



Christmas Schedule

Dec. 3
4pm

Memorial Service in the Encouragers' Room (AM107)

Families and friends who lost loved ones in 2023 are invited to gather together for a time of comfort and remembrance.

Dec. 6
6pm

Youth Christmas Party in the Youth Room

Wear your favorite Christmas-themed PJs and bring a gag-gift valued at \$5 or under. We will have pizza, snacks, and drinks. Winner of best PJs will get a prize.

Dec. 10
6pm

Choir and Orchestra Christmas Musical Performance in the Sanctuary

We invite you to come to the sanctuary to experience the sounds of the season as our choir and orchestra perform the cantata, *Invitation to a Miracle*. Preschool childcare will be provided.

Dec. 12
11am

JOY Club Christmas Party in the Craft Room

Adults, aged 55 and older, are invited to join us for a potluck lunch. Ham and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Dec. 17
10:30am

Kids First Christmas PJ Party

Kids ages 3 to 5th Grade and all Kids Ministry leaders are invited to our annual Christmas PJ Party! We will have games, prizes, food, and presents for everyone! Please bring a finger food to share and don't forget the (PG) Pajamas!

Dec. 17
5pm

Christmas Caroling

We invite adults and children to join us in both giving and receiving a blessing by singing Christmas carols to our homebound. We'll meet in the FLC Lobby to enjoy hot snacks, divide into groups, pick up a schedule and a lyric sheet, and go out to sing.

Dec. 24
Morning

Christmas Eve Morning Schedule

We'll meet on our regular schedule for Bible Study, Fellowship, and for our Classic and Contemporary Services. Our nursery and Kids Worship will also meet on their normal Sunday schedules.

Dec. 24
5pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

We hope your family will join us in the sanctuary for a night of candlelight and community. Kids will sit with their parents for this service.

Dec. 25

Merry Christmas! The Office and FLC are closed Dec. 25-27 and Jan. 1.



ONLINE DIRECTORY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get the directory on my phone?

During the week after joining FBCM, the office assistants send new members a login and temporary password to use in accessing this program. If you don't remember receiving it or lost it, please contact the office and ask for a new one and confirm your email address, so we can send you a new one. Then go to the App Store or Google Play to download the ShelbyNext Membership App. Once you login, you can change your password at the option on the bottom of the page of the edit screen.

What is the domain name the app asks for when I log into the app on my phone?

The domain name should read the following: fbcmmaryville.shelbynextchms.com. This is also the web address you use to access our directory online.

How do I update my information on the app?

Click on your picture or circle on the bottom of the home page. Then press "Edit" on bottom left of the next page. Make your changes and "Save" in top right corner. The information will be sent to the office for approval as a safety measure. It will then update once approved.

How do I add or update my profile picture on my app?

Click on your picture (or the circle on the bottom where picture would be) of the home page. Then press "Edit" on bottom left of the next page. Click on your photo, and on the

next page, click on the word "Edit" at the bottom of the screen. The app will then prompt you to choose a photo from your phone or take a selfie to put on your page.

Why does my app only show a portion of the directory or just people I interact with and not the full directory?

Click on "Individuals," and look at the top of the next page (where the names are listed) and see if it says "Individuals" or "Directory." To see the entire directory, it needs to be set on "Directory" via toggle switch at the end of that line.

If you have another question or need help with logging in, editing, or adding/changing your photo, please contact [Kelly Ferguson](#) in the church office.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, Dec. 7 and 21, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, Dec. 14 and 28, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room.

Please contact our church office for more information.



CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

DROP OFF CARDS on Dec. 3, 10, 17, & 24 for a minimum donation of 25¢ each for the Longer Table.

CHECK THE BOX in the FLC Lobby for cards for you and your family.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your care for our parents (Nathan and Glenna Byrd) in their elder years especially when they no longer got out.

– Robin Johnson and Allen Byrd

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Pastoral Council this past year. I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about our church and community. This was truly a rewarding experience, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

- Robin Burchfield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Drexell Tiller
Joined by Statement on Nov. 5,
in our Classic Service



UPCOMING JOY CLUB EVENTS

Adults, ages 55 and older, are invited to join us for the following events.

Christmas Party

Dec. 12, 11am, in the Craft Room

See front page for more information.

Serving at Second Harvest

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 9am-12pm

Everyone is invited to join us at Second Harvest as we serve our community. We will participate in tasks such as sorting donated items and packing food boxes. We will go to lunch after we serve. The church van will leave the church at 8:45AM or you can meet us there.

For more information, please contact Senior Adult Pastor [Drew Goins](#).



Besides the days our office is closed for Christmas and New Years (see page 1), the FBCM Pastoral and Support Staff will be out of the office on the following days. (Someone will be in the office while they are gone those two days.)

Christmas Lunch in Pigeon Forge

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Staff Ministry Day with Mission of Hope

Thursday, Dec. 14




A YOUNG MOTHER LABELED IMPURE. A SHEPHERD BOY CONSIDERED "UNCLEAN." EXPERIENCE JESUS' BIRTH THROUGH THEIR EYES.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: "HOLY NIGHT"

BLENDS THE MESSENGERS AND THE SHEPHERDS INTO ONE SPECIAL REMASTERED AND RE-SCORED STORY.

