



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, it is time to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall with instructions. Please take note of items that are **NOT** to be included. Place the label on the outside of the box and wrap box with a rubber band. Boxes should be returned to the fellowship hall by Wednesday, **November 13th**. We need everyone to participate. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children around the world by putting a smile on their faces and a good feeling in our hearts knowing we took the time to share with them the love of Jesus. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please contact Barbara Epley at 336-249-1331 for more information.

**WORK DAY** - An Operation Christmas Child work day has been scheduled for Tuesday, **December 5th** from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Charlotte. The church bus will leave at 11:30 a.m. We will eat dinner in Charlotte and return around 8 p.m. Please sign up for the trip with Judy LeCroy, either by email or by telephone. Here's the information: [jlecroy@triad.rr.com](mailto:jlecroy@triad.rr.com) 336-406-9988.

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC

Last year almost 100,000 children and adults were impacted by the ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. BCH exists in 21 North Carolina communities and also has an orphanage in Guatemala. While 100s of children are blessed daily by the ministry of BCH, this great ministry extends to families and adults. BCH sponsors Baptist Aging Ministry (BAM), homes for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults, teen mothers, college students, single mothers and families in crisis. While our church supports the ministry of BCH through our budget, the Thanksgiving season is a time to share special gifts. We are honored to have Jim Edminson from BCH leading our worship on **November 24th**. Jim is the Assistant to the President and the Editor of "Charity and Children."

## BIBLE STUDY

Monday night Bible Study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday nights, **November 4th, 11th, and 18th**. Tuesday morning Bible Study will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, **November 12th and 19th**.

# Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

## SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 3rd - All Saints Sunday

November 10th - Veteran's Day Worship

November 17th - Focus on Psalm 23 with a special anthem by Craig Courtney and guest instrumentalists

November 24th - Thanksgiving Worship with Jim Edminson, Assistant to the President at Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina and Editor of "Charity and Children."

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

November 6th - No Activities

November 13th - MBCC Fall Fundraiser for Scholarship Fund

November 20th - Covered Dish meal

November 27th - No Activities

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

It is the time for the Sunday School Mission Project Food Boxes for the needy in our community. Last year we gave out 61 gift cards at a cost of \$75.00 each due to the weather. This year we are planning on giving out 60 food boxes at a cost of \$75 each. Please give as you are able. All checks should be made to First Baptist Church designated to Christmas Food Boxes. **December 8th** is the deadline for all contributions. The boxes will be packed and delivered on Wednesday, **December 11th**. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box or deliver items.

## Church Closings

The church office and MBCC will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28th and 29th.

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund:** *Jack Hege* by Carol & Avon Mize, Aurelia Smith, Lynda & Fred Belk, Ramona & Robert Phelps and Debbie & Ken Auman; *Estelle Dillahunt* by Lynda & Fred Belk, Ann & Bob Cole and Sue & Gary Wikstrom; *Tullia Hoover* by Lynn Burleson, Ann & Bob Cole and Debbie & Ken Auman; *Gale Lanning* by Ann & Bob Cole; *Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Sue & Gary Wikstrom and Ann & Bob Cole; *Janet Hamrick Bogee* by Dan Hamrick

**Undesignated Memorials:** *Tullia Hoover* by Kay & Bob Timberlake; *Jack Hege* by Family & Friends of Lanier Hardware

**Building/Grounds Fund:** *Tullia Hoover* by Donna & Hal Routh; *Lester Honeycutt* by Betty Jane & Richard Honeycutt

**Endowment Fund:** *Gale Lanning* by Peggy Barnhardt

**Belize Mission Projects:** *Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Newell & Herb Davis

**Chrismon Fund:** *Gale Lanning* by Mallard Ridge Assisted Living, Marylyn "Booty" Hilton, Martha & Robert Adams, Aurelia Smith, Julia Strader, Linda Russell Wilson, Benjamin Rojahn, Cateen & Hubert Olive, Sara Delapp, Brenda & Nathan Houser, Ramona & Robert Phelps and Debbie & Ken Auman; *Estelle Dillahunt* by Theodosia "The" Jackson, Ken & Debbie Auman; *Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Debbie & Ken Auman and Marylyn "Booty" Hilton; *Tullia Hoover* by Marylyn "Booty" Hilton

