

Timing is everything! A favorite commercial pictures this with a man and woman seated at a restaurant table. She leans towards him and says, "I love you." He sits there, expressionless, as the seconds tick away, with the woman growing more and more angry. Finally, she launches to her feet and storms out of the restaurant. About the time she exits, he grins and says aloud, "I love you too." Yes, timing is everything!

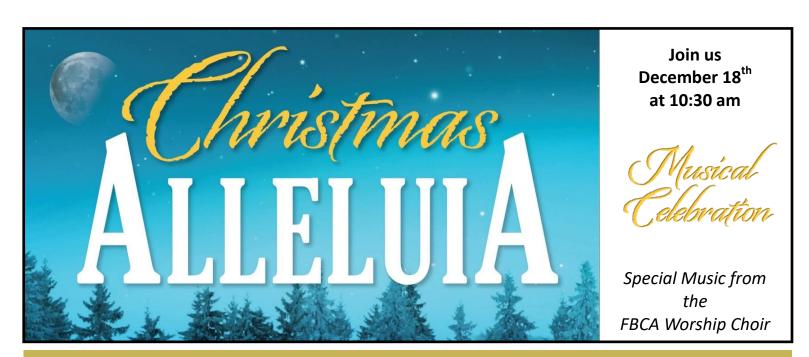
As we think about Christmas, God's timing was everything. Gal.4:4-5 reminds us, But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. God planned the incarnation of Jesus perfectly, at the exact right moment in time, just like He does everything else. His timing is everything!

In Lk.2 is an obscure older widow named Anna, a prophetess who spend a great deal of time at the temple. She arrives there in perfect timing, just when Joseph, Mary, and a 40day old Jesus arrived for their offering. Lk.2:38 says, And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. He timing, in God's perfect timing, was everything!

This month (and over the New Year's arrival) you will have perfect opportunities to "give thanks to God and to speak" about Him to all those He has prepared to hear the wonderful, redemptive message of salvation in Jesus. Let your timing be everything as you gather with family, friends, and new acquaintances.

P.S. I'm personally grateful for Scott Arthur and for the many ways he has blessed the FBCA family over his years of service as our Assoc. Pastor of Education/Admin/Children. Join us in his farewell reception this Sun, Dec.4 following our morning worship service. Pray for he and his family as he transitions to a new opportunity of ministry.

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

 Dec 4 **Deacon's Meeting Farewell Reception** Dec 4 **Assoc. Pastor Scott Arthur Adult 2 Women's Christmas Party** Dec 8 **Adult 2 Men's Christmas Party** PDO · Children's Christmas Dec 10 Celebration **Missions Giving** • Dec 11 **Daycare Staff Christmas Party** Dec 17 • Dec 18 **Choir Special Music Youth Christmas Party** • Dec 21 Christmas Day · Worship 10:30 • Dec 25 **No Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Dear church family,

I want to share with you a decision that has been extremely difficult for me and my family to make. For some time now this has been a constant struggle that I have prayed about and waited for God's leadership and provision. I believe the time has come for me to resign as the Associate Pastor of Education, Administration and Children.

I want to express my thankfulness to you for your love and care for my family for these 14 years and for the many fond memories of serving God together. We have enjoyed friendships with so many of you, and will cherish them always. As we look to the future our prayer for you is to know God's Spirit moving in and among you for His purpose and His glory.

Sincerely,
Scott Arthur

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (11/30/2022)

Jan 1

New Years Day · Worship 10:30

No Sunday Morning Bible Study

Current Checkbook Bal\$200,358.05Designated Funds Bal.\$133,372.34Total Available Funds\$66,985.71

2022 YTD Total Giving Received \$ 332,146.40 2022 YTD Total Giving Needed \$ 326,705.76









Starting January 25th through March 8th

Wednesday's at 6:30 PM

We will journey together through I Timothy



