

# The Home Visitor Newsletter

## January 2018



**North Platte First Baptist Church**  
100 McDonald Road  
North Platte, NE 69101  
Worship Hours  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.



*Pastor Clint Walker*

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### “We” Not “Them”

As we enter the New Year, many of you are writing down or taking note of your New Year's Resolutions. You know what I mean. You tell yourself, “I am going to go on a diet”, or “I am going to save money instead of spending it all” or “I am going to read the Bible through in a year”. The list goes on and on.

As you renew your commitment to your health, your financial well-being, your spiritual life, or anything else, I want to ask you to add another thing to your list. It is this. When you speak of your First Baptist Church, speak of “our church” or “my church”. Don't talk about the church as much as “your church, pastor” or “that church down there”.

At least three or four times a week I have a conversation I dread with a church member or long-time attendee at First Baptist. It goes like this. We begin to talk about something happening in the life of the congregation, whether it be worship, or an activity, or personal dynamics. Then, as a person committed to the congregation, they begin to use a third-person pronoun. These folks refer to the church as something that they observe, and participate in, but refuse to take ownership for being a part of it. People say, “they need to do this”, or “you all are like this”. Really, being a part of a church is a “we” event. We are all in this together. Those of us that are First Baptist Church folk need to take ownership of our church, our ministries, our failures, our successes

and our future. If you think our congregation should be doing something, don't point the finger at other mysterious members and say "they should do it this way". Instead, consider if this is the ministry God may be calling you to in order to help lead the church in the direction you sense the Spirit nudging it into. Take responsibility for our church's ministries, and the directions we want to see it go. Don't shift the blame and the responsibility by resorting to the "third person". Using language in the third person places us consumers of religious products instead of participants in Christian community.

So, let us, next year, be united in helping people come to faith in Christ and be transformed by the Spirit for the glory of our Heavenly Father. Let us see this church as our church, where we each have a vital role, and where we come together to build God's kingdom in unique ways and have pride and ownership in all that we do.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy new year!



*Pastor Clint*



Small Groups will begin again  
mid-February 2018.

The material to be studied has not been  
determined yet.

If you have ideas contact Pastor Clint.

## Deacons Meeting



The first Deacon  
Meeting of 2018  
will be Tuesday,  
January 9<sup>th</sup> at  
7 p.m.



Cooks are needed for  
the Wednesday Night  
Suppers.

The sign-up sheet is in  
the back of the  
sanctuary.



Many thanks to everyone who attended my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party, sent cards and helped make this celebration possible.

The fellowship and conversation were delightful and it is something I will remember fondly for a long, long time!

Sincerely,

*Vesta Thalacker*



## ***HATS OFF***

*to the entire Living Christmas Tree team.*

Over 900 people were blessed to see and hear the story of Christmas and the love Jesus has for each of us through the hard work and dedication of many of you.

A special thank you goes to Linda Logsdon for selecting all the music and directing the choir and to Brittany McDaniel for writing an excellent script. And we so appreciate all of these team leaders:

**Music Director:** Linda Logsdon, **Drama Director:** Darrell Drullinger

**Costumes:** Monica Huff, **Rehearsal Accompanist:** Alice Nekuda

**Stage & Tree Construction:** Todd Turner & Wayne Anderson

**Nursery:** Michelle Pirnie, **Tickets/Publicity:** Erna Todd

**Programs:** Linda Logsdon

**Lights/Sound:** Westbrook Audio, Todd Turner, Randy Fry, Westley Hoatson

**Ushers:** Allen Huff, **Reception:** Darrell & Leann Drullinger

**Nearly everything else:** Todd Turner

The actors and the choir were outstanding, making it a first-rate production. But without the nursery helpers, the ushers, the construction crew, the cookie bakers and many other volunteers, we could not do this enormous project. So, thank you to ALL of you who helped in any way to make this outreach possible.

We usually never know how this has affected those who come to see the Tree. But this note was in the offering plate this year: "A sincere thank you for all the work that went into this program! In the past few months I have lost 4 close friends in death and was not looking forward to this Christmas season. Your music has brought healing to my soul and hope for heaven. That you for helping me regain my perspective of God's perfect plan."

To God goes the glory and our thanksgiving for how He is using your work to bring hope and healing during this Christmas season.

*Bob and Margene*



Justin Thompson will be giving a presentation on his mission trip to Kenya. The presentation will be during the worship service on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. See you there!



The **Annual Business Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> following the worship service and potluck. **All are welcome.**

The following are the First Baptist Church's financial figures for November 2017.

General Fund	\$24,552.75
Other Missions/Special Offerings	0
Building Fund	1735.00
Global Missions	65.00

*Please continue to prayerfully and generously support the ministry of our Church.*



The 2018 finalized budget and nominations for church elected positions have been posted in the church for our information.

The annual report will be completed by the end of January 2018 and will be available for anyone who is interested.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>The third Sunday of every month is Welcome Coffee at 8:30 a.m.</b> <b><u>Jan 21</u></b></p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk  9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>4 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Ladies Breakfast 1 p.m. Mission Quilting</p>	<p>5  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <b>Communion</b> 9a.m. Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:30 p.m. Epicenter</p>	<p>8 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk  6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9  7 p.m. Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed. Dinner</p>	<p>4 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast 1 p.m. Mission Quilting</p>	<p>12  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9 a.m. Sunday School <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>Kenya Presentation</b> 6:30 p.m. Epicenter</p>	<p>15 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk  6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed. Dinner</p>	<p>18 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast 1 p.m. ABW</p>	<p>19  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <b>Noon Potluck Business Mtg</b> 3 p.m. Centennial 6:30 p.m. Epicenter</p>	<p>22 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk  6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:15 a.m. Prayer Walk 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Discover Kids 5:30 p.m. Wed. Dinner</p>	<p>25 7-8 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>26  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>
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