or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor.



# Welcome to First Baptist Church

*Glorifying God by Making Disciples*

**December 14, 2025**

## Call to Worship

Psalm 101

## Worship in Song

Hark! the Harold Angels Sing #277  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #271  
Make Room

## Worship through Giving

Special Music: Haley Bahmuller

## Advent Reading

Travis & Sage Hofer Family

## Worship in Prayer

Children's Church 3yrs-5yrs

## Worship in the Word

"Can you hear?"  
Mark 4:1-20

## Worship in Song

He Shall Reign Forevermore

## Benediction

## In Service This Week 12/14

**Library:** Rachel Weber

**Piano:** Diana Buseman

**Children's Church:** Liz Weeldreyer/  
Kathy Liesinger

**Coffee Clean Up:** Dodi Bailey

**SS Nursery:** Kelly/Emily Hohn

**WS Nursery:** Chuck/Jessica Liesinger

**Greeters:** Dale/Janet Becker

## In Service Next Week 12/21

**Library:** Sheryl Hofer

**Piano:** Diana Buseman

**Children's Church:** Kristy Hofer/Ashley  
Werning

**Coffee Clean Up:** Janet Becker

**SS Nursery:** Scott/Amanda Stahl

**WS Nursery:** Cody/Emily Stahl

**Greeters:** Jason/Jennifer Hofer

## This Week

### **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Worship

12-2pm Program Practice

6:00pm Jr High Encounter

### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm Dress Rehearsal

7:00pm Sr High Encounter

7:00pm Trustees

### **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Deacon Meeting

## Future Events

December 21 – Sunday Services  
Directory Photos Due  
Candlelight Service (6pm)  
December 24 – Bulletin Updates Due  
(8:30am)  
Christmas Eve Program  
(6pm)

### **December 25 – Christmas Day**



**November 30-December 23**  
**Card Exchange Sponsored by SR High**  
**Feel free to donate saved postage**  
**to the Youth**



**Candlelight Service**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm**

## **Our Pastor**

**John Gilliland – Senior Pastor**

**Office:** (605) 449-4215

**Cell:** (605) 240-0466

**Email:** johngilliland2@gmail.com

## **Availability:**

Monday–Thursday | 9AM – 2PM

Available other times by appointment

## **First Baptist Church**

630 1st Ave. | P.O. Box 65

Emery, SD 57332

**Email:** fbcemery@triotel.net

**Office:** (605) 449-4216

 **Website:**

[www.fbcemery.org](http://www.fbcemery.org)

Some services and activities  
are live streamed.

## **Sunday School Program**

**9:30 AM – 10:20 AM**

**For ages 2 years through Adult**

**Join us each week as we study**  
**God's Word together!**

## **Adult Classes:**

**D6 – Fellowship Hall & Chapel**

1 & 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jonah

**Scripture Press – Faith Center**

1, 2 Samuel

Updates/changes for the church bulletin need to be submitted to the office by Thursday 8:30am each week.

