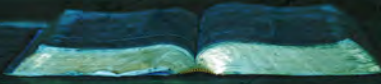


IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD,

you are truly my disciples  
and you will know the truth,

AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.



John 8:31b-32

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE  
The Word In You

Free  
admission

CHRISTMAS WITH YOU

featuring *the Wiebes*  
Saturday, December 16 7pm  
First Baptist Church, Orillia



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Christmas  
Brunch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 10:00AM - 12:30PM  
GUEST SPEAKER MELANIE SCOTT | MUSIC BY SARAH PEYSAR



MEN'S  
BREAKFAST

First Baptist  
Church, Orillia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 8:00 AM

"The Call To Lead"  
(Genesis 3)  
Pastor Dave Whitelaw  
Emmanuel Orillia



Angel Tree

BLESS A FAMILY WHO NEEDS A LITTLE  
HELP THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON  
PICK UP AN ANGEL IN THE FOYER



SENIORS  
LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 14, 10:30 AM



Are You Ready for the Advent Journey?

Last December, we reached an average of 600 people *per day* on our FBC Facebook page, encouraging & strengthening our family & friends online through scripture, live services, & blogs. Let's reach our community again this year as we launch the Advent journey to Christmas. Beginning today, **YOU are invited** to follow our Facebook page daily, to be encouraged and to share to spread the Christmas message of love, hope, joy & peace through Jesus alone.

Paper copies of the Advent Journey will also be available in Guest Central.



GIVE AN  
*invite*  
THIS CHRISTMAS

Pick up promotional materials in the foyer



Unwrapping  
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

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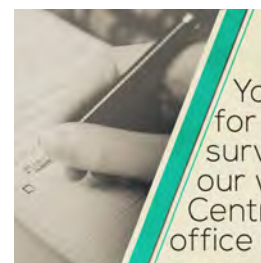
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## WELCOME

We hope that today's service will be an encouragement to you. If you are returning, welcome back. If you are visiting for the first time, we'd love to get to know you; please fill out the enclosed Connection Card and bring it by Guest Central where we have a welcome gift for you.

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Song	Come Thou Long Expect Jesus / Worthy You Are Worthy	
Advent Candle: Hope		Jody Cross
Song	After Darkness Comes the Light	
Pastoral Prayer and Offering		Evan Webster
Announcements		
Song	For Unto Us (Open the Eyes of my Heart)	
Message	For Unto Us a Child is Born	
Response		
Communion	Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery Hallelujah, What a Saviour!	
Benediction		Paul Carter



► **CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY**  
Your input is valuable and we would love for you to take time to complete this year's survey. You can access the survey through our website, or pick up a copy in Guest Central. Please complete and return to the office by December 25 at the latest.

## ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program is a great way to love families in need throughout the Christmas season. Bless a family with gifts this Christmas by picking up an angels from the tree in the foyer after the service. We have been blessed to be a blessing to others!

## NEWS & EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS EVENT INVITES

We are hosting many exciting events this Christmas season. Don't miss this opportunity to share the hope, love, joy, and peace that Jesus brings! Posters and handouts are at the table in the foyer; feel free to take some and spread the word about these special events to your neighbourhood, family, friends, and local businesses.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Singers of all ages are welcome to be part of our Christmas Worship Choir on December 17. Contact Pastor Jody for more information.

### LIGHTHOUSE VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve a meal at The Lighthouse on Sat., December 16th at 10:30am. Sign up in Guest Central or contact Pastor Evan at [evan@firstbaptistorillia.org](mailto:evan@firstbaptistorillia.org).

### JUNIOR HIGH: IN SERVICE TODAY

All students in grade 6-8 will remain in the service today .

### DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31b-32.

The glorious privilege of being a true disciple of Jesus is being free! Before being saved by Christ, we were all enslaved to sin and held captive to its power, shame, and condemnation. But through knowing Jesus and his Word, we experience the freeing power of the truth. Through Jesus' payment on the cross, we are free from the punishment of sin, and through the Holy Spirit, sin no longer has power to rule us.

### SENIORS LUNCH

This month, the Seniors Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 14. The cost is \$10, and you must sign up by December 10 in Guest Central or by calling the office.

### YOUTH MINISTRY WINTER CAMP

Registration for Winter Camp is now open for students in grades 6-8 (Jan. 26-28) and grades 9-12 (Jan. 12-14). The cost is \$120; more information and registration can be found on the church website.

### BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be Monday, December 4, at 1:30pm. Join us in the Kidzstreet Room to hear about the new book releases. Refreshments will be served.

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting (Guest Central)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 AM - Prayer Meeting (Leadership Centre)  
9:30-11:00 AM - Women's Study (KidzStreet Room)

1:00 PM - Prayer Meeting (Leadership Centre)

7:00 PM - reCover (Stage Room)

7:00 PM - Sr. High Impact (Portable)

7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting (KidzStreet Room)

7:00 PM - Doctrines Of Grace Study (Sanctuary)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00-7:30 PM - Jr. High Ignite (Portable)

6:00-7:30 PM - Women's Study (Leadership Centre)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 AM - Prayer Meeting (Leadership Centre)

10:00 AM - reTurn (Foyer)

5:15-6:15 PM - Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM - College & Careers (Portable)

7:00-8:30 PM - Men's Study: 33 (KidzStreet)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 AM - Prayer Meeting (Leadership Centre)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 AM - Prayer Meeting (Leadership Centre)

10:00 AM - Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Dominican Republic has been experiencing a revival that is reaching into all of Latin America. This December, we are taking a special Christmas offering for the Los Toros Church Plant and Training Center. This church was planted by three pastors: Eugenio, Mariano, and Wander. These three grew up together in the southern, poorest part of the Dominican Republic. The only churches around them were plagued with bad theology. Because of the need for a biblically sound church, they were counselled to plant one.

The goal is for this to be a healthy church, ministering to the surrounding community, but also to be the first training center for those pastors in the south who cannot go to get theological training in the capital. When it is established, we can send our missions teams there to train leaders and lead VBS camps. Last year we gave toward this project which provided the window and door bars. This year we would love to raise the funds needed for the gate and, Lord willing, the completion of the church. Let's pray and plan to give generously for the sake of the spread of the unadulterated Gospel through this church . There will be a special offering for this ministry