



# The Vision



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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**January 12, 2025**



Good Morning everyone! Happy New Year Blessings to

all of you! I am thankful to be alive in 2025! What great victories will be won this year for all of us? What great challenges lie ahead of us. One thing we know the Lord will be there with us through thick and thin. He is called "The Faithful and True!"

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! Welcome! Sit back and relax. You are among friends. We are delighted to have you with us. If possible, I would love to connect with you before you leave today...

With you on the Journey,

*Pastor John & Debbie*



*Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.*



**Servants**

In His Service

**January 19, 2024**

SOUND SYSTEM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk – Debbie Maples

Nursery – Carol Durbin & Payton Woodard

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

Worship Sunday School

FINANCIAL NOTES

Worship Service

Sunday School

January 5

No Church

**SPECIAL OFFERING**

### Let Me Give

**I do not know how long I'll live  
But while I live, Lord, let me give  
Some comfort to someone in need  
By smile or nod, kind word or deed.  
And let me do what ever I can  
To ease things for my fellow man.  
I want naught but to do my part  
To "lift" a tired or weary heart.  
To change folks' frowns to smiles again.  
Then I will not have lived in vain  
And I'll not care how long I'll live  
If I can give ... and give ... and give.  
-B.J.Morbitzer**

### Special Note

If you see any corrections that need to be made in the New Phone Directory, please let Carol or Ken McVey know.

### Church Directory Correction

It was called to our attention that there was an error in the directory. It should be:

Dell Fornero B/D 6/15  
759 Prather Drive  
Martinsville  
765-516-1165  
Martina B/D 7/31  
Carmen B/D 9/27  
and Daughter should be  
Carmen Burhart.  
dell.fornero@gmail.com

### **THE JESUS STORY**

*Most people have never heard of Kate Hankey, but she was a remarkable woman. A teacher, evangelist, school organizer, missionary and poet, she faithfully served Jesus in 1800s /England. In 1867 Kate contracted a serious illness. During her recovery she penned a lengthy poem in two parts. "The Story Wanted" and The Story Told." The poem expresses in a very personal way her relationship with Jesus and the events of His life., All scripture points to Jesus and tells His story. John begins his epistle reminding readers how they had personally experienced Jesus: "That which...we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim." (1John1:3). Because of our experience of Him, the apostle writes, we're telling the Jesus story: "The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it"(2:14). In other words, the Jesus story is our story too. We're called to tell the story of Christ in light of our own experience with Him.*

*This is what Kate Hankey did in her poem. Eventually, the two parts of her poem became these beloved hymns: "I Love to Tell The Story" and "Tell Me the Old, Old Story". Perhaps we might, like Kate, find our own words and share our Jesus story with others—the unique way in which He loved us and rescued us.*

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### **DID YOU KNOW**

**The first Sunday of every month there is an offering plate on the Sound Board in the back of the Sanctuary. This plate is used for the Special Deacon's Fund Offering. This offering is collected and used to help church family members when a need occurs.**



**You will find envelopes for weekly offering, on the top of the cabinet in the Narthex.**



### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **Church Family:**

Daniel Brown, Bill Powers, Carol Williams, Dean Durbin, Kathy Morris, Pastor John, Jim & Donna Abshire, Bob O'Neal, Taylor (Holman) Bryant, Brian Etchison, Doris Smith, Bertha Heiny, Jack Clark, Lynn Williams, Jeff Sexton, Sonny & Mona Hawkins, Joanna Tinsley, Betty Williamson, Judy Thompson, Tom & Norma Brown, Evelyn Denney, Bob & Dianna Jennings & College Youth.

#### **Community:**

Our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in our community.

**Military Personnel:** Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

#### **Country: Pray for America,**

Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving.

2025

