

Sunday, December 9, 2018

**Fifteenth Avenue
Baptist Church**

Second Sunday of Advent

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1

Rev. Dr. David Latimore, Pastor

WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader

OPENING SONG

Choir and Congregation

SCRIPTURE

Ministerial Staff

INVOCATION

Ministerial Staff

**CONGREGATIONAL
PRAISE**

Music Ministry

BAPTISM

Pastor David Latimore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/
WELCOME SONG**

Sis. Lolitha Scruggs

**We welcome you.
Yes, we welcome you.
We welcome you into this
house of the Lord.
For His love is true
and we share it with you.
You are welcome in this
house of the Lord.**

WORSHIP

**MINISTRY THROUGH
MUSIC**

Music Ministry

ALTAR CALL

Ministerial Staff

OFFERING

Diakonos Ministry

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Music Ministry

THE WORD

Pastor David Latimore

**INVITATION TO
DISCIPLESHIP**

CLOSING SONG & BENEDICTION
“Let The Church Say, Amen”

WELCOME!

Welcome to **Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church**! We thank God for your presence with us on today. We know that with God, nothing is by happenstance and everything happens for a reason. God meant for you to be with us today and God has a blessing in store for you! We are excited to worship with you, and we eagerly anticipate a wondrous day of worship that will encourage your spirit and transform your life as we encounter the Holy Spirit together! We know that you will be blessed by your fellowship with this community of faith, the songs from our music ministry, and the preached word of God. No matter what brought you to **Fifteenth Avenue** today, God is here waiting to forever change your life!



**PASTOR AND FIRST LADY
LATIMORE**

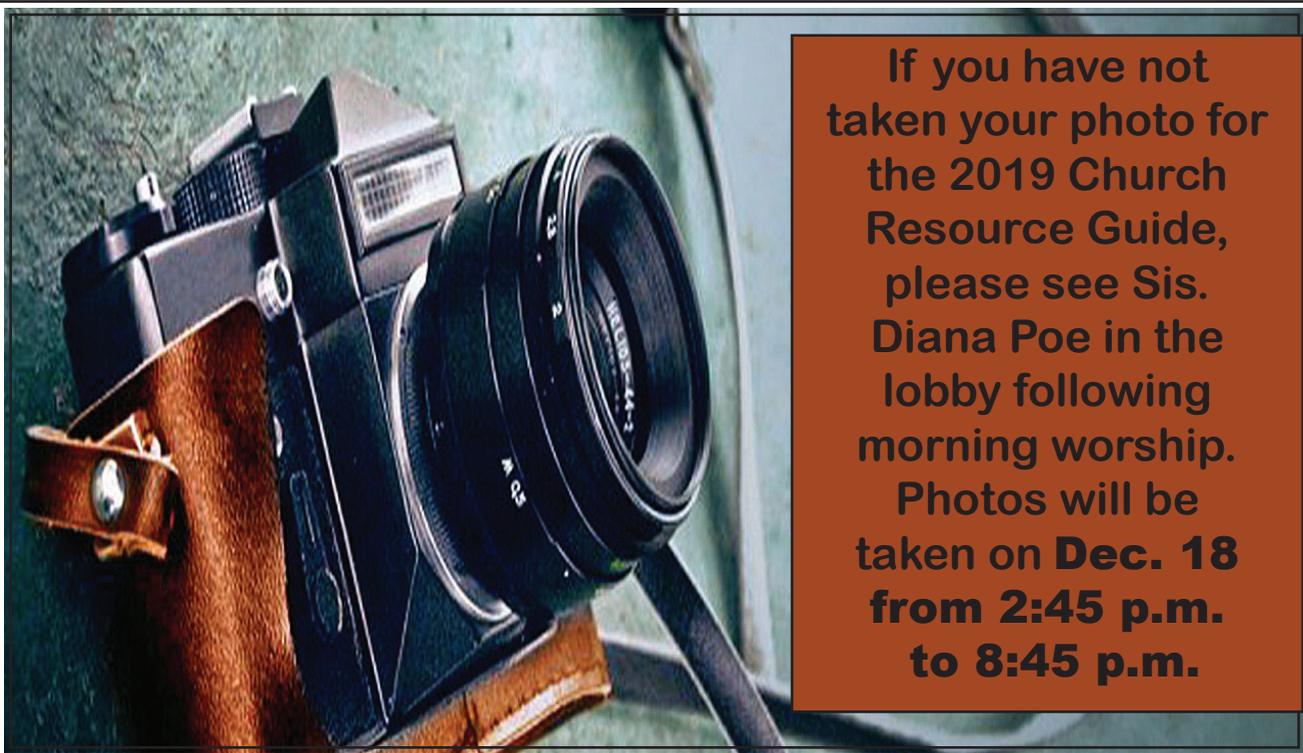
Please know that First Lady Tammie Latimore and I join our church family in extending to you the warmest of welcomes. If you have not yet done so, please fill out a visitor's card. This will allow us to follow-up with you after today and to insure that we keep you informed of the many great things happening here at **Fifteenth Avenue**. If you need any assistance in worship, please feel free to ask the brother or sister sitting next to you, and they will be happy to help you in any way possible. If you do not have a church home, there is a place for you here at **Fifteenth Avenue**. This is a place where God is blessing his people.



