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# Christmas Events



### Sunday, November 26th

10:00am Pledge Sunday

For the year of 2018, we ask that all our member to fill out a registration and form.

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#### Sunday, December 3rd

First Sunday in Advent
This is a period of spiritual preparation in which
we get ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord,
Jesus Christ. We celebrate Advent not only by
thanking God for Christ's first coming to earth as
a baby, but also for his presence among us today
through the Holy Spirit.

### Saturday, December 23th



**Christmas Party** 

#### Sunday, December 31st

 5:00 - Midnight— Karen New Year Concert at Washington Technology School

#### Sweet December Celebration

We will begin our Christmas Season celebration with a tradition from Burma that FBC has also adopted.

#### Thursday, November 30th

Saturday Decoration

 $\bullet 7$  - 10pm - Games & food in the Fellowship Hall

•10 - 11pm - Music Concert

•11pm - Worship with communion & soup at midnight.

### Friday, December 15th

7pm - 10pm TLC Christmas Party



#### Wednesday, December 20th



6pm - 8pm KFC Christmas Party

#### Sunday, December 24th

- •10:00am English Language Worship
- •12:00pm Karen Language Worship
- •6:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



This meditative service of worship concludes with the lighting of candles and singing Silent Night, Holy Night. This year we will celebrate with Hope Community Church.



# What'S Going On AT FBC



◆ We had a baby celebration on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00am. 25 women attended including 6 pregnant moth-

ers. These women asked for prayer for their family and themselves to be healthy. Especially, those pregnant women needed prayer to help deliver babies safely. We thank all the volunteers. Special thanks to our donors. We thank Pastor Bill for his encouraging speech and prayer. We thank the Deacons for visiting us on that day. We also thank Roi Saga for organizing this event. Our next baby celebration is February 19, 2018.

စလါအီးကထိဘာဉ် ၁၄ သိန္ဉ်, ပအိဉ်နီးတာ်မာလာကပီးမိာနာရှိမို ဆံးနီးဖိသဉ်ဆံးတဖဉ်လီး. တဘျီအံးပှာဟဲထိဉ်တာ်ရဲဉ်တာ် ကျဲးအိဉ်ဝဲခဲလာဉ် ၂၅ဂၤ, မိဉ်နာဖြဂၤလီး. ပစ်းဘျူးဘဉ်ပတာ်အိဉ်ဖိုဉ် သရဉ်နီးပတာ်အိဉ်ဖိုဉ်ခိဉ်နှာ်တနီးလာအဟဲဟုဉ်ဂ်ာဟုဉ်ဘါပှားနီးယံ့ဘါ ထုကဖဉ်လာပဂိါလီး. ပစ်းဘျူးဘဉ်သရဉ်မှဉ်ရာလာအရဲဉ်ကျဲးတာရဲ ဉ်တာ်ကျဲးလီး. ပစ်းဘျူးဘဉ်ပှာလာအမာစားတာကြီးဂၤလာတာရဲဉ်တာ် ကျဲးတဘျီအံးလီး. မိာဖိဆံးနီးမိာနာတဖဉ်လိုဘဉ်တာ်ထုဖဉ်လာအ ဟံဉ်ဖိယီဖိအင်္ဂါ, လီးလီးဆီဆီလာမိာစာတစဉ်ကအိဉ်ဖျဲဉ်ဘဉ်ဘျ့ဘျ့ ဆိုဆိုအင်္ဂါလီး. တာရဲဉ်တာ်ကျဲးလာလီခံတဘျီကဘဉ်ဝဲစဲ လါ ဖြွား ဘူးဝါရီး၁၉သိ ၂၀၁၈လီးနှဉ်လီး.

Citizenship class started on Thursday evening, November 3rd, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. We continue for 10 Thursday evenings. All are welcome. The cost is \$10.

စံဉ်တစားတာသိဉ်လိစးထီဉ်စဲနိုးစဲဘာဉ်၃သီ, မုံးလွှုံနုံးဟါခ်ီ ၆းဝဝနဉ် ရံဉ်တုးစးဝဝနဉ်ရံဉ်လီး. ပကဆဲးအိဉ်င်းတာမ်းလိအဝဲအံးစဲမု်းလွှုံ နုံးဟါက်းမုါနုံးနဲးလီး. ပူးလာအသးအိဉ်ထီဉ်တာမ်းလိအံး, ပတ္စုံ လိဉ်မှဉ်အီးကိုးဂၤလီး. လာတာ်ဟဲထီဉ်တာမ်းလိနီတကတို်ပယ့ထဲ ၁၀ဒီလဉ်လီး. ပမုါလါလာတာရဲဉ်တာ်ကျွဲးအဝဲအံးကဆဲးလဲးအသး လီး. ♦ We are still hosting with the Hmong Cultural Center (HCC) ESL classes at our church. The class is Mondays and Tuesdays 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All are invited to attend the class, call 651-917-9937. HCC also runs ESL classes on Monday to Friday 10:00am− 2:00pm at 375 University Ave. #204. Transportation is available for students.

