

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00AM Deacon's Meeting
- 9:30AM Instrumental Ensemble
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 5:00PM Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner

WEDNESDAY, December 20

- 12:00PM Community Advent Service (Christ Episcopal Church)
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 22 FBC Office Closed

SUNDAY, December 24

- 9:45AM Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- 11:00AM Christmas Cantata: Lessons & Carols
- 4:30PM Prelude by Instrumental Ensemble
- 5:30PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Records at-a-Glance

Sunday School Attendance 12/10	145
Worship Attendance 12/10	167
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 12/03	\$12,848.00
YTD Budget Receipts 11/30	\$485,710.08
YTD Expenses thru 11/30	\$512,702.04
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 12/03)	\$251,985.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Jim & Sadie Sanges by Jane Sanges

Faye Dutton by the Meserveys, Wests & Smiths

Helper Fund

Lisa Hooker by Chris Newton Sunday School Class

Building Fund

Lisa Hooker by Ben & Gwen Treece

HONORARIA

Heritage Fund

J.C. & Ann Boone by Kathy, Jason, Anna, Everly, Holly, Sean, David, Michele, Christian and Jesse

Helper Fund

Larry Pickler by Betty & Eddie Mauldin

N.C. Baptist Men

Jerry & Jane Myers by M/M Leon Frederick

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Deadline for submissions for the TIE is Tuesday at noon

Our Church Family

MISSIONARIES

Rob & Amanda Rone	Myanmar
John Taylor	Far East
Molly Peele	Rhode Island

PRAYER LIST

Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jane Pendergraft, Sylvia Scholl, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Peggy Richardson, Julie Crumpler, Nita Bayles, Joanna Morgan, Gary Faulk, Barbara Bowers, Pat Ellison, Myra Land, Wayne Burris, Geraldine Causby, Betty Hartley, Frances Newton, Jont Johnson, Jeremy Hurlburt, Jim Henson, Eston West, Doris Mauney

CONTINUAL CARE

Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Mary Garber Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler, Jim Mauney, Agnes Blalock, John & Bonnie Herring, Raynell Cooke, Bear Knotts, Patsy Turbeville, Patty Lowder, Betty Hartley

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Patsy Turbeville and Roger Turbeville and family in the passing of Celisa (Lisa) Turbeville Hooker.

Here is your *TIE* to



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Third Sunday of Advent

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“Everlasting Father”

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Words From the Pastor

We are less than two weeks away from Christmas. Are you ready? I'm not referring to whether you have all of your Christmas gifts bought and wrapped or whether you have made all of your Christmas fudge. Are you ready in your heart and spirit for the coming of the Christ Child? My prayer for you and for me is that we can all answer "YES!"

This year, Christmas Eve lands on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Many of you will already have family in from out of town. It will be a day filled with the hustle and bustle of celebrating Christmas. Yet, let me encourage you to remember why we gather together during this season.

On December 24, we will have a "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party for all ages from 9:45-10:30 in the fellowship hall. We invite all Sunday school classes to participate as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. It will be a great time to fellowship with our church family and others who have come from out of town. Doughnuts and coffee/juice will be provided.

At 11:00am, our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in worship as they present their Christmas cantata in the form of Lessons and Carols. Our worship will be filled with scripture reading and wonderful music of Christmas presented by our talented choir.

Later that day, we will gather for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The Instrumental Ensemble will begin playing the gathering music at 4:30pm followed by a service of worship and communion. As always, it is a wonderful way to head into the night before Christmas.

This Sunday, we will gather to celebrate the Third Sunday in Advent as we look at how Jesus is our Everlasting Father. Also, please remember that we will continue to collect our World Missions Offering through the month of December to reach our goal of \$10,000. See you on Sunday!

Christmas Eve Schedule

9:45 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party (FH)
11:00 am Christmas Cantata: Lessons and Carols
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(Prelude music by Instrumental Ensemble begins at 4:30)



GOAL: \$10,000.00
Collected: \$7,666.00

The World Missions offering will be collected through the end of December. Help us reach our goal!

Deacon of the Week

Jamie Kimrey **December 17 – December 23**
Bob Sweet **December 24 – December 30**

General Announcements

Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church December 20 @ Noon

Everyone is invited to the community Advent services sponsored by the Downtown Albemarle Ministerial Association (DAMA). The services last approximately 30 minutes followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall.
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Faith Community Nurses Reminder

Open enrollment for 2018 Marketplace Insurance ends December 15.
Now is the time to make needed changes!

Year-End Contributions

Any contributions designated for 2017 giving statement, must be turned into the church office by December 31st. The ONLY exception to this rule is an envelope postmarked by **December 31st**. Please remember that the church office will be closed: **Monday December 25th; Tuesday, December 26th; Wednesday, December 27th; Monday, January 1st**.

Any stock contributions for 2017 must be received by First Baptist by December 31st to be counted as a 2017 contribution. This usually takes a few days to turn around so please plan ahead. If you have any questions, please call Sandra Stone at [704-982-2111](tel:704-982-2111). Thank you for supporting our ministry together.

JOY Group

JOY Lunch: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at NOON.

Upcoming Trips: JOY Trip to Anderson, SC: Senior Follies
Saturday, March 17, 2018, 4PM performance
And

The Ark Encounter: June 18-21, 2018 – Charter Bus
More information available soon! Mark your calendars!

SCCM Needs for December

Boxed pasta meals, Instant potatoes, Stuffing mix, etc.

SCCM Needs for January

Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, spam, salmon.

Family Ministry News

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER Sunday, December 17; 5-8PM

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Progressive Dinner. Come ready to eat and celebrate Christmas together! We will meet at the Church at 5PM sharp!



Youth Winter Retreat February 16-18 Fort Caswell

Missions Corner

Community Christmas Lunch Monday, December 25 10:00AM-2:00PM @ Central UMC

We are still in need of volunteers to prepare ham, turkey, dressing and/or sweet potato casserole. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have questions, please contact Krista McGuire, Jane Myers or Bob Sweet.

ANGEL TREE

Please bring Angel Tree gifts to FBC by December 15th.

