

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30AM	Sanctuary Choir (in Sanctuary)
9:30AM	Children's Music
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Christmas Cantata
5:00PM	Youth

WEDNESDAY, December 16

12:00PM	Community Advent Service/Episcopal Ch.
5:15PM	Family Night Meal – Christmas Menu
6:00PM	Blue Christmas Service
7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Jim Goins by Don Bennett

HONORARIA

World Missions Fund

Ann Brewer by the Gleaners Class

Pat Wilson by the Gleaners Class

SPECIAL OFFERING

A special offering is being taken for Lori Stiller (Tim Stiller) to help with her medical expenses after having surgery and being hospitalized for the past two months. If you would like to contribute, please send in a separate check with "Lori Stiller" in the memo. You can also give online via our church's website. Thank you for your generosity.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The FBC Blue Christmas Service will on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Attendance 12/06	170
Worship Attendance 12/06	218
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 11/29	\$7,039.00
YTD Budget Receipts 10/31	\$444,195.76
YTD Expenses thru 10/31	\$430,035.85
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 11-29)	\$94,924.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$250,495.00

SCCM need for December is boxed and canned pasta meals.



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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Sunday
December 13, 2015
11:00AM

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

I am continually amazed at how God provides for our needs through the people of First Baptist. Beginning in July, the process to put together the 2016 operating budget began by having all committees and budget managers turn in their requests for next year. The requests were compiled and the Finance Committee went to work on refining into a budget that the church could feel comfortable in adopting, yet feel stretched to the point of having to trust God to provide. The budget was mailed to all church members and a budget discussion was held at the Church Conference in November. Last Sunday, a ballot vote was held at the end of the service and the vote was passed with 128 yes and 1 no.

As your pastor, I am grateful for your faithful giving to the church. It is through your faithfulness that we are able to not only impact our community with God's love but also all around the world. Your sacrificial gifts not only pay for our staff and utilities but it also helps to meet the needs of those that are less fortunate in our community. It also helps to pay for our educational curriculum and ministries to our children and youth. Your gifts, no matter the amount, matter because God will honor the gifts and the hearts of the giver.

Last Sunday, we also began our collection of the World Missions Offering to support our mission partners and missionaries all over the world. Our 2015 goal is \$9,000 and \$6,958.55 was collected during our Missions Walkdown. Thank you for your generosity! We will continue to collect gifts toward our goal throughout the month of December.

This coming Sunday, our Sanctuary Choir will present their Christmas Cantata during the 11:00 service. This year, we will have some guest musicians that will accompany our choir in presenting the message of Christ's birth through song. Use this special presentation to invite someone who may not have a church home. Let us continue to wait patiently for the arrival of baby Jesus during this season of Advent. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Bill Burnside

December 13 – December 19

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

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Linda Hilton, Sue Hunsucker, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Chloe Fraley, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Brian Jones, Charles Burris, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Betty Mabry

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Steve & Pat Sasser in the passing of her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Hatley.

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.

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree gifts are to be brought to the church office by Wednesday, December 16. Put all the gifts in one large plastic garbage bag and put the name (number and letter) on the bag very securely. Thanks for being an Angel!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

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 13th, the trip will be cancelled.

December 20 – 5:00PM Youth

December 27 – No Youth - Christmas

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This past Sunday we talked about the word peace. The second Sunday of Advent represents peace because Christ's coming was intended to bring to us peace in the knowledge that God was bringing us salvation through him. I encouraged our students to look for those moments this week where God has put them in a place to bring peace to others. I also encourage you as families to talk about the sources of peace in your life. Take time as a family to see what you could do during the holidays to bring peace to someone who might not otherwise have it. Opportunities can be scary. We may think that we can't. God chooses to use people, faults and all. When we think we are flawed, or unworthy, God doesn't see our potential, but His ability to work through us. God does not need our excuses. He wants our willingness and obedience. Our students, just like us, are people God wants to use. We can help them begin to see that God has a plan, making them sensitive and ready to move when He says, "GO." So get ready, get set and ...

Michael

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.