15th Health Ministry: Self-Management Programs

We want to offer the congregation a **free** program and resource book to help you manage chronic health conditions and improve the quality of your lives. The topics cover managing stress, improving physical conditioning, healthy eating, goal setting and problem-solving. **Programs are research based** and will be taught by TSU professors.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR SURVEY TODAY IN THE LOBBY.



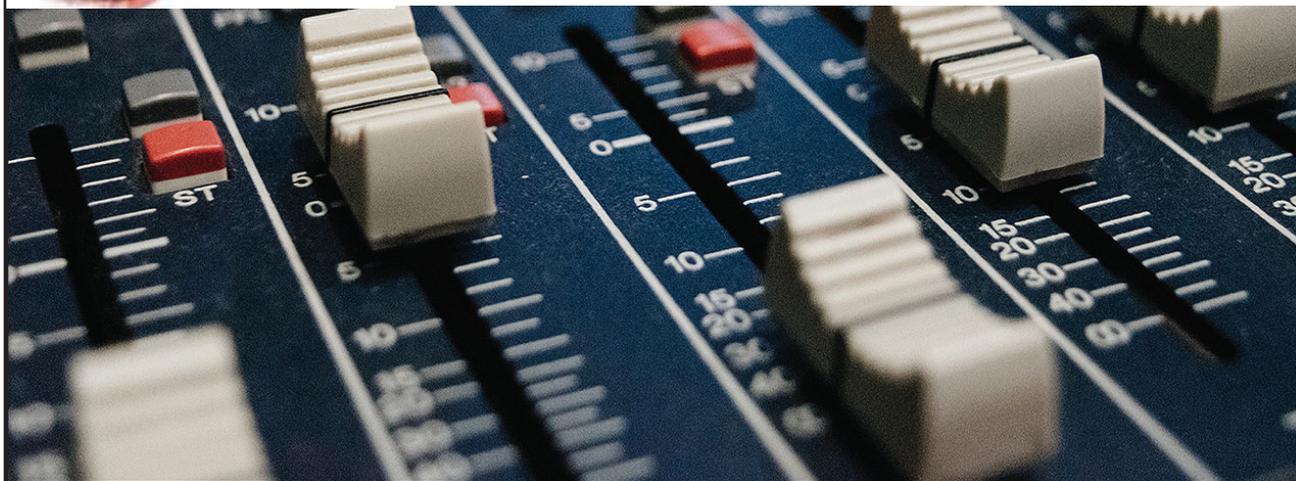
If you have not taken your photo for the 2019 Church Resource Guide, please see Sis. Diana Poe in the lobby following morning worship. Photos will be taken on **Dec. 18 from 2:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
BRO. GERALD SCRUGGS AT (615)930-4739**



**CD's and DVD's of today's service are available.
Please ask an usher for assistance.**



CD's: \$5

DVD's: \$10



Forever Young Ministry

Sewing Love

Phase 1: Sewing and assembling of blessing bags continue on **Friday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.**

Phase 2: Accepting donations until **Dec. 11** for holiday distribution. **Donations needed include:** deodorant, toilet paper, socks, tuna and crackers, granola or cereal bars, fruit snacks or applesauce cups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, fast food gift certificates, hand wipes, gloves, or bandages.

