

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 5:15PM Youth Progressive Dinner

THURSDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve

- FBC Office Closed
- 5:00PM Candlelight Service and Communion

FRIDAY, December 25 Christmas Day

FBC Office Closed

SUNDAY, December 27

- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship

THURSDAY, December 31

- 9:00PM Youth New Year's Eve Lock-in

FRIDAY, January 1 New Year's Day

FBC Office Closed

SUNDAY, January 3

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 5:00PM Youth

MONDAY, January 4

- 6:15PM WMU Group 2 – Taylor House

TUESDAY, January 5

- 12:00PM JOY Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, January 6

- 5:15PM Family Night Meal
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:15PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Jim & Sadie Sanges by Jane Sanges

Organ Fund

Kemp Morgan by J C & Ann Boone

Faye Dutton by West, Meservey, Smith nieces & nephews

Bruce & Nellie Sasser by M/M Steve Sasser

Flower Fund

Calvin Chandler by Lina Chandler

HONORARIA

General Fund

Don Bennett by Nancy Bennett

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.

Sunday School Attendance 12/13	173
Worship Attendance 12/13	241
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 12/06	\$25,860.00
YTD Budget Receipts 11/30	\$498,562.12
YTD Expenses thru 11/30	\$482,732.05
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 12-06)	\$112,864.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$253,495.00

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Goal: \$9,000.00

Total Gifts to date (12-13): \$8,022.48

SCCM need for December is boxed and canned pasta meals.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Angel Tree this year. Merry Christmas!

Here is your *TIE* to



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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First Baptist Church

Thursday

December 24, 2015

5:00PM

(Child Care Provided – 4 years old and under)

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

The season of Advent is a wonderful time to worship as we await the birth of our Lord and Savior. The music of the Christmas season is always beautiful and brings a great deal of nostalgia and joy. This past Sunday, our Sanctuary Choir, under the leadership of Aza Hudson, led us through the journey of Christ's birth. It was a special time of worship and I appreciate the hard work of everyone involved.

It is hard to believe we are just a week away from Christmas. This Sunday, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with a Parent/Child Dedication for Sadie Sullivan. I also look forward to sharing a special time of worship on Christmas Eve at 5pm. Childcare will be provided for children four and under for this special worship. I hope you will make these worship services part of your family's Christmas celebration.

In midst of all of the family celebrations and sharing of gifts, I hope you will remember that this season is about God Incarnate, Emmanuel. Henri Nouwen reminds us the true meaning of Christmas: "Songs, good feelings, beautiful liturgies, nice presents, big dinners, and sweet words do not make Christmas. Christmas is saying yes to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying yes to a hope based on God's initiative, which has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work and not mine." Jesus was born into the world as a humble baby boy to be the Savior of the world.

O, Come, Let Us Adore Him! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Chad Coble	December 20 – December 26
J.C. Boone	December 27 – January 2
Linda Henson	January 3 – January 9

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

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS

Please be thinking about people in our community that cannot get out easily and might need a Christmas Day meal delivered to them. This does not have to be just those in church, but anyone in our community. Contact Bob or Olivia Sweet at [704-982-5775](tel:704-982-5775) with a name and phone number and address.

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.

No TIE on December 23 or December 30. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

December 20 – 5:15PM Youth Progressive Dinner
December 27 – No Youth – Christmas
December 31 – 9:00PM Youth New Year's Eve Lock-in
January 3 – 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This time of year is a very busy one. Many times we are so caught up in all of the running around and festivities that we don't feel like there is any way to fit one more thing in our schedule. But as our students and children look forward to annual meals, family time, traditions, and of course presents, we as parents must also make sure we work in lessons on gratitude and generosity.

I read an article this week in Children's Ministry Magazine by Kathie Phillips. In this article Phillips draws connections between gratitude and generosity and the importance of both during our holiday celebrations. She suggests doing two things to begin instilling these values in our young people.

The first is to foster gratitude as a lifestyle. This goes beyond that awkward, "What do you say?" thank you after they receive a gift. Phillips suggests something as simple as a gratitude box. As a family, spend some time writing down the things in your life that you are grateful for. Each day make a special effort to pull one thing from the box and say a thank you to the person who is responsible for it. You may even want to start with a short prayer of thanks before you start the process.

The second thing she suggests is to give the kids an outlet for generosity. Kids sometimes need help in coming up with practical ways to show generosity. Sit down and come up with several ideas and help your child decide which works the best. Remember it does not have to be just about giving monetary items. It may be giving up TV time to visit a shut in. It may be volunteering at a food bank. The important idea is to help them understand that giving is definitely better than receiving. I hope everyone has a great holiday season! Michael

