

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Steeple Talk - December 2015

Advent Season

Saturday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.	Lexington Choral Society FBC Sanctuary
Sunday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Birthday Party for Jesus MBCC Children's Dining Area
Sunday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.	Community Candlelight Service First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Program Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 20, 11:00 a.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols FBC Sanctuary
Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service FBC Sanctuary
Sunday, December 27, 9:45 a.m./11:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Informal Worship FBC Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service *Thursday, December 24 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary*

Arrive early for this tradition of candlelight and communion. We will close the Advent season with the singing of "Silent Night" while the Sanctuary is illuminated by candles and filled with the anticipation of Christmas Day.

We will be receiving a special offering at the Christmas Eve Service to help our church reach our budgetary commitments for 2015. If every family would consider a special Christmas gift in addition to their regular gift, it would make a tremendous difference. We invite you to come to the Christmas Eve Service prepared to make a special Christmas gift.

Informal Worship Sunday, December 27 *9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - 11:00 a.m. - Worship*

We will worship "informally." Dress casually. There will not be a bulletin or order of service. Feel free to share a Christmas story, a testimony, a song, a Scripture or a prayer. We will sing your favorite Christmas hymns.

Meetings & Events

**First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed
December 24th and 25th for Christmas Holiday**

January 2016

4th: Frady/Johnson Mission Group 1:45 p.m.
Bernice Cross Mission Group 2:00 p.m.
5th: Carolyn Phillips Mission Group 12:00 p.m.

Baptists Today

Baptists Today Subscriptions are due for renewal. The price is \$20.00 for less than 25 orders. If we have 25 subscriptions the price is \$18.00 Call the church office if you wish to renew or add your name.

2015 Family Night

December 9th will be our final Family Night for the year. We are grateful to all who provide leadership with the meal and the music and mission groups. A special thanks to Sandye and David for the planning and cooking. As always we are grateful to Dot Craver, Sarah Vick, Sally Davis, and Booty Hilton for collecting the money. We will resume our Family Nights, Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Family Night 2016

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 13 - MLK Program

Wednesday January 20 - FaithHealth NC

New Chaplain - Dianne Horton

June Britt & Sue Epley

Wednesday, January 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting

Year End Giving 2015

Annual Budget: \$740,136

Given through October: \$ 505,868

Budget Remaining: \$234,267

Contributions from Membership 2015 Budget
\$674,636

Given through October: \$472,977

Needed: \$201,658

With a good November and December of giving and a transfer of funds from the Endowment we hope to fully fund the 2015 Budget.

**Please have all gifts to the church on or before
Thursday, December 31 in order to receive credit
for 2015 tax deductions.**

Online Giving is available at fbclx.org

Extended Sessions

December 13: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle Kepley

3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

December 20: Nine Lessons & Carols - Paid Nursery

December 27: Bed Babies: M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Jim Skotthy **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate



Global Missions Offering

This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.

Sunday Morning Coffee Room

In order to encourage fellowship and enjoy a beverage, join us on the second floor near the elevator on Sunday mornings for a hot beverage and conversation.

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. - Second Floor Elevator Lobby

Need Volunteers for each Sunday

Please Sign Up TODAY

Musical Notes

Sunday, December 13

A special service of worship and music will take place Sunday, December 13 at our regular worship hour. Many of our ensembles involved in our music ministry from children to seniors, hand bell ringers to singers will be involved. You do not want to miss this service.

Sunday, December 20

On Sunday, December 20th, the Sanctuary Choir will keep a time honored tradition with the celebration of "The Nine and Carols."

The wonderful story of our dear Savior's birth will be read and sung by the choir which will be beautifully accompanied by orchestra, piano, and organ. You, the congregation will also join in this celebration of singing and praise.

Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Study

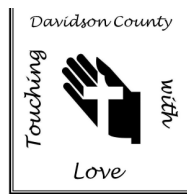
January 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

January 26 - 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Christmas Lights at the Howells

All children and their families are invited to come to the Howells at 243 N. Miners Trail on Monday night, December 21 to see the Christmas lights and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. The rain date will be Tuesday, December 22.

Save the Date
Saturday, April 16, 2016
Touching Davidson County
With Love



Church Media Center News

DVD Fund

The church media center committee is hoping to add DVDs to the collection for both instruction and family entertainment. Please consider donating as an individual, family, Sunday School class or other group to this fund. Keep in mind the average DVD costs between \$15 and \$20. When donating, indicate on the envelope or in the memo section of the check that it is designated for the DVD fund.

Christmas Books

Our Church library has a wealth of books about Christmas, both for children and adults. Come in and check these out!



Salvation Army Christmas Angels

Thanks to your generosity, we adopted 125 Angels this year! Bring your unwrapped gifts with the Angel tag attached to the church no later than Thursday, December 10. We need volunteers to help deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 11.