Phase 3: Sandwich making, toiletry packing, and distribution of blessing bags on **Dec. 12 at Noon and Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.**

NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Sunday School at 8:30 a.m., and Morning Worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday

Contact Sis. Rachel Hardaway at childrenandyouth@fifteenthave.org or (615)710-2847

**Every Sunday
at 8:45 a.m.**

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**If you became a member within the last year,
you are also welcome to attend.**

For more information, contact newmembers@fifteenhave.org

**FABC Children and
Youth present**



**Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Practice Schedule

**Tuesdays: Dec. 11 & 18
at 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.**

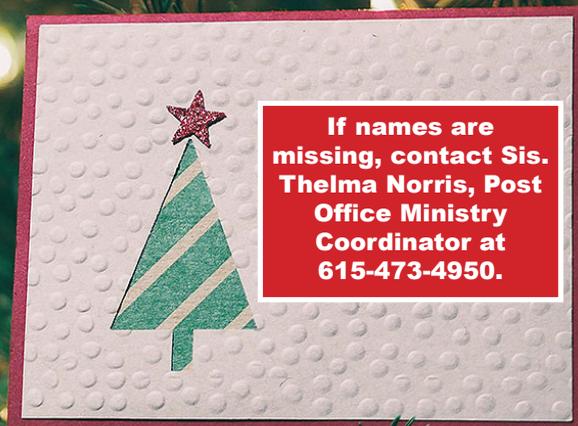
**Saturdays: Dec. 8 & 15
at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Friday: Dec. 21 at
6 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**Saturday: Dec. 22 at
10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The Fifteenth Avenue Post Office is open and will close Sunday, Dec. 23. Place cards in the folder by family's last name.

In honor of Sis. Susie McClure's 103rd birthday, if you are able, please place a birthday card in her Christmas folder.



**INVITE
A
FRIEND**



End of the Year Goal: 15@15th

Help Our City's Children Thrive

At Buena Vista Elementary



This year we are challenging ourselves to reenergize our partnership by finding 10 more reading tutors, lunch buddies, and doing a book drive in 2019!

**Dec. 15: Volunteer Orientation at 9 a.m. – Noon (Chapel)
If you plan to attend, email Vernita Smith at vernitaxx@aol.com.**

MINISTRY LEADERS

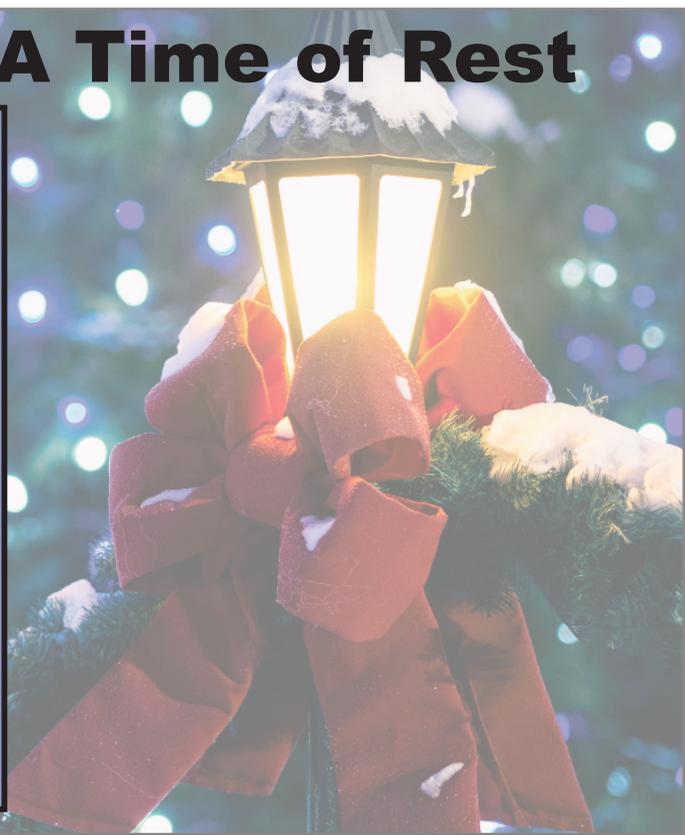
Ministry leaders please submit announcements to the church office each Wednesday by noon.

**Email announcements to
announcements@fifteenthave.org**

December: A Time of Rest

Fifteenth Avenue will observe December as a time for ministering to and with our families.

There will be no Bible Study and ministries should minimize meetings during the month.



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REGISTER ONLINE @ www.fifteenthave.org/give

Registration not required to give.

