

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45AM	Staff Meeting
8:30AM	Sanctuary Choir
9:30AM	Children's Choir
11:00AM	Worship – Christmas Cantata
3:00PM	Handbell Ensemble Concert
5:00PM	Youth Progressive Dinner

WEDNESDAY, December 21

8:30AM-12:30PM	Children's Christmas Cooking Camp
12:00PM	Community Advent Service at Christ Episcopal Church

THURSDAY, December 22

8:30AM-12:30PM	Children's Christmas Cooking Camp
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FRIDAY, December 23 FBC Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 24

5:00PM	Christmas Eve Service
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SUNDAY, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00AM	Worship
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MONDAY, December 26 FBC Office Closed

Sunday School Attendance 12/11	153
Worship Attendance 12/11	187
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 12/04	\$27,219.20
YTD Budget Receipts 11/30	\$485,944.73
YTD Expenses thru 11/30	\$528,600.31
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 12-04)	\$203,620.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

SCCM need for December is toiletries.

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Kaleb Furr by M/M Reed Furr
Hazel Townsend by M/M Reed Furr
Christine Snuggs by M/M Max Clayton
Ethel Still by M/M Max Clayton
Her Parents by Patti Furr
Ted Furr by Reed & Patti Furr

HONORARIA

General Fund

Mary Furr by Reed & Patti Furr



World Missions Offering

2016 GOAL: \$9,000.00

Given thru 12/11: \$9,065.00

CONGRATULATIONS! We have reached our goal but let's not stop there! Please continue to support our missionaries around the world through your gifts and with your prayers. Missions offering will be collected through the end of the year.

YEAR END REMINDER

Any contributions that you want to be on your 2016 tax statement must be turned into the church office by December 30th at 2:00pm. The ONLY exception to this rule is an envelope postmarked by December 31st. Gifts received on Sunday, January 1 will go towards 2017 budget. Please remember that the church office will be closed: Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

Any stock contributions for 2016 must be received by First Baptist by December 31st to be counted as a 2016 contribution. If you have any questions, please call Sandra Stone. Thank you for your support of First Baptist!

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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December 18, 2016
11:00AM

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

It is hard to believe but we are just days away from Christmas! Most of the gifts for the family have been purchased thanks to Amazon and other online shopping sites! There are many gatherings to look forward to and time to spend with family and friends. The Christmas season can be stressful but if we can just slow down enough to reflect, it is a season filled with joy and love.

One of my favorite services of the year is the Christmas Eve Service. Everyone seems to enter the sanctuary with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. Out-of-town family members are home for Christmas, children are bubbling in excitement for what is to come in just a few short hours and a sense of contentment and peace seems to exude through the crowd. As carols are sung and communion is shared, we are reminded of God's love for us. Finally, when the lights are dimmed and the light of Christ is shared with the congregation, the sense of hope in midst of chaos in the world is overwhelming. I hope you and your family will make a special effort to be at this year's Christmas Eve Service at 5pm.

In addition, Christmas day lands on a Sunday this year. Even though I know many of your families have long standing traditions on Christmas morning, I hope you will make slight adjustments to the schedule to join us for our Christmas Day worship at 10am. (No Sunday School) This will be an informal gathering as a family where everyone is invited to come dressed casually as we celebrate the birth of our Lord together. The service will be abbreviated but the warmth will be abundant. Children are encouraged to bring suitable toys they might have received as gifts to enjoy! I look forward to a special time of worship together.

This Sunday, our sanctuary choir will present their annual Christmas Cantata, a mixture of wonderful Christmas music. It is always a time of wonderful worship, reminding us of the Christmas story in song. I hope you will invite someone to join you in worship. See you on Sunday!

Andy

Deacon of the Week
Chad Coble December 18 – December 24

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen, Mary Whitley, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Bear Knotts, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Frank Crisco, Geraldine Causby, Don Bennett

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Don & Carol Brummitt, Jim Mauney, Bonnie Herring, Bill & Lois Greene, Helen Lockamy, AnDe Dick, Kurt Kitchener, Gay Hayer, Adam, Beth & Grayson Boysworth, Mary Sue Lynch, Jackie Harward, Tonia Icenhour, Jack Neel, Jane Pendergraft, Nancy Brigman, Keith Garber, Bud Morton, Sylvia Scholl, Jont Johnson, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Carl & JoAnn Kimrey, Kent Haywood

Community Christmas Dinner

FBC has committed to preparing food for the Downtown Community Christmas dinner. The sign up sheet has been and will continue to be distributed in the Sunday School classes. The sheet details what has to be prepared and cooked and how much. The food can be taken to First Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 23rd, between 1 and 4PM or Saturday, December 24th, between 8 AM and noon. The sign up sheet also allows you the opportunity to volunteer to help out at the luncheon. Thank you for your consideration.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you for making Christmas MERRY for some of our students at Albemarle Middle School. All of the names have been taken and the gifts are beginning to come in. Please remember that all gifts are due into the church office on Monday, Dec. 19. THANK YOU for your generosity!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Dec. 18 5pm Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec. 25 NO Youth – Christmas Day

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday will be our last youth event until after the holidays. The students will enjoy a progressive dinner hosted by several of our families in the Young Adult Sunday School class. This will be a fun time of intergenerational fellowship with our students. We will also enjoy our Christmas Cantata during the worship hour. Just a reminder that we will not have children's worship time during the Cantata or on Christmas day.

Enjoy your time together as families this holiday and if you are traveling may you have safe travel and return. Remember to look for opportunities to spend time in faith together. I am already anticipating the new year and all of the great things God has in store for our church family. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Michael



to choose from. These communities will take the place of the regular Wednesday night Bible study. An information brochure and registration table is located outside of the church office. Sign up for an Ecclesia Community!

Ecclesia Communities are learning groups that will meet on Wednesday nights for the months of January and February. Five different communities are available for you