Sunday Lunch Grace Episcopal Church January and July 2016

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch during the months of January and July. There are 5 weeks in each month to cover. Please call Tommy if you are willing to help. The time is 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

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Christmas Decorations

The Sanctuary Committee has been busy decorating the church for the Advent season. The NEW Chrismon tree and new Chrismons are in place, candles are in the window, and wreaths have all been hung inside and out. The Nativity crèche is located in our narthex. Thanks to the committee for all they do in preparing the church house for the season.

The Fellowship Halls (with a new tree) have also been decorated for the Christmas season. Members of the Social Committee decorated both halls, and we are grateful to them as well. Thanks to all who each year give of your time and talent.

Memorials

Endowment Fund: Don Latta, Sr., Margaret Hodges by Peggy Barnhardt; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Jack Michael by Larry & Martha Kirkman; **Building & Grounds Fund:** Don Latta by Hal & Donna Routh; **Christmas Food Boxes:** Margaret Hodges, Beirne Minor Harding by David & Julia Dunn; **General Fund:** Harold McNeill by Martha Caudill; Alton Warren by Faithful Workers SS Class; Zeb Barnhardt by Peggy Barnhardt; Horace Conner by Miriam Conner

Honorariums

Young People Away Fund: Young People Away Prayer Supporters (Don Lanning, Judy LeCroy, Jane Motlow, Peggy Barnhardt, Roger Tripp, Alan Bailey, Carol Frank, Kriston Jolly, Joyce Howell, Brian & Wendy Walker, Debbie Auman, Hal Routh, Edith Honeycutt, Jane Hedrick, Miriam Conner, Debbie Tate, Jim Barton, Sidney Minner, Julia Dunn, Brenda Houser, Chuck & Marilyn Taylor) by The Young People Away Committee; **Music Ministry:** Paul & Debra Freeman by Betty Sink; **Chrismon Fund:** Paul Freeman by Debra Freeman; **Christmas Food Boxes:** Dedicated FBC Staff by David & Julia Dunn; **Building & Grounds Fund:** Parker & Joanne McLendon by Hal & Donna Routh

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

With the Thanksgiving Season here, I want to say 'thank you' to all the many FBC friends who sent their condolences in the death of my father. So many of you took your time to reach out. Your love and support mean more than I can express. I'm thankful to God and to you all!

In Love, Marilyn Taylor

Thank You First Baptist,

Tripp Gordon, the grandson of Richard and Ferry Lane Lowder is on the staff of Campus Outreach at UNC Chapel Hill.

He writes, "this has been a challenging yet worthwhile experience. Being on campus and meeting with students five or six day a week. Our Mission Statement is: "Glorifying God by building laborers on the college campus to advance the church in the lost world."

Please pray for our team's ministry and thank you for supporting me.

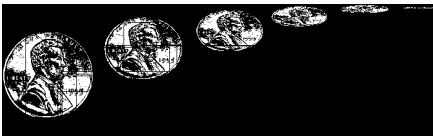
Tripp Gordon, Campus Outreach, UNC Chapel Hill

Inmate Christmas Party Needs You

On Tuesday, December 15, Davidson Prison Ministry will hold its annual Christmas Party for the inmates and staff of Davidson Correctional Center on Raleigh Road from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Homemade or store-bought desserts in large quantities are our greatest need. No fresh fruit or raisins are allowed. There are 258 hungry and appreciative inmates!

Thank you so much for helping with this project. If you would like to serve or participate in the party in any capacity, or for more information, you may call Newell Davis, 248-5831



Pennies From Heaven

The Thirteenth annual fall campaign for "Pennies from Heaven" is underway through December 7th. Donations are for the direct financial support of The Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. The collection jug will be located in the church office during Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Nights and in the church office all other times.

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 6 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Children's Fellowship Hall



This year's party will be during Sunday school and extended session. Your child's Sunday school teachers will lead the games and crafts so that you can attend your Sunday school class and worship.

We will have games, crafts, snacks, stories, and music. This year we are asking that each child bring a **new pair of pajamas** in sizes newborn to child's xl. Please bring them wrapped and marked with gender and size. These pajamas will be donated to IAMJ3 a local organization that provides needed items to foster families here in Davidson county.

<http://iamj3.org/>

2016 Birthday Banquet Wednesday, February 3

If you are interested in decorating one of the monthly tables for the 2016 Birthday Banquet contact Tommy or the church office.

Food Boxes



It is time once again for our Sunday School mission project - food boxes for needy families in our community. Last year we prepared 60 boxes at a cost of \$75.00 - \$80.00 each. Please give as you are able. All checks should be made to First Baptist Church. Sunday, December 13 is the deadline for all contributions. The boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 16. Contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box items or deliver boxes.



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From Your Staff*

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