

FIRST BAPTIST  
WAYNESBORO  
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# Soundings

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JOIN US ON  
**JANUARY 14**  
FOR THE MOSER'S  
FIRST SUNDAY



Dear First Baptist Waynesboro Family,

I am so excited to meet you! When I first read your church profile I was impressed by your clarity of purpose and your heart for serving your community. As I spoke with your pastor search committee for the first time, I was captivated by their spirit of hope and joy. As our conversations deepened, so did my appreciation for you. I learned about the love and care you have for one another, the ways you instill and inspire faith through worship and spiritual formation, and your passion for missions and ministry. The more I heard, the more I wanted to know and the clearer God's call became.

Now here we are! I am incredibly grateful to have been nominated by your search committee to be your next Pastor and help carry on the legacy of First Baptist Waynesboro. I am looking forward to meeting each of you in the weeks ahead and to get to know your stories and passions in the coming days, months, and years. Likewise, I am excited for you to meet my family. Ellie and I have been married for 14 years. She is passionate about books, literacy, and education. She is currently working on her masters degree in education to become a media specialist (school librarian).

We are blessed to have two boys. Micah, turned twelve on Nov 30. He loves to read, play soccer, video games, and spend time with his friends. Lewis is eight, and is one spunky dude! He keeps us on our toes with his quick wit and adventurous spirit. He enjoys time outside, animals, baseball, football, and he too, enjoys a good video game.

God has a wonderful dream for the future of First Baptist Waynesboro. I'm honored to minister alongside you to make that dream a reality as we do, love, and walk like Christ in this world.

Filled with gratitude and hope for the future,

*Rev. Justin Moser*

## FBFamily

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Bill Aldridge Jerry Kerby Winnie Stubbs  
Sara Howlett Nita Hughes

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Bobby and Kathleen Almon** in the birth of their daughter, Lily Ann, on November 1.
- **Jeremy and Logan Rowe** in the birth of their daughter, Clara Scott, on December 1.

### In Loving Memory

**Arthur M. (Arty) Campbell, III**  
October 31, 1957—December 21, 2023

## WARM Shelter @ FBW

January 15-22, 2024

a paper sign-up sheet in the Canada Room and a digital sign-up by visiting our website. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Pleasants at [jaime@glassinnovations.com](mailto:jaime@glassinnovations.com).

We will be hosting the WARM Cold Weather Shelter the week of January 15-22. Volunteers are needed to help provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day the WARM guests are with us. There is

### Gift Card Drive for Moser Family

As the Moser family prepares to move to Waynesboro, we would like to offer them a gift basket when they arrive. This will include some FBW memorabilia (coffee mugs, t-shirts, etc) and local items. But we would also like for it to include gift cards

they can use as they are getting settled in the area. If you would like to donate a gift card, please purchase it and bring it to the church by Sunday, January 7th. Gift cards can be for local spots or any store or restaurant in the area.



## Epiphany Sunday

On Sunday, January 7th, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday as we gather for worship. Pastor Kristen will preach a sermon focused on Epiphany, we will take communion, and those present will receive their star word for 2024. We will also recognize Lynn Fields and her retirement. We hope you will join us for what is one of our favorite Sundays of the year.

## Happy Retirement

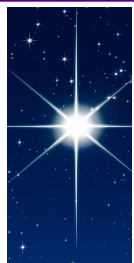
**Lynn Fields**

**Ministry Assistant  
1982-2023**

Join us for a reception to recognize, celebrate, and thank Lynn on **Sunday, January 7th** following worship.



After service on our church staff for over 41 years, Lynn Fields will be retiring on December 31, 2023. We will be recognizing her in worship on Sunday, January 7th and will have a reception following the service. We hope that you will make plans to join us to thank Lynn for her decades of faithful service with us.



## Epiphany Star Word Reflection - January: What initial thoughts, impressions, and prayers do you have for your star word?

*If you would be willing to share your answer to this reflection question, or to offer any other reflections you have as you think about your star word, we would love to share them with the congregation at large! Simply email Pastor Kristen and she will work with you to find a way to share what it is God has been stirring inside you as you have lived with your word so far this year.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Barbara McClung	2	3 Hal Davis	4 Walter Arehart	5 Lois Jones	6 Robbie Gray
7 Kathryn (Kitten) Arehart Sherrle Burns	8	9	10 Patrick Smith Raymond Nester	11 Jim Rule	12 Mary Kane	13 Julia Dameron
14 Molly Short	15 Jason Hultquist	16	17 Emmett Almon Kimberley Artz Sandra Beadles	18 Thom/Myra Carter	19	20 Jim Furr
21 Ayla Lutz Caroline Whitcomb Tabby Steed	22	23	24	25 Barbara Curry	26 Patty Quillen	27 Marie Ward Myra Carter
28	29	30	31 Betty Kennedy	<b>Birthdays and Anniversaries</b> <i>(Contact the church office with any needed corrections)</i>		



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## Stay Connected with Us

Sign up for e-news at:

[firstbaptistwboro.org/enews-signup](http://firstbaptistwboro.org/enews-signup)

## Sunday Mornings:

9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Worship

## Church Staff and Contact Information

Kim Cook ..... Custodian  
Jaime Coulling..... Ministry Coordinator  
Carrie Jones ..... Weekday Preschool Director  
Kristen Koger ..... Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth  
Kathy Melton..... Pianist  
Brenda Miller ..... Financial Administrator  
Justin Moser ..... Senior Pastor  
Adam Phillips ..... Choirmaster

### Prayer Requests:

- **By Telephone:** 949-8187—leave a message if after hours.
- **Submit online request:** go to website FAITH FORMATION page, PRAYER; follow the “submit” link to the request form. Requests are submitted immediately to staff.

**Text to Give:** 540-709-7392

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm | Friday: Closed



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## The Visible Results

### Financial Figures through November

2023	YTD	YTD	YTD
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$600,000	\$550,000	\$466,061	\$466,988

### Ways to Give in addition to Sunday Offering

- **BY MAIL:** 301 S Wayne Ave, Waynesboro, VA 22980.
- **HAND DELIVER:** Drop in the slot in the 11th Street office door.
- **BILL PAY:** You may donate to the church through “Bill Pay” options available from your bank.
- **TEXT MESSAGE:** Text 540-709-7392 and follow the prompts.
- **ONLINE GIVING:** [www.firstbaptistwboro.org/give](http://www.firstbaptistwboro.org/give) and follow the prompts.

### Attendance

	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24
<b>Worship</b>	186	155	163	182
<b>Sunday School</b>	116	94	90	no SS

### REMINDERS:

- **All reimbursements for 2023** should be submitted to the office no later than December 28.
- **All gifts for 2023** must be in the office or postmarked by December 31.
- Before submitting a form for reimbursement, **please remember to keep all church expenses on a separate receipt** from personal ones.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Next Issue: February 1, 2024. Articles should be submitted *by January 20* by using the form found at: [firstbaptistwboro.org/communications-request](http://firstbaptistwboro.org/communications-request) or under the News and Events tab on the website.