#### **Christmas Food Boxes**

It is the time again for Sunday School Mission Project Food Boxes at Christmas 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 10 is the deadline for all contributions. The boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 13. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box items or deliver boxes.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

We have a goal of 200 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are shipped to more than 100 countries and reach over 12 million children. This year a special shipment is going to the children of Puerto Rico who have been devastated by the storms. The deadline is November 15.

#### **FBC Book Lovers**

Join your friends this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the church library for the first gathering of our new book club. We will be discussing *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey, the bestseller author of *What's So Amazing about Grace*.

# **Pastor's Pantry Canned Yam Drive**

We will again this year take donations of canned yams for the holidays. Our goal is 500 cans this year. Please pick up a few extra cans on your next trip to the grocery store. You may drop your donations off down stairs in the designated boxes. The deadline is November 19.

### Salvation Army Christmas Angels

The Salvation Army Christmas Angel program blesses the lives of local children. No church in Davidson County has adopted more angels in recent years than First Baptist. Would you like to help in this year's effort? The angels will be available on Sunday, November 26. Let Ray know if you can help organize this year's campaign.

#### **Budget Proposal to be Presented this Wednesday**

The 2018 proposed budget will be presented this Wednesday night following our delicious meal. Make sure you have your reservations in by noon on Monday to enjoy Cheryl's famous Chicken Pie and the great Wednesday night fellowship.

# **Next Sunday is Budget Catch Up**

Please prayerfully consider a special gift to help us catch up with our 2017 budget. We only have eight Sundays remaining this year! Last year our special gifts helped us exceed our 2016 budget. If every member will do their part we can have another successful year.

## **Baptist Children's Homes Week of Prayer**

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. So many children live in a world of abuse and neglect. Through our support of Baptist Children's Homes we bless the lives of children and families in need. We will have a special focus on this special ministry Wednesday night, November 15.