



## BIRTHDAY BANQUET

The Birthday Banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 29th. Special entertainment is lined up. If you can help decorate a table, please contact a member of the Church Life Committee.

### MENU

Broasted Chicken, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Salad, Rolls and Birthday Cake.  
\$10.00 per person

### KIDS MEAL

Pizza, Side & Cake  
\$6.00  
(unless they sign up for adult meal)  
Dinner begins at 6 p.m.  
**Reservations are required.**

## BIRTHDAY BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

### THE HALL SISTERS

The Hall Sisters have established themselves as one of the up and coming country/pop singing groups. The four siblings, Jessica, Natalie, Lydia and Valerie, sing and accompany themselves with the piano, violin, guitar, viola, cello and mandolin. They have produced several CD's, performed at the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame and have just returned from a two-week tour based in Albania. Here is a description of their musical style written for one of their recent productions: "Through earthy harmonies and soulful instrumentation, they will guide you on a musical journey, visiting forgotten classic tunes. Their harmonies are paired beautifully with skillful instrumentation. They move effortlessly through musical genres, providing listeners with a sensory experience that features toe-tapping country tunes, heart touching instrumentals, captivating a cappella, and truly special favorites from the golden era of the 1940's and 50's." Jessica, the oldest sister, explains their mission this way, "Music and song have a way of reaching into one's heart like no other medium can. It is a privilege and quite humbling, really, to be able to have this opportunity to communicate and lift up the audience and those that listen to our music in this manner." Natalie, the second sister says, "Our goal is to have each member of the audience feel encouraged, lifted up, and joyful after one of our concerts."

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On January 1st, Wes Richardson celebrated one year with us at First Baptist Church! We are so grateful for the wonderful musical programming he has brought to us. We look forward to many more Sunday's. Congratulations Wes, we are thankful for your service!

# Steeple Talk

**Faith Fellowship Mission**

## 2020 WINTER BIBLE STUDY

"The Struggle for an Unhindered Gospel:  
The Book of Acts"  
Begins January 27th and 28th  
Monday Nights at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our quarterly church business meeting on **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a **very important** meeting as we will vote on the proposed 2020 Church budget.

## "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

Joyce will be making her homemade vegetable soup on Sunday, February 2nd for a Soup and Sandwich Lunch to benefit the Youth Belize Mission Trip. We will also have delicious homemade desserts. Tickets will be available soon.

## FBC LIBRARY NEWS

One of our newest titles this month is 'Long Way Gone' by Charles Martin. This is a story that will give you an understanding of why it is so important not to hold grudges. It also gives us a true example about why it's important to forgive others and ourselves. The story is about a young man who sets off to make his dreams come true. Along the way, he makes many friends. However, he pushes away the most important person in his life to try to achieve his dreams. We don't always get a second chance to set things right again with those we love. Sometimes we do.

Stop by our Church Library and CHECK IT OUT!

## HONORARIUMS

**General Fund:** *Tim & Lisa Michael, Martha Hege, Hazel Frady, Parker & Jo Ann McLendon, Mary Marinda Clark, Christy Clark, Bud Mayerle and Jimmy & Sandra Snyder* by Buddy, Sarah and Taylor Andrews; *Joyce & Ray Howell, Wes Richardson, Jim Skotthy, Sherri Salinas, Laura Adams, Beverly Khemlani, Peggy Barnhardt, Beryl Phillips and Ronnie Smith* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Ray Howell* by Stephanie Saintsing; *Teachers The' Jackson and Sharon Palmer* by Faithful Workers SS Class; *Betty Sink and Marylyn "Booty" Hilton* by Billy & Susan Bryan; *Ray & Joyce Howell* by Ralph & Jean Ashley; *Laura Adams & Brandi Marker* by Ralph & Jean Ashley; *Phil Ryalls and Vinnon & Gloria Williams* by Shirley Crotts

**Christmas Food Boxes:** *Joyce & Ray Howell, Wes Richardson, Jim Skotthy, Sherri Salinas, Laura Adams, Elaine Alexander, Beryl Phillips, Ed Scott and Tommy & Sandra Wilson* by David & Julia Dunn

**TDCWL:** *Judy LeCory & Sidney Minner* by Herb & Newell Davis

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Ralph & Jean Ashley, Peggy Barnhardt and Laura Adams* by Bob & Ann Cole; *Jean Ashley and Bob & Ann Cole* by Cammey & Tom Manning

**Music Ministry:** *Wes Richardson* by First Baptist Church Senior Adult Choir; *Wes Richardson and Kelly & Bubba Wright* by Sparky Brooks; *Wes, Erin, Pamela and Tamer Richardson* by Ralph & Jean Ashley

## TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH!

We were very fortunate that, at the very last minute, some of our members made generous donations to cover our 2019 Budget. Instead of waiting until the end of the year, why not **"take a different path"** this year. One thing you could do is to place something in the offering plate (in addition to your regular donation) each and every Sunday. It could be \$.50 or any amount you have to give. Think about emptying your change purse and dropping that in every week. You can give online if you wish. Whatever you give will help alleviate a budget deficit in December. **TOGETHER**, as the Body of Christ, we can make many things happen.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

## MBCC

Happy New Year from MBCC! We hope you all had a happy and blessed holiday season! We are all excited to see what God has in store for the Children's Center in 2020. As always, thank you all for your continued support and prayers for Martha Best Children's Center.

## 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

## 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.



## CHURCH CLOSINGS

First Baptist Church and the Martha Best Children's Center will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## BUDGET UPDATE

### As of November

Budget Received: \$43,575.26

Expenses: \$ 55,559.35

**Deficit: \$ 11,984.09**

### Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget: \$718,355.00

Budget Received: \$530,444.33

Expenses: \$ 535,825.74

**Deficit: \$ 5,381.74**

These numbers reflect the budget as it stood at the end of November. 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
JAN 6th	M/M Jon Myers (336) 248-6550	June Honeycutt (336) 408-7223 Lori Gilliam (336) 596-2619
JAN 13th	Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821	M/M Thomas Jolly (336) 746-5034
JAN 20th	M/M Greg Briggs(336) 731-8031	M/M Dave Thornhill (336) 249-2115
JAN 27th	M/M Brian Lancaster 336-596-9889	M/M Dale Lambeth (336)692-2039
FEB 3rd	"Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 <b>NEED HELP HERE</b>

## MEMORIALS

**General Fund:** *Earl and Catherine Andrews, John and Virginia Gibson, Jack and Louise Michael, Lamar Clark, Sarah Snell, Carl Garrison and Jