



CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Sunday, December 8th

5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Join the children for a time of worship and celebration followed by a meal and Gingerbread house decorating.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 8th

10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Children's Fellowship Hall

We will celebrate with crafts, snacks, games and stories

Bring a new pair of pajamas for the IAMJ3 ministry to Davidson County foster families.

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

Dec 8th - The Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 15th - The Forty-Sixth Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Dec 22nd - The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dramatic Presentation)

Dec 29th - Informal Worship (Nine Lessons replayed on radio)

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Forty-Sixth Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 15th, under the direction of Mr. Wes Richardson. Following the worship service, you are invited to join the choir and orchestra for a delicious meal in the fellowship hall. Reservations are essential! The cost of the meal is \$15 per person.

GALE LANNING CHRISMON TREE

The Gale Lanning Children's Chrismon Tree in the Fellowship Hall contains many of Gale's handcrafted angels, stars, and ornaments. Beautiful Chrismons in memory of Gale have been added to complete this very special tree. Be sure to stop and see it!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Musical preludes will begin at 5:15 p.m. You are invited to join us for this magnificent time of worship on the most holy of nights. We anticipate a full house so come early.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

We are preparing 60 food boxes for deserving families with children on Wednesday, December 11th. Financial contributions are needed as well as volunteers to help on the morning of the 11th. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or Jim Honeycutt for more information.

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.

Church Closings

The church office and MBCC will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th and January 1st.

CANCER SERVICES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are hosting the Christmas Party for the Cancer Services of Davidson County on Thursday, December 19th. We need a variety of festive food for this special occasion plus volunteers to help decorate and serve. Please contact Joyce Howell if you can help.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are grateful to all of our committees who have worked so hard to decorate our church and sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There are approximately 50 new Chrismons on our Sanctuary tree. Many of these have been given in honor or in memory of individuals.

JUNIOR-SENIOR OUTINGS

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.

CHRISTMAS NOTE CARDS

The Young People Away Committee will be taking orders for the Christmas notecards featuring the FBC Sanctuary decorated for Christmas. The cost is \$10 for 12 cards and envelopes. All orders must be placed by **December 13th** and prepaid. If interested please contact Kim Lingerfelt, Sara Briggs or call the church office to place your order.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

In the month of January, First Baptist has committed to assisting the members of Grace Episcopal Church in feeding the area homeless. Many members have volunteered in the past, and we hope you will again. Please sign up for one of the Sunday's in January. There is a signup sheet in the church office or you can email Jim Skotthy at jskotthy@fbclex.org and let him know your interest.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Please place your unwrapped gifts with the tag attached on the fellowship hall stage by Sunday, December 8th. We adopted 75 Christmas angels and sent 114 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. Thank you for your generosity.

FBC LIBRARY

Take a moment to stop by our Library. There will be many books on display for the Christmas season. A **NEW** title, "The Christmas Mystery," is about a young boy who comes upon a magical Advent calendar. Each day he and his family discover and learn more about the season of Advent. This is a book for all ages. Other titles we have are: "American Christmases" by Martell, "The Angel Doll" by Bledsoe and "A Midnight Clear" by Paterson. Many children's books will also be displayed such as the classic "Christmas in the Big Woods." Stop by the Library and **CHECK THEM OUT!**

BUDGET UPDATE

As of October

Budget Received: \$50,133.50

Expenses: \$ 44,241.74

Surplus: \$ 5,891.76

Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget: \$718,355.00

Budget Received: \$486,869.07

Expenses: \$ 480,266.39

Surplus: \$ 6,602.68

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of October. We have a growing surplus for the month and year, but it's still not where it needs to be. 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!



EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2-4 YEAR OLDS
DEC 1st	Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346	Ray Nance Howell (336) 239-3344 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269
DEC 8th	M/M Greg Briggs(336) 731-8031	Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Whitney Brooks (336) 479-8191
DEC 15th	9 Lessons & Carols - FBC Staff	9 Lessons & Carols - FBC Staff
DEC 22nd	Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	M/M Thomas Jolly (336) 746-5034
DEC 29th	M/M Don Watson (336) 237-1293	Julie McNaught (978) 979-6406 Rena Morrison (941) 204-7969

MEMORIALS

General Fund: *Valerie Sink and Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Betty Sink; *Betty Hewett and Valerie Price* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Don & Gale Lanning* by Alan & Melody Williams; *Tullia Hoover* by Frady/Johnson Mission Group and Aurelia Smith; *Evelyn Kepley* by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center; *Lamar Clark and Sarah Snell* by Lee Buddy Andrews

Davison Medical Ministries: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

Endowment Fund: *Nancy Howell Mitchell, Tullia Hoover, Betty Hewett, Valerie Price and Becky Everhart* by Peggy Barnhardt;

Chrismon Fund: *Estelle Dillahunt* by Sterling & Tina Wall, Kay & Bob Timberlake, Suzy Conner, Miriam Conner and Dave Colescott; *Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Kay & Bob Timberlake, Suzy Conner, Miriam Conner, and Dave Colescott

Christmas Food Boxes: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

Back Pack Program: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

MBCC Scholarship Fund: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor; *Estelle Dillahunt and Nancy Howell Mitchell* by Bob & Ann Cole;

Benevolent Fund: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

Small Job Ministry: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

Soup/Jelly Fund: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

School Supplies: *Hope Kennon* by Anonymous donor

HONORARIUMS

General Fund: *Tim & Lisa Michael, Martha Hege, Hazel Frady, Parker & JoAnn McLendon, Mary Marinda Clark, Christy Clark, Bud Mayerle and Jimmy & Sandra Snyder* by Lee Buddy Andrew

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