PRAYER LIST

Health Care Facility

Sis. Lennie Williams

Bro. Charles Robinson

Home Bound

Sis. Angela Garner

Bro. James Harris

Sis. Lenora Pettus

Sis. Lillie Phillips

Bro. Sanford Harper

Sis. Susie McClure

Sis. Thedrika Sawyers

Prayer Request

Bro. Adrian Washington

Sis. Anita L Bailey

Sis. Anne Groves

Sis. Annette Thompson

Sis. Annie Parker

Sis. Barbara Baker

Sis. Barbara Jones

Bro. Bob Packard

Sis. Carmen Townsend

Sis. Catherine Elaine Majors

Sis. Catherine Johnson

Bro. Chris Coleman

Bro. Curtis Lyle

Sis. Darlene Watson

Sis. Emma Lyons

Sis. Ernestine Majors

Sis. Frenchie Newkirk

Sis. Regina Newkirk

Bro. Gary Leach

Bro. James Boone

Bro. Joshua Mays

Sis. Julia Howard

Sis. Lisa Lawrence

Sis. Lorene West

Sis. Nellie Norton

Sis. Miricole Thompson

Bro. Richard Hopkins

Bro. Ron Dykes

Sis. Terray B. Tuck

Bro. Travis Plummer

Sis. Vera Watts

Sis. Verline Young

Bro. William Mills

Bro. William Cross

Sis. Zettie Rice

SERMON NOTES

Date: _____

Title: _____

Text: _____

Notes: _____

All I want for Christmas...

It is that time of year when our thoughts turn to the enduring question: "What do my loved ones want for Christmas?" Each year, the hunt for Christmas gifts feels like a challenge you would get on an episode of Survivor. If you are anything like me, you may be, at this present moment, racking your brains to find the perfect gift for your spouse, children, parents, in-laws, or friends. You may be scratching your head trying to recall or to decipher the clues, hints, or suggestions that each of these individuals have made through the course of the year.

Some years ago, I had a Christmas gift giving experience that forever altered my approach to buying gifts. I tend to be an early adapter of technology. I tend to be someone who also has the latest gadgets and am always trying to gift the latest tech gadget. On this particular Christmas, the hottest gift of the year was a Fitbit. This device tracks steps taken in a day, heart rate, etc. Everyone was getting one in a variety of colors and I was confident this would make a great gift for my sister. (Spoiler Alert: Not a great idea to get a gift for your loved one that may suggest a need for them to exercise. Not my intent, but it did not go over well!). Needless to say, while I was filled with excitement that Christmas morning, it was immediately apparent to me that my sister did not respond with the enthusiasm I had anticipated. While I got her a gift I would enjoy, it was not necessarily the gift she wanted. From that moment, I learned when giving a gift it is important to have the other person's needs and desires in the forefront of your mind.

Which leads me to this question: What do you wish for your church? If you could give a gift to Fifteenth Avenue this Christmas or in the upcoming year, what would it be? What is it that you are hoping for your church? How would you like to see the ministry blessed as we turn the page for 2018 and go into 2019? If you are like me, a variety of thoughts flood your mind. God, I wish we could fill the sanctuary. I wish we had an abundance of resources to use for this ministry? I wish for strengthening of various ministries in the church. These are all great and wonderful things and I am sure if you gave it some thought, you could come up with more gifts to add to the wish list for the church.

But here's the real question we each should be asking and praying on this season: God, what is it that you really want for this church? It is so easy to see the church through the lens of our own experiences or desires. However, the real challenge is to see the church through the eyes of God and to desire what God desires for us. Often, what God will remind us of is that what God truly seeks for us is more of us. That each of us resolve to give God more of our time, talent, and treasure to Him in this upcoming year. While it is easy to wish that others will do more for the church and for God, God is looking for more from each of our lives.

So, my prayer for us in this season of gift giving is that God will elevate our eyes off of our desires and let us truly see what God desires for us. So that when we offer ourselves and this ministry back to God, He is truly joyous at what we have tried to do for Him.

WORSHIP AND MEETING TIMES

Sunday

Church at Study - 8:45 a.m.
New Members Class - 8:45 a.m.
Children's Church - 9:45 a.m.
(Sept. - May: 2nd and 4th Sunday)
Church at Worship - 10 a.m.

Tuesday

Forever Young - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Love Kitchen - 12 p.m.
Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m.
Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Ministry - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Liturgical Dance - 11 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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615.251.1128 (fax)

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