



### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

All Saints Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 4th. If you have lost a loved one during the past year, you will have an opportunity to light a candle in their memory during the service. Please contact the church office to have your loved one's name listed in the bulletin. Regardless, you will have an opportunity to light a candle for your loved one.

### **DR. MICHAEL BLACKWELL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Thanksgiving is the season to focus on our Baptist Children's Homes. Our church has a long and rich history of support and involvement with our Children's Homes. We are honored that Dr. Michael Blackwell will be our special guest on Sunday, November 18th. We will also have two special guests from the past! We are receiving a special offering for our Children's Homes ministry and to honor Dr. Blackwell on his 35th Anniversary as President.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS**

We have an opportunity to make a difference in children's lives all over the globe through Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available at the church with instructions inside. The deadline is November 14th. Bring your shoeboxes to the fellowship hall.

### **POINSETTIAS**

The deadline for purchasing poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary is November 15th. Cost is \$35.00 each.

# Steeple Talk

**Faith Fellowship Mission**

### **SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

November 4th - "All Saints Sunday"

November 11th - "Veteran's Day Sunday"

November 18th - "Baptist Children's Home"

November 25th - "Thanksgiving Sunday"

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING OPPORTUNITY**

For many years, members of our church have gone to the Charlotte Processing Center in the fall to help organize the shoeboxes of goodies that arrive there from all over the U.S. The shoeboxes are then sent to countries throughout the world to be distributed to needy children. In 2017, we were disappointed that the Center completed its work before we could get there to help. This year we have another opportunity to do this work in Charlotte. We are limited to 17 participants, so we urge you to sign up for this activity right away. If there are more than 17 who want to work, we will start a waiting list in case someone has to drop out.

**Charlotte Processing Center**

**Friday, December 7th**

**Leave our bus parking lot at noon. (Eat before you come)**

**Work from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

**Eat dinner in Charlotte, returning around 8:00 p.m.**

**Limited to 17 people Sign up with Judy LeCroy,**

**336-249-3766 or [jlecroy@triad.rr.com](mailto:jlecroy@triad.rr.com)**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

This month, Beverly Khemlani will celebrate 18 years with us as organist at First Baptist Church. We are grateful for her talents and for her service to our church!

## WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 7th - Catered meal followed by 2019 Budget Presentation

November 14th - Faithful Workers SS Class Meal followed by Family Night

November 21st - Thanksgiving Eve—**No Wednesday Night Activities**

November 28th - Catered meal followed by Bible Study on Messianic

## FAMILY NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 14TH

The Faithful Workers Sunday School Class will be serving Joyce's homemade vegetable soup, along with a side and dessert, on Wednesday, November 14th. Donations will be received for Cancer Services of Davidson County. Following the meal is a family night focused on Thanksgiving.

## GENESIS BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night/Tuesday morning Bible Study on Genesis will meet November 5/6 and 12/13. We meet at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

We have the opportunity to make a difference in children's lives here in Davidson County through the Salvation Army Christmas Angels. The Angels will be available in late November.

## 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 12th. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church office if you wish to help box or deliver items.

## 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 500 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 15th.

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund:** *Dot Craver* by Anne Fishel, Jacqueline Inman, Sally Davis, Miriam Conner and Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck; *Dixie Kidney* by Betty Sink, Sally Davis, Lauratine Brannon & family and Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck; *Jewell Deal* by Sally Davis; *Carl Garrison* by Brenda & Nathan Houser, Sally Davis, Suzy Conner, Miriam Conner, David Colescott, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck and Fred & Lynda Belk; *McNair Tomow* by Miriam Conner & Suzy Conner; *Jack Sink's Birthday* by Betty Sink

**Endowment Fund:** *Bea Hughes and Carl Garrison* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Dixie Kidney, Jewell Deal, Lillie Stutts, Carl Garrison and Bea Hughes* by Ken & Debbie Auman.

**Building/Grounds:** *Dixie Kidney* by Hal & Donna Routh

## HONORARIUMS

**Small Jobs:** *Lane Gilliam* by Mary Everhart

**General Fund:** *Sally Davis' Birthday* by Betty Sink

## EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
Nov 4	Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 Alyson Honeycutt (704) 433-0656 Grace Upton
Nov 11	Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269	M/M Cory Kehl (803) 606-9526
Nov 18	M/M Nathan Houser (336) 956-6148	M/M Bryan Lingerfelt (336) 853-5388
Nov 25	M/M Dale Frank (336) 859-5976	M/M Zak Young(336) 746-4451
Dec 2	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	M/M Dale Lambeth (336) 752-2083

### BUDGET UPDATE

#### SEPTEMBER

Budget Received: \$86,865.86

Expenses: \$ 40,870.98

Surplus: \$45,994.88

#### YEAR TO DATE

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$ 469,724.47

Expenses: \$ 449,199.18

Surplus: \$20,525.29

**Weekly Budget Required: \$17,567.00**

May we continue to be faithful in our giving to the church.

### DAVIDSON PRISON MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 4th, 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!

1 - 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 4th. I will have a special table and sign indicating where the desserts can be placed.

2 - 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 (336-248-5831 or 336-239-2723) by November 28th 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.

### NEW BUS NEEDED!

First Baptist is in need of a new bus. The larger bus is 20 years old and is now cost prohibitive to maintain. It is also increasingly difficult to find CDL drivers.

A new bus, similar to the smaller one we have is estimated to cost between \$70-80,000.00.

We have set up a reserved fund for this new purchase which currently has about \$8,400.00. Please consider a special contribution for this new vehicle.

### CANCER SERVICES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be hosting the annual Christmas Party for Cancer Services on Thursday, December 20th. We will need help with a variety of festive foods for this special occasion.

## CONTACT US!

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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 5:00PM Friday 8:30AM to 1PM

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