**SHOWINGS AT LOCAL THEATERS
DECEMBER 12-17**

MAKE PLANS TO SEE THIS WITH YOUR FAMILY, SMALL GROUP OR WITH FRIENDS



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our ladies enjoyed making seasonal crafts at the Women's Ministry event in November.



STAFF

ANNIVERSARY

**Bill Booth - 7 Years
Senior Pastor**

Thank you for years of dedicated service at FBCM!



**FIRST RECREATION
MINISTRY**

ITS TIME TO SIGN UP KIDS FOR OUR KICKBALL LEAGUE

League is for kids who are 7-12 years old.

Cost is \$20 per kid for the season

Games are held on Saturday mornings in the FLC gym during January and February

Register online now at fbcmaryville.org/flc.

Our season is just around the corner. If you have a 7 to 12 year-old child or know one who would be interested, please pass this information along. Kids will enjoy a positive and encouraging atmosphere and hear and see the love of Christ from our volunteers.

If you are interested in serving as a coach, referee, or concession stand worker, please email [Drew Goins](mailto:Drew.Goins). Come and see what all the buzz is about.

COUCH TO 5K FITNESS PROGRAM

Start your year off right by preparing to run a 5K. This program will help you go from little or no running experience to being 5K-ready. Whether you are a first-time runner or getting back into running, this is a class for you.

Over the course of six weeks, we will meet two times a week to build our endurance, both mental and physical, to get ready. And the best part is we will look forward to the finish line as we run in Family Promise's Resurrection Run. Please contact [Drew Goins](mailto:Drew.Goins) if you are interested. Workout times will be determined upon the availability of the group.

DEACONS

OUR NEW DEACONS (2024-2026)

Listed beside their pictures are ministries they are currently serving in or have served in at FBCM.



BILL MARRISON

Bible Study Groups
Core Team
Joy Club
Previous Deacon Chair
Trustee
Security



SEAN MCGUIRE

Bible Study
Renew Team
Security
Vacation Bible Experience
Youth Ministry
Youth Summer Mission Trip



WENDY MCGUIRE

Bell Choir
Bible Study
Discernment Team
Youth Ministry
Youth Summer Mission Trip



BOB RAMSEY

Bible Study Group Leader
Choir
Previous Deacon



DANNY VERMILLION

Bible Study Groups
Security



BARBARA CHAMBERS

Bible Study Groups
Choir
ChristmasWishes
Joy Club
New Beginnings
Vacation Bible Experience
Women's Ministry



BEVERLY COLEMAN

Bell Choir
Bible Study Groups
ChristmasWishes
Former Staff Member
Joy Club
Pastoral Council
Previous Deacon



RANDY HURST

Bible Study Group Leader
Choir
Joy Club
Pastoral Council
Previous Deacon
Worship Pastor Search Team



SUE KELLEY

Bell Choir
Bible Study Groups
Christmas Wishes
Community Resources
Joy Club
Kids Ministry
Vacation Bible Experience

CHURCH GROWTH NOVEMBER 2023

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Bible Study</u>
Oct. 29	185 (160 In-Person, 25 Online)	145
Nov. 5	264 (237 In-Person, 27 Online)	153
Nov. 12	308 (243 In-Person, 65 Online)	149
Nov. 19	274 (237 In-Person, 37 Online)	152
Nov. 26	241 (208 In-Person, 33 Online)	157

OFFERING INFORMATION

Oct. 29	\$	37,999.00
Nov. 5	\$	78,720.67
Nov. 12	\$	13,207.00
Nov. 19	\$	11,759.00
Nov. 26	\$	17,262.91
Offering needs each week	\$	20,356.00
Need to Date	\$	447,832.00
Received to Date	\$	377,209.90
Expenses to Date	\$	397,545.98

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$	588.67
Received to Date	\$	2,743.72
Balance in Building Fund	\$	95,547.61

MISSIONS

Received	\$	2,170.00
Year to Date	\$	4,479.67

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00am to 4:30pm - Monday through Thursday
8:00am to 3:00pm - Fridays
Closed Tuesdays from 10:30am to 12pm
for staff meeting.

FLC GYM

9:00am to 9:00pm - Mon., Tues, Thurs.
9:00am to 3:00pm - Weds. and Fri.



DECEMBER

The following dates are in addition to the ones already featured in this newsletter.

- 4 - Maryville's Tree Lighting Celebration, 6-8 pm, in the parking lot downtown
 - 5 - New Beginnings, 1pm, FL215
 - 6 - Hour of Prayer. 12-1pm, Sanctuary
 - 7 - Maryville High School Sacred Holiday Concert - 7pm, Sanctuary
 - 9 - Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, Gym
Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 13 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm, Sanctuary
 - 14 - Mission of Hope Trip to Kentucky
 - 17 - Morning Empty Pantry Fund Delivery; Grace Community Church Christmas Program - Sanctuary, 5pm
 - 19 - New Beginnings, 1pm, FL215
 - 20 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm, Sanctuary
 - 31 - Combined Service, 10:30am, Sanctuary
- All dates are subject to change.*



According to IRS regulations, contributions must be received in the church office, initiated in e-giving, or postmarked by midnight, December 30, 2023.

Contribution statements will be mailed no later than Jan. 31, 2024. It is best not to file your taxes until you receive your contribution statement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Hatcher in the church office.