ပတူဂ်လိဉ်မှာ်ငံးဒဉ်မိခၢခွာဉ်စဲထာဉ်လာကအိဉ်င်း ESL တာ်သိဉ်လိလာပ သရိဉ်လီး. ကိုအိဉ်ဝဲမုာ်တန်းငီးမုာခံနံး, ဟါခီ ၆းဝဝနဉ်ရံဉ် တုၤဂးဝဝ နဉ်ရံဉ်လီး. ပှာလာအသးအိဉ်ထီဉ်တာမာလိအား, ကီးဘဉ် စဲ ၆၅၁၉၁ ၇၉၉၃၇. မိခၢခွာဉ်စဲထာဉ်အိဉ်စုာ်ကီး နှူ တာမာလိမှာ်တနားတာမှာ်ယာ နံး, ဂ်ီးခီအနဉ်ရံဉ်၁ဝတုံးဟာခြံ ၂နဉ်ရံဉ်လီး. တာ်လီးမှာ်ဝဲစဲ 315 University Ave. #204. ဝံစိဘ်တီဆုံးအိဉ်ဝဲလာပုံးကိုဖိတစဉ်အင်္ဂါလီး.

- KBCUSA Bible study is coming up March 11 24, 2018. ပတုၢ်လိဉ်မှဉ်ဘဉ်ဖီးခ့ဉ်ဘံဉ်စံဉ်ယူၤအဲ(စ်)အာ့ၤလၢကအိဉ် ဖီးတာမၤလိလံဉ်စီဆုံဖဲပသရိဉ်အာံးစးထီဉ်လါမးဂှး ၁၁သီတုၤ၂၄ သီ၂၀၁၈နှဉ်လီၤ.
- We are going to have our annual meeting Sunday, February 4th 2018. We request reports from all different departments and activities, our church council committee, trustees, Pastors, AA, Family Place, ESL and Citizen class. We also request report from all four services such as Hope Community Church, First Burma Christ Church, Karen Language Worship Service and English Language Worship Service to participate in our report. We would like to invite all our members to join our annual meeting.

ပကအို ခိုးနံခိုကတာဂ်တာ်အို ခိုဖိုခိုစဲလါဖြူးဘူးအါရံးထီခိုငှသီ ၂၀၁၈နံ ခိုး ပကွဲ မုခိုဘခ်ပတာ်အို ခိုဖိုခိုဖိကီးဂၤလာကဟဲ ထီခိုဘခ်တနံခိုတ ဘျိုတာ်အို ခိုဖိုခ်ုံအံးလီး



- 1. Cartol Tu Tu
  Tulip Tun Baw
  Har La Htoo
- 2. Tho Pya Lo
  Paw Bar Blut Shwe
  Dah Eh Ray
  Bay Bay
  Nay Thar
- 3. Mo Sica Lay Lay Wing Oo
- 4. Ta Kwah Mulee Paw Tamla Paw Hsa Aye Htoo
- 5. Tho Thoo Kwa Lah Thaw Mas
- 7. Judy Say
- 8. Kathrina Se9. Hay JewKae Blut Moo

- 10. Rosaline KyawHas NohelNay Tathawtrue11. Zipora Tun Baw
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- 12. Christina Shin Say Ka Paw Henry Tun Mark Weninger Dah Htoo
- 13. Saw Clay Pleh Wah Lar Er
- 14 Aehbel Moe Dun Lwe Htoo Say Eh
- 15. Tin H Thaning

# December 2017

Ta Hsi Po Plar See Sher Kwe Moo Wah Paw Wah Soe Kee Slay

16. Eh Pah Do Heh Nay

Hser Paw 17. Cree Sai

18. Courtney Sebo

21. Hellen Paw Silver Moo

22. Klee Klee Ku Soe Gar Ywahih So Pei Bethlehem Gyi Ku Nay Gay

23. Ta Baw Kwa

24. Tha Taw Law Lar Say

25. Zin Zin Htoo La Say Moo Mu La Kaw Cinthia Woin Say Ra

26. Cecilia Oberg Paw Kyaw

27. Psaw Paw Kasuh Kaw Paw Wah Air Khel Leh

Tuesday Thu Moo

Say Kler True Myint Way

28. Anna Paw Christy Mway

29. Ready Htoo Moo Hset

Christine Ber

30. Kenny Aung Eh Moo

31. Jack Ler Sho Tin Kyaw



Retired
Ministers & contributed to special offerings received in their churches for retired
ABC ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. In 1977,

American Baptist Churches USA launched the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to continue this tradition of thanks.

Today, RMMO is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank you for ..." the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The offering supports those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

We wish to remember especially these members and friends who have died during the month of November over the last five years. May God's Grace and peace be with their loved ones at this time.

