



## First Baptist Bemis Vision Statement

*"Loving Jesus and Making Him Known"*

## First Baptist Bemis Mission Statement

*We will consistently seek to grow in our love for the Lord Jesus and to make that love evident to the world around by our worship of the one true God, loving fellowship with each other, growing in our knowledge of Scripture and walking accordingly, ministering to the needs of the 'body' of believers both spiritually and physically, and to make Him known by proclaiming the saving gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way for a fulfilled life and home in heaven.*

### Sermon Notes

**"FINISH FIRST"**  
**MATTHEW 6:33**

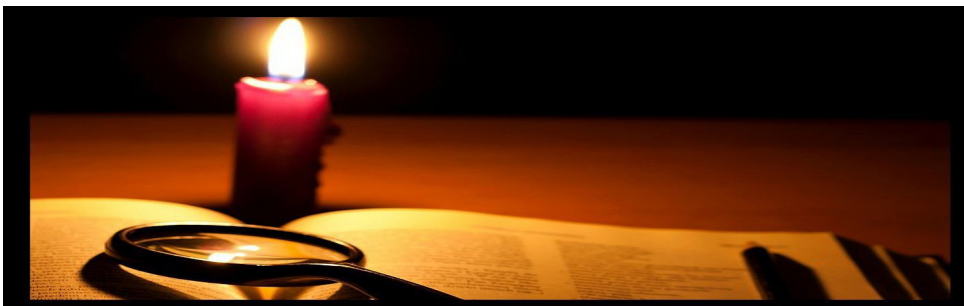
**I. FATHER FIRST.**

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST.**

**III. FAITH FIRST.**

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST.**

**V. FORSAKING FIRST.**



**"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."**

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

### What's Happening



**Retirement Reception**

For  
**Bro. John Norvell**  
January 14, 2018  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Bemis  
Fellowship Hall



Dear First Baptist Church,  
Thank you for your sacrificial giving toward our 2017 church budget. Your giving spirit was truly a blessing for The Kingdom of GOD. May we prayerfully strive together to exceed our 2018 church budget. May GOD bless us as we give for HIS glory and honor.  
Dr. Sims

### Baptism Tonight

Raelyn Morris and Kristen Rinks will follow the LORD in Believer's Baptism in the evening service! Come and support these girls and their families at this very important time in their lives.



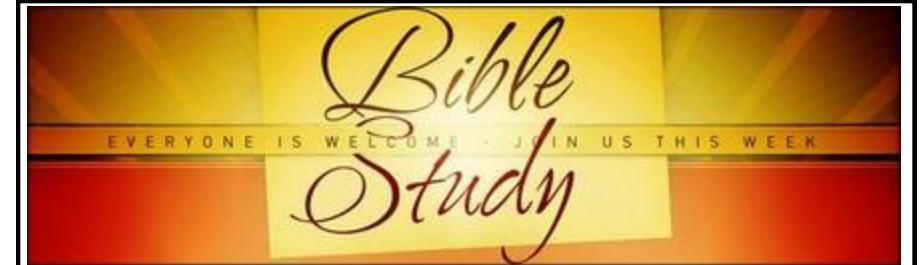
### SCRIPTURE

*"No one can serve two Masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

--Matthew 6:24



Food pantry items needed this month are:  
**Can beans & corn**



You are invited to join us for Bible Study every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Let us make every effort to reach **150** in Life Groups. Come, as we study the wonderful truths of GOD's Holy WORD.

### ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Please mark your calendars now for a **MANDATORY** training by our insurance company on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The training is mandatory for anyone currently working or wanting to work with our children or youth in Life Groups, Children's Church, Discipleship Training, Children's Choir, Wednesday night meal cooks and servers, TeamKid, The Cross, van drivers and riders, Vacation Bible School, and Nursery. It is also recommended for all Trustees and Deacons to attend.

Protection Advisory Committee  
Jennifer Rowan, Chairperson  
Gary Dorris  
Jimmy Pierce

**COMFORTERS** first meeting of the new year will be Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

New volunteers are needed and welcomed. Starting at 9:00 am, we are finished by 1:30.

Everyone parks in back and brings their own lunch. This special meeting introduces new changes in the leadership role.

Our guests will be Pat Bard and Leslie from W TN Hospice agency, with gifts of appreciation for each comforter lady.

Thank you to all who have supported this ministry since it began here in 2006. Over 3,457 patients have been "Covered with Love"!

*A contribution was given in loving memory of  
Nelson King*

*By  
Lee, Connie & Jordan Haskins  
Bible Learners Class*

## This week at First Baptist Bemis

### Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 a.m. Life Groups
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service (Baptism)

### Wednesday, January 10

- 5:30 p.m. Youth & Children's Meal
- 6:15 p.m. Teamkid
- 6:15 p.m. The Cross (Youth)
- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Prepare for **The LORD's Day**.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 31

**Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse..."**

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$8,423.97
Weekly Budget Received	\$4,000.00
2017 Budget Required thru December 31	\$403,533.06
2017 Budget Received thru December 31	\$421,453.52
Capital Improvement	\$9,102.00
Black Forest	\$181.00



	December 31	Last Year
Life Groups Attendance	97	86
Worship Attendance	130	136

## Scripture Challenge

### Bible Study Plan

To read through the Bible in one year, read the four passages listed beside each date. Each week new passages will be listed.

