

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:45AM Cathedral Bells (in Sanctuary)
- 9:15AM Youth Choir (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30AM Children's Music
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship & World Missions Emphasis
- 5:00PM Youth

### MONDAY, December 7

- 6:00PM WMU Group 2 – Taylor House

### December 7, 8, 9 – JOY Trip/Myrtle Beach, SC

### TUESDAY, December 8

- 5:00PM Property Committee Meeting
- 6:00PM Finance Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, December 9

- 12:00PM Community Advent Service/Episcopal Ch.
- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Meatloaf, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Dessert)
- 5:45PM Caroling to Homebound
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

### SATURDAY, December 12

- 4:00PM NSHS Chorus Concert

### MEMORIALS

#### General Fund

Hilda Woodruff by M/M Robert Stonestreet

Joe Stoker by M/M Robert Stonestreet

Joseph Hicks by M/M Robert Stonestreet

Sharon Adams by M/M Robert Stonestreet

#### Organ Fund

Hilda Woodruff by Barry & Leslie Hayes

Kemp Morgan by Jerry & Jane Myers

### HONORARIA

#### General Fund

France & Leroy Newton by The Sarrell Family

### THE SINGING AMERICANS....

invite you to their concert, "The First Noel, Celebrating the Birthday of a King," on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30PM and Sunday, December 6 at 3:00PM at First Street United Methodist Church.

Sunday School Attendance 11/22	158
11/29	164
Worship Attendance 11/22	183
11/29	209
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 11/15	\$8,638.26
11/22	\$7,179.00
YTD Budget Receipts 10/31	\$444,195.76
YTD Expenses thru 10/31	\$430,035.85
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 11-20)	\$93,789.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$249,095.00

SCCM need for December is boxed and canned pasta meals.  
SCCM food donation for November: 97 pounds.

### INVITATION

Christmas Piano Recital in Memory of Joann Morton to be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church in Albemarle. Drinks and Desserts will be served afterwards and donations will be accepted. All proceeds will be donated to First Baptist Church to be used towards the purchase of large print Bibles and Hymnals in memory of Joann Morton. Everyone is welcome.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will divide into small groups on Wednesday, December 9, to go caroling to our homebound members after the Fellowship Meal. Come and Share in the spreading of Christmas Cheer!

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*Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.*

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## December 6, 2015

## Goal: \$9,000.00

## From the Desk of Andy Jung...

This past Sunday was a wonderful way to usher us into the Advent season with our annual Hanging of the Green service. It was a meaningful time of considering the true meaning of Christmas and the meanings of our decorations throughout the sanctuary. The music, readings and the transformation of the sanctuary helped me to prepare my heart and mind for what is to come in this season.

The service would not have been possible without the help of many in our congregation. I would like to thank the Flower Committee and the host of volunteers who helped to prepare the sanctuary for the worship. I would like to thank all of the leaders of the Children's Choir and for the children who presented their gift of song with such enthusiasm. Special thanks to all of the middle school and high school students who put in extra time of rehearsal and preparation to make everything go smoothly. Finally, thank you to all of our musicians and singers who provided the beautiful music to draw us into the presence of our Lord. It truly was a beautiful time of worship.

As we continue in this season of Advent, we focus our attention to our World Missions emphasis. Incredibly, there are still approximately 4 billion people in our world that have not heard the gospel in their own language. That is over 50% percent of the world's population. As the Church, we still have much work to do in carrying out the Great Commission. Our World Missions Offering goes directly to support our international missionaries who are building relationships, sharing their lives and embodying the gospel among the people they have been called to. FBC's World Missions goal for 2015 is \$9,000. You can designate to give to either SBC or CBF. All undesignated gifts will be split 50/50 between the two mission partners. We will use our JOY sign in the sanctuary to measure our progress toward this goal. Each bulb lit up represents \$360 given. We will have a special walkdown near the end of our worship this Sunday. See you on Sunday! Andy

**Deacon of the Week**  
**Jeff Smith**                      **December 6 – December 12**

## Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Louise Poplin, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Don & Carol Brummitt

### PRAYER LIST

Dr. Bill Hatley, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Linda Hilton, Sue Hunsucker, Fran Andrew, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Brian Jones, Charles Burris  
Chloe Fraley

### SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Judge Morgan and family in the passing of his brother, Kemp Morgan.

### MISSION FRIENDS SERVICE PROJECT For NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

We want everyone to stay warm this winter. We are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for the homeless in Stanly County. (Dollar Tree has them for \$1 each.) Please hang them on "The Giving Tree" bulletin board in the hallway.

### THANK YOU

The Girls in Action members thank you for the generous donations you gave for the Christmas bags they decorated. You gave \$182 for the bags. All of the money will go to the World Missions Offering.

### ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree names are now available on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary.

## YOUTH SCHEDULE

December 6 – 5:00PM Youth  
December 13 – 5:00PM Youth – This is the deadline to sign up for the Winter Ski Trip. I have set a 10 person minimum for this trip. If we do not have 10 youth by the 13<sup>th</sup>, the trip will be cancelled.  
December 20 – 5:00PM Youth

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

What can you do when it hurts and you can't see a clear path ahead of you? Sometimes our teens live in that world, even if momentarily. They need encouragement that there is a brighter day with better circumstances. But sometimes words aren't enough. Our students just need to know that God cares and that they are not alone. Too many times we as adults try to provide answers. A lot of times, however, there are no right answers. We would do better just showing God's love through our compassion towards them. Sharing that we have experienced pain that we did not understand. Showing them that we are there for them as they move through these tough times. Modeling the faith that will provide stability for them as they move through the storms that we all face in life. Take time each day to talk with your child. A regular open dialog when things are good will go a long way when it comes time to face difficult situations together. Michael

## UPCOMING TRIPS & YOU ARE INVITED!

\*\*\***Thursday, December 3:** Billy Graham Christmas at the Library. Bus leaves at 3:30PM. Cost: \$5.00. Dinner (on your own) at The Graham Brothers Dairy Bar at the library

## YEAR END REMINDER

All financial gifts must be turned in to the church office by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution for 2015. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2016 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2015, even if the check is predated to 2015 or was actually written in 2015. However, under the so-called "mailbox exemption," checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2015 will be deductible in 2015 though they are not received by a church until 2016.