Paw Blute - November 15, 2015

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3

Tuesday, December 5 Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, December 7 Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10

Tuesday, December 12 Wednesday, December 13

Thursday, December 14 Sunday, December 17 Monday, December 18 Tuesday, December 19 Wednesday, December 20

Thursday, December 21 Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26 Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28 Sunday, December 31

10:00am Service—Lighting

Advent Candle 1 10:00am— Bible Study

Service

6:00pm— Citizenship Class 10:30am — Board of Deacons

7:00pm— Midweek Prayer

Meeting

12:00pm — Church Council

Meeting

10:00am Service— Lighting

Advent Candle 2

10:00am— Bible Study

7:00pm— Midweek Prayer

Service

6:00pm— Citizenship Class Lighting Advent Candle 3 5:30pm— Trustees Meeting

10:00am— Bible Study 7:00pm— Midweek Prayer

Service

5:30pm — Trustees Meeting 6:00pm— Citizenship Class

Morning - Night— Karen

Language Christmas Party 10:00am Service— Lighting

Advent Candle 4 (Christmas)

10:00am - 2:00pm— FBCC Christmas Party

10:00am— No Bible Study

7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service

6:00pm— Citizenship Class 7:00pm-Midnight— New Year

celebration

#### OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Earl Swanlund Mary Cisneros Patrick Junior Robert Zan

Luchene Donazal Aye Saw Tai Kwe

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In the past 15 years, more than 40,000 refugees have come to Minnesota. On Thursday, the Department of Human Services announced it will recognize seven for their contributions to the state.

Among those being honored are two east metro residents: **Paw Wah Toe** of St. Paul and Blia Vang of Lake Elmo. They are being recognized for their "courage, resilience, and entrepreneurship."

"Refugees have experienced horrendous situations in their home countries, sacrificed a great deal to survive and are welcome additions to Minnesota," Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper said in a written statement. "We are thrilled to honor those who have given up so much and contributed so greatly to our state."

Paw Wah Toe will get the Civic Leadership Award for her work as the co-director of the Karen Chemical Dependency Collaboration, an organization working to end alcohol and drug use in the Karen community, according to its website.

Paw Wah Toe was nominated "for her work in influencing how chemical dependency and addiction is addressed in an innovative, comprehensive and community-driven way," the department said.

If you want to read the whole article go to: http://www.twincities.com/2017/10/19/two-minnesota-refugees-now-living-in-east-metro-to-be-recognized-for-contributions-to-state/



By Geri Johnson

#### **Thank God**



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God's name. Psalm 100:4.

Psalm 100 is a joyful Psalm telling us to thank God in all circumstances; whether we're happy or sad. God is good and God's love and faithfulness endures forever. Shout for joy and worship the Lord with gladness! Wouldn't it be nice if we could greet God and each other with joy?

Paul tells us in Philippians that he doesn't want us to worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let our concerns and praises shape our worries into prayers, letting God

know our concerns. Paul says that before we know it, a sense of God's wholeness, knowing that everything is coming together for good, will come and settle us down. It's wonderful what happens when God takes our worries and gives us an inner peace. Focus on the best, not the worst. Imagine asking ourselves "What is the best that our church can do?"

With God's help, we can make everything work together into God's excellent harmony! I'm excited and I pray that together; you and I can make First Baptist Church work towards the BEST that FBC can be!

**Prayer:** Loving Father, you know our concerns. Help us work together to make FBC the BEST church it can be. Show us what you want us to do. Amen.



In President Ronald Reagan's farewell address to the nation 25+ years ago, he borrowed a line from Jesus, describing the United States as a "shining city on a hill." He called our country a place for those fleeing loss, persecution and trauma, a place "teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace" whose "doors were open to anyone with the will and heart to get here."

These words perhaps do not as accurately reflect the sentiment of some in our nation today, as our government has lowered the annual number of refugees who can come to the USA to a record low of 45,000 and has put further restrictions on which refugee families can be reunited with loved ones already here. Yet, these words should still ring true for followers of Jesus who have



been commanded to "love the stranger" to "care for the widow, orphan and the prisoner" and to "do justice and walk humbly with our God." This is especially salient as we consider the 22.7 million refugees around the global, 66.5 million displaced people, including 12 million Syrians, and 250,000 women and children (70% of the total) who were refugees and arrived in the U.S. since 2011 after rigorous security vetting (Source: US Department of State).

Today, Minnesota is 13th nationally for the number of refugees who call our state home, but is consistently ranked first or second in the number of refugees per capita (Source: Star Tribune, Sept. 2, 2016). Anyone living in the Twin Cities has experienced this significant population change as Burmese, Iraqis, Ethiopians, Nepalese, Somalis and Liberians now join our children in schools and shop where we shop. The changing demographics are also significantly felt in places like Willmar, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Faribault, Rochester and dozens of places in-between.

In the midst of the greatest displacement of people in the history of the world (surpassing even World War II), we are thrilled how Christ-followers and our local congregations are making an impact right here as they respond to those who on average have spent 17 years as refugees before coming to Minnesota.

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For the year of 2018, we ask all our members to fill out a registration . Those who cannot come to church, please fill out this registration from and send it back to our address:

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# 2018 First Baptist Church Registration and Pledge Form (to be filled out by all FBC members) Street Address: Zip Code: Cell phone: Spouse information Children Information Birthday: (use other side if necessary) 2018 I plan to pledge to the First Baptist Church Stewardship \_\_week \_\_month \_\_year My envelope # is Campaign I do not have an envelope, please assign one to me



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