



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

On Sunday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., all of our children from preschool thru 5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Fellowship Hall for games, crafts, snacks, stories and music. We are asking each child to bring a new pair of pajamas in sizes newborn to 14/16. 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.

CANCER SERVICES OF DAVIDSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday evening, December 21st, we will host the annual Christmas party for Cancer Services of Davidson County. We need desserts, finger foods, dips, and different types of holiday food. Please contact Joyce Howell at joycedhowell47@gmail.com if you can help.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, December 3-Birthday Party for Jesus
- Monday/Tuesday, December 4 & 5-Make Blankets for Dragonfly House
- Wednesday, December 6-First Baptist Family Christmas Celebration
- Sunday, December 10-Deadline for Salvation Army Christmas Angels
- Monday, December 11-Christmas Angels Delivered
- Tuesday, December 12-Operation Christmas Child Processing in Charlotte
- Tuesday, December 12-Davidson Prison Ministry Christmas Party
- Wednesday, December 13-Christmas Food Boxes packed and delivered
- Sunday, December 17-Nine Lessons & Carols
- Thursday, December 21-Cancer Services Christmas Party
- Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Merry Christmas

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

CHRISTMAS JOY!

Christmas is a time for us to share joy and happiness with those who are struggling in life. Through our Christmas Food Boxes and the Salvation Army Christmas Angels, we touch the lives of families in a tangible way. We also have the privilege of bringing celebration and laughter into the many lives through our two Christmas parties.

DAVIDSON PRISON MINISTRY

On Tuesday, December 12th, Davidson Prison Ministry will hold its annual Christmas Party for the inmates and staff of the Davidson Correctional Center on Raleigh Road. We are asking for your help!

***Desserts** - Homemade or store-bought are our **greatest need**. Pies, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, and many tasty treats will be needed in large quantities! No fresh fruit or raisins. (A few sugar-free items could also be used). There are 258 hungry and appreciative men! Please bring goodies to the church by noon on December 12th or to the rear entrance of the prison between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on the same day. From the Raleigh Road approach, drive into the parking lot on the right, then proceed to the back of the prison where the entrance to the Dining Hall is located. There will be volunteers to greet you with open arms!

You may volunteer to help by assisting with the party itself. Women will manage the dessert buffet. Men will assist the Chaplain in presenting gift bags to the inmates in the Chapel. Please call Newell Davis at (336) 248-5831 by December 5th for your name to be placed on the volunteer list.

You are always so faithful and generous. **Thank you** for your help as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with these men.

BLANKETS FOR DRAGONFLY HOUSE

On December 4th and 5th, blankets will be made for the Dragonfly House in the Rochelle Baker Sunday School classroom. Both days, blankets will be made from 9-2 p.m. Anyone interested in helping, please bring a ruler and scissors. For more information, contact Linda Engstrom at 336-596-4492.

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, January 24-Birthday Banquet

Saturday/Sunday, February 3 & 4-Parker Lectures with Pam Durso

Sunday, February 18-Pulpit Swap with Dr. Arnetta Beverly

Saturday, March 24-Touching Davidson County with Love

Saturday, April 14-Meagan Smith's Ordination

Sunday, April 29-Homecoming with Tracy Fulbright Love

July 14-23-Youth Belize Mission Trip

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November 20, 2017, total revenue received for the church was \$568,228. The total expenses for the same period were \$538,400. Our giving is still behind \$31,014 from this time last year. Our total 2017 budget is \$717,493.

All contributions for 2017 must be in the office by December 31st or postmarked by December 31st to be credited on your 2017 contribution statement.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

It is the time for the Sunday School Mission Project Food Boxes for the needy in our community. Last year we prepared 60 boxes at a cost of \$75.00 a box. Please give as you are able. All checks should be made to First Baptist Church designated to Christmas Food Boxes. December 10th is the deadline for all contributions. The boxes will be packed and delivered on Wednesday, December 13th. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box or deliver items.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER RESERVATIONS

FBC will host its Family Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, December 6th. For Dinner Reservations, please send an Email to: Wednesday@fbclex.org or call the church office to make reservations. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday noon.

