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CHRISTMAS KICKOFF
Sunday, November 29
4PM in Chipley Hall

Kick off the Christmas season **tonight** with an evening of music and celebration as we welcome back guest musician Jason Hoard. We look forward to celebrating the start of the Christmas season together!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year, our goal as a church is to raise $150,000. One hundred percent of your gifts directly support missionary presence and efforts around the globe so that lives can be transformed by the gospel.

Week of Prayer
The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.
We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, **November 29 – December 5, 2026.**

A PENSACOLA CHRISTMAS
December 4-6
6PM in the Sanctuary

Our Choir, Orchestra, and Soloists will be joined by singers and instrumentalists across the city to present three nights of glorious music. Once again, we are excited to welcome our special guests, the Pensacola Children's Chorus.

GINGERBREAD BASH
Wednesday, December 16
6PM in Chipley Hall

Gingerbread Bash is back! Join us for a fun, gospel-centered Christmas celebration with gingerbread nativities, Christmas songs, and the story of Jesus! WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER! You might even make an appearance on our Ugly Sweater Runway! Please RSVP at *fbcp.org/events* and let us know how many will attend so we can prepare supplies and treats!

LEISURE TIMERS
Tuesday, December 8
10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall

Join us for our Christmas celebration at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall! Enjoy a warm time of fellowship, a delicious lunch, and a special Christmas program.
Register at *fbcp.org/events* or call the church office at 850-433-5631.

KINGDOM PARTNER
Sunday, November 29

First Baptist Church of Murray
203 S. 4th St., Murray, KY 42071
Pastor - Jeremy Hudgin

MEMORIAL FLOWERS
Sunday, November 29

SANCTUARY - In memory of J.P. and Julie Annwyn Minchew, given by Flo Minchew and Anne-Marie Sport.

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THE BASICS OF CHRISTMAS



We glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus.

SERMON NOTES | NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Advent: Are You Ready?

Colossians 3:12-17

1. Prepare your heart to _____ Jesus.
    a. vv. 12-14
    b. This is the time of year when people need to see Christ-followers _____ Him in truth and love.
    c. As you reflect on Jesus during the Advent season...
        i. Let compassion fill your heart for those who are hurting.
        ii. Let _____ be evident in everything you say and do.
        iii. Choose humility over pride and put others before yourself.
        iv. Respond to others with gentleness and grace.
        v. Demonstrate _____ with others as Christ has been patient with you.

2. Prepare your heart to rest in the _____ of Jesus.
    a. v. 15
    b. "Peace of Christ" – the joy of your salvation.
    c. Romans 5:1
    d. The peace of Christ comes from knowing Christ.
    e. Isaiah 9:6
    f. Remember, His Gospel is peace!!
    g. Steps to rest your heart daily in the peace of Jesus.
        i. Read Scripture daily.
        ii. Pray from a genuine heart.
        iii. Listen to a Christ-centered Christmas song.
        iv. Share the love of Christ by _____ someone.
        v. Put away distractions.

3. Prepare your heart to be filled with the _____ of Jesus.
    a. v. 16
    b. "dwell" – to live with.
    c. The Bible is the Written Word, and Jesus is the _____ Word.
    d. John 1:14
    e. "All praise to Thee, Eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood, choosing a manger for a throne." – Martin Luther
    f. As we journey through Advent, let's fill our hearts with the truth of our Savior and discover the joy of God's _____ fulfilled in Jesus' birth.

4. Prepare your heart to _____ Jesus.
    a. v. 17
    b. In every decision you make, every thought you hold captive, every word you speak, ask yourself: Does this glorify Jesus?
    c. What is your daily plan this Advent season to exalt Jesus?
    d. This Advent season, may everything we say and do be shaped by _____ hearts as we remember why the Son of God came to earth.
    e. This month will fly by. You will blink and will be putting away your decorations. Will you be able to look back with gratitude or with regret?

NOW WHAT?!

As we prepare for Christmas, what is your life communicating about Jesus?