**Music Fund:** *Jack Hege, Michael Blackwelder and JoAnn Potts* by Martha & Robert Adams

**Youth Designated:** *Don & Gale Lanning* by Hal & Donna Routh

## HONORARIUMS

**General Fund:** *Dave Colescott* by Betty Sink

**Building/Grounds:** *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Hal & Donna Routh

## BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The FBC Book Lovers will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 10 from 3-5 pm in the Library. Please see Judy LeCroy for more details.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR OUTINGS

**November 8th** - Wohlfahrt Haus: Christmas in the Park, Wytheville, VA Meal & Play \$42.00

**December 18th** - Meroney Theater in Salisbury to see "Cinderella" Dinner in a local restaurant and play at 7:30 p.m. Play is \$10.00 + your meal.

Contact Sharon Palmer for more information.



## YAMS FOR PASTOR'S PANTRY

Once again this year, First Baptist Church has been asked by Pastor's Pantry to provide canned Yams for their annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our goal is 300 cans. There is a receptacle in the elevator lobby. Please consider picking up a can or two when you grocery shop. The deadline is November 20th.

## MARTHA BEST CHILDREN'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Martha Best Children's Center would like to invite each of you to our Fall Fundraiser and Dinner. The event will take place in the FBC Fellowship Hall, November 13th. Dinner will begin at 5:30 with a silent auction beginning at 6:30. The cost will be \$ 7.00 per plate and \$4.00 for children 12 yrs. and younger. Southern Lunch will provide the meal with many options to choose from. We have some exciting auction items as well; a North Myrtle Beach Vacation, Antique Painted Furniture and Hayes Jewelers Pearl Bracelets just to name a few. Please RSVP by Friday, November 8th. You may contact Laura Adams, Director by phone at 336-245-9612 or email [laura@fbclex.org](mailto:laura@fbclex.org). You may also RSVP with Sherri Salinas by phone at 336-245-1261 ext. 103 or email [sherri@fbclex.org](mailto:sherri@fbclex.org). Additional information can be found on the flyers posted around the church. All proceeds will benefit the Martha Best Children's Center scholarship fund. The scholarship fund helps support families attending the MBCC who are in need. We hope to see you there! As always MBCC thanks you for your continued support!

## EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
Nov 3rd	Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall	Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269
Nov 10th	M/M William Fulbright	M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552
Nov 17th	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	Donna Sink (336) 239-2691 Ben Bishop
Nov 24th	M/M Jon Myers (336) 248-6550	June Honeycutt (336) 408-7223 Lori Gilliam (336) 596-2619
Dec 1st	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346	Ray Nance Howell (336) 239-3344 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Our budget committee did a wonderful job completing a very difficult task. You will receive a copy of the proposed budget, and our congregational budget discussion will take place in the near future.

**Please make plans to attend**



## BUDGET UPDATE

### As of September

Budget Received: \$50,471.69

Expenses: \$46,855.34

Surplus: \$ 3616.35

### Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget: \$718,355.00

Budget Received: \$436,735.57

Expenses: \$ 436,024.65

Surplus: \$710.92

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of September. We have a small surplus for the month and year. Let's keep this positive trend going for the rest of the year so we may fulfill our commitments. Please remember to keep the church in your heart as you give so we can continue to do the great work of the Lord!

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Salvation Army Christmas Angels will be available for pick-up on November 17th. Your generous gifts will help children of Davidson County experience a Merry Christmas!



## HOLY LAND 2021

We are going back to the Holy Land in 2021! Dates are February 25 - March 7, 2021. This is a life-changing trip, a transformational spiritual journey. Please let Ray know if you are interested in receiving more information.

## FBC FRIENDS

FBC Friends is a weekly email that previews the Sunday morning service. If you are not receiving this email, please share your email address with us. For those who do not use email, we will share the FBC Friends message on the Information Line.

## CHILD CARE FOR NINE LESSONS AND CHRISTMAS EVE

In order to assess the number of paid workers we may need for the Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday and for the Christmas Eve service, **please register your child in advance.** You may call the church office and let us know how many children and for which service they will need child care.

## CONTACT US!

## Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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