



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Thank you to everyone who picked up an Angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Gifts are due to be placed on the stage in the Fellowship Hall no later than Wednesday, December 5th. Gifts should be unwrapped and placed in a large trash bag. Please securely attach the tag to the outside of the bag. Contact Kathy Hinkle, 336-250-0475, or the church office for additional information.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec. 16th – Nine Lessons and Carols – 11 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30th – Informal Worship Service – 11 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Sunday Dec. 9th - Faith Factory Christmas Party - 4 p.m.
Sunday Dec. 16th - Children will sing with the Sanctuary choir
during Nine Lessons and Carols
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING OPPORTUNITY

Charlotte Processing Center
Friday, December 7th
Leave our bus parking lot at noon.
(Eat before you come)
Work from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.
Eat dinner in Charlotte, returning around 8:00 p.m.
Limited to 17 people Sign up with Judy LeCroy

DREAM TEAMS SPRING PROJECT

The FBC Dream Teams are considering a production of the Easter musical, The Pivot Point, and we want to gauge your interest. This musical was performed at FBC in 1999 and was enthusiastically received. The cast requires 15 actors, 6 of whom sing. Costumers, set builders, and other production crew would also be needed. If you would like to be part of this exciting event, please contact Betty Jane Honeycutt at (336) 249-3526 or bj@triad.twcbc.com.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

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.

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.

PAUL AND DEBRA FREEMAN RETIREMENT

Paul and Debra Freeman will be retiring at the end of December after faithfully serving our church in the music ministry. Paul started his service with us in January of 2014 as the Interim Director of Music. He soon became our Minister of Music, and we have been truly blessed through his and Debra's gifts these past five years. Paul will direct his final Nine Lessons and Carols on December 16. The Christmas Eve Service will be his final worship service with us. We wish Paul and Debra God's richest blessings in retirement. We are truly grateful for their dedicated service to our church.

JANUARY 6TH IS A RIVERDALE SUNDAY!

Our first Sunday of 2019 will be a Riverdale Sunday accompanied by the music of Brannon Gilliam and Lee Spears. Brannon and Lee will also play for the pre-service music. "Turn Your Radio On" is the title of the Riverdale Narrative.

GENEROUS GIVING

In honor of Dr. Michael Blackwell's 35 years of service at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, we are sending \$4,889 to support the ministry of Baptist Children's Homes. Our four Wednesday night dinners sponsored by Sunday School classes and special gifts resulted in contributions of \$4,135 for North Carolina Disaster Relief, \$1,220 for Cancer Services of Davidson County, and \$216 for CBF Missionary Celcia Beck. Thank you for your generous gifts.

THANK YOU

This is a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who packed a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. We collected 119 shoe boxes-three more than last year! Children receiving these boxes will know the love of Jesus because of your generosity, and the smiles on their faces will radiate all around the world, thanks to you!!

Barbara Epley

THANK YOU

A special thanks to Mr. Lane Gilliam & Mr. Tobin Shepherd that cleaned up my yard. They trimmed bushes and cut trees to make my yard look nice. They truly represent the heart of Christ.

Many thanks,

Yvonne Avant

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Lois Perryman* by Fred & Lynda Belk, Don & Ann Bishop, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Bob & Ann Cole, and Brenda & Nathan Houser; **Dot Craver** by George & Amy Chambless, Kelly Sink, Deitra Lowdermilk, and Virginia Fox; **Jim Phillips** by Becky Kirkendall; **Dixie Kidney** by Nancy Peka; **McNair Tomow** by George & Amy Chambless; **Lamar Clark** by Hubert & Cateen Olive, Suzy Conner, Miriam Conner, David Colescott, Alan & Melody Williams and Booty Hilton; **Janet Boyce** by Alan & Melody Williams; **Carl Garrison** by Harvey & Barbara Fulbright.

Endowment Fund: *Kenneth Stroud, Henry Mize, Glenn Wright, Janet Boyce, and Lois Perryman* by Peggy Barnhardt; **Dot Craver, Carl Garrison, Kenneth Stroud, and Lois Perryman** by Kathryn Frye.

Building/Grounds: *Lois Perryman* by Catherine & Jeff Bowers, Hal & Donna Routh, Doug & Alice Pearson, Sally Davis, Jackie Sink, Booty Hilton, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Rochella Baker Sunday School Class, Scott & Diane Craver, Gail Craver, Suzy Conner, Miriam Conner, and David Colescott; **Lamar Clark** by Richard & Lois Perryman.

Baptist Children's Home: *Jesse Flake* by Betty Sink.

HONORARIUMS

Small Jobs: *Lane Gilliam & Fred Belk* by Mary Everhart.

Endowment Fund: *First Baptist Church Family* by Richard & Lois Perryman.

Building/Grounds: *Doug Pearson* by Hubert & Cateen Olive.

Baptist Children's Home: *Jim & June Honeycutt* by Hal & Donna Routh; **Dr. Michael Blackwell** by Richard & Lois Perryman.

In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. John 1: 4-5

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
DEC 2	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams(336) 956-1821	M/M Dale Lambeth (336) 752-2083
DEC 9	Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall (336) 479-5136	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346
DEC 16	M/M William Fulbright (336) 956-6390	Sandra Blackwelder (336) 249-9593 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765
DEC 23	Catherine Pyle(336) 224-2458 Adriana Ortiz (336) 406-1071	M/M Kevin Brown (336) 250-1551
DEC 30	Donna Sink (336) 239-2691 Ben Bishop (336) 956-1951 Ann Bishop (336) 956-1543	M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552



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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

October

Budget Received: \$42,663.85

Expenses: \$ 56,526.34 Deficit:

\$13,862.49

Year to Date

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$ 512,388.32

Expenses: \$ 507,667.77

Surplus: \$ 4,720.55

Weekly Budget Required: \$17,567.00

Our revenue continues to fall short of our needs. May we continue to be faithful in our giving to the church.

CONTACT US!

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