MENU: Assorted Quiches, Lorraine (bacon, cheese & ham) broccoli & cheese, spinach, plain egg & cheese (few), hash brown casserole, salad, biscuits, toast, muffins & cinnamon rolls. Children: Egg/Cheese Omelet

NEW FOR 2018 Sunday Service Warm-Up

Beethoven and Bluegrass...Piano and Praise...Jesus and Jazz

Coming to FBC in January...Sunday Mornings from 10:40-10:55

Join us in the Sanctuary...See You There!!!

INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE "How Did You Experience God This Year?"

December 31st., the final Sunday of the year, will be an informal time of worship. You will have the opportunity to briefly share how you experienced God in the past year.

The Nine Lessons & Carols will be rebroadcast on the radio.

PARKER LECTURES

We are happy to announce that Pam Durso, the Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry will lead us in the 2018 Parker Lectures on February 3-4, 2018. Pam has her Ph.D. in Church History from Baylor University. She will speak on Women In Church History.

HONORARIUMS

Building and Grounds: Richard Reese by Hal & Donna Routh; Senior Adults by Brenda Hipp

MEMORIALS

General Fund: Sidney Watson by Light Bearers Sunday School Class

Endowment Fund: Pete Lumsden, Beth Koury and Sidney Watson by Peggy Barnhardt.

Building/Grounds: Louise Tate by Silba Rae Fennell; Becky Reese by Hal & Donna Routh

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Amelia Lanning by Silba Rae Fennell

ATTENTION!

The Church office will be **CLOSED** on December 21st, 22nd, and 26th for the Christmas Holidays.

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	TODDLER/2 YR OLDS	3 & 4 YR OLDS	CONTACT
Dec 3	M/M Jon Myers 336-248-6550	M/M Jim Skotthy 336-224-0035	Donna Sink 336-239-2691 Ann Bishop	Kelly Lambeth 336-752-2083
Dec 10	M/M Kyle Kepley 336-245-9062	M/M Thomas Jolly 336-746-5034	Katie Hartley 336-596-2008 Kelly Wright 336-239-8346	Savannah Kepley 336-245-9062
Dec 17	NO EXTENDED SESSION	NINE LESSONS & CAROLS		
Dec 24	M/M Brian Lancaster 336-238-3046	M/M Zak Young 336-746-4451	M/M Josh Boyle 336-769-6552	Savannah Kepley 336-245-9062
Dec 31	M/M Dale Lambeth 336-752-2083	M/M Dave Thornhill 336-249-2115	Margaret Ann Maddox 336-250-8527 Anna Raye Tate 336-472-8269	Kelly Lambeth 336-752-2083
Jan 7	Libby Foster 336-238-1441 Courtney Foster	M/M Kyle Kepley 336-245-9062	M/M Kyle Kepley 336-245-9062	Savannah Kepley 336-245-9062
Jan 14	M/M Don Watson 336-237-1293	M/M Cory Kehl 336-606-9526	Catherine Pyle 336-224-2458 Adrianna Ortiz 336-406-1071	Jen Fuller-Allen 336-250-0714
Jan 21	M/M Jim Skotthy 336-224-0035	M/M Brian Lingerfelt 336-853-5388	M/M Dale Frank 336-859-5976	Brooke Williams 336-956-1821
Jan 28	M/M Richard Baxley 336-243-1856	M/M Zak Young 336-746-4451	Ray Nance Howell 336-239-3344 Tori Houser 336-956-6148	Jen Fuller-Allen 336-250-0714
Feb 4	Donna Routh 336-249-2350 Wendy Walker 336-236-6301	M/M Dale Lambeth 336-752-2083	Alyson Honeycutt 704-433-0656 Grace Upton	Kelly Lambeth 336-752-2083
Feb 11	Jen Fuller-Allen 336-250-0714 Brooke Williams 336-956-1821	M/M Lee Davis 336-239-4610	M/M William Fulbright 336-956-6390	Brooke Williams 336-956-1821

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