Jan 8	Gen 18:16-19:38	Mat 6:25-7:14	Psa 8:1-9	Pro 2:6-15
Jan 9	Gen 20:1-22:24	Mat 7:15-29	Psa 9:1-12	Pro 2:16-22
Jan 10	Gen 23:1-24:51	Mat 8:1-17	Psa 9:13-20	Pro 3:1-6
Jan 11	Gen 24:52-26:16	Mat 8:18-34	Psa 10:1-15	Pro 3:7-8
Jan 12	Gen 26:17-27:46	Mat 9:1-17	Psa 10:16-18	Pro 3:9-10
Jan 13	Gen 28:1-29:35	Mat 9:18-38	Psa 11:1-7	Pro 3:11-12
Jan 14	Gen 30:1-31:16	Mat 10:1-23	Psa 12:1-8	Pro 3:13-15

"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

-- Isaiah 40:8

## Deacon of the Week

### Chuck Miller

Chuck has been a faithful member since 1984 and has been an ordained deacon since 1972. He and his wife, Margaret, have been married since 1972 and have two children and six grandchildren. Chuck is retired from JEA and loves to go to St. Louis baseball games. If you would like to contact Chuck this week, his phone number is 217-8070 or 217-8071.

### Prayer Concerns

#### FBC Bemis Members

Delton & Wonnell Meals, Paul & Nancy Phillips, Lorraine & Pete Peterson, Pat & Russell Warren, Ricky & Johnnie Wylie, Josh & Peggy Herriman, Clarence Hermann, Sharon Laughlin, Doris Landers, Dorothy Ehrett, Belinda Chaney, Faye Jackson, Derek Daniel, Polly Buckingham, Barbara Bridges, Glynda Hays, Jane Fesmire, Patsy & Lanny Estes, Elsie Britt, Manley Hardin, Myra Collins, Joyce Mullis, Louis Goodrich, Linda Young, Josh Phillips, Pam Stephenson, Sheila Chipman, Ed Chieppo, Georgia Drumwright, Melba Ivey and Families in Crisis

#### Homebound

Bobbie Estes, Virgie Tillman, Marie Bates, John Buckley, Carolyn Crownover, Robert Pyles, Ouida Scoggins, Willie Mae Evans, Imogene Sauls, Norma Dennison

#### Family & Friends

Paul & Ebbie Clark, Jr., Penni Estes, Bruce Bishop, Debbie Duck, Vicky Steele, Jerry Wallace, Albirta Glenn, Sonny Foote, Dan Musselman, Martha Annis, Eddie Burlison, Landon Wilson, Eddie Ragan, Paul Stewart Jr., Connie McSwain, Caroline Warren, Pat Hardwick, Nell Agee, Lola Scott, Turner Rogers, Lois Smith, Anna Matlock, Dillon Leslie, Brenda Hudiburg, Noe Dean, Max Pickett, Joyce Dorris Family, Bobby Royster's Family, Randy Housman, Stephen Jolly, Dillion Scherf, Michael Earney, Ella Scott, Randy Houseman, Ori Stoffegen, Rob DeLoach, Issy Davis, Grace Jordan, Ronnie Dorris, Stephen Jolly, Will Haynes, Dillon Scherf, Opal Buckingham, Halle Smith, Meredith Dorris, Johnny Porch Family, Micah Varghese Family, James (Leslie) Smith Family, Dylan Stewart Family, Delois Lee Family, Sue Wells Family, Sue Blass Family and Drug Users & Dealers, Military Personnel & Families, National, State, and Local Leaders, Community Servants, Disaster Victim & Volunteers, School Teachers & Students

#### This Week's Scheduled Workers

##### Security

Tommy Dean

Nursery Workers: (Morning)-Dusty & Laurel Tolbert (Evening)-Dusty & Laurel Tolbert

## Staff

### Dr. Bill Sims, Pastor

Bro. John Norvell,

Associate Pastor of Music and Senior Adults

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# First Baptist Bemis

## Sunday Service

January 7, 2018

### Enter to Worship

Prelude.....Instruments  
Welcome and Prayer.....Dr. Bill Sims

### Call to Worship

"Song of Moses"

Choir

### Singing:

"Sunshine In My Soul"  
"Precious LORD, Take My Hand"

### Worship with Tithes & Offerings

### Choir Sings:

"Finish Well"

### Singing:

"Day By Day"  
"Seek Ye First"

(Children's Church Dismissal)

### Message in Music

Message from God's Holy Word.....Dr. Bill Sims

"FINISH FIRST"  
MATTHEW 6:33

### Hymn of Invitation:

"LORD, Here Am I"

Benediction..... Chuck Miller

### Postlude

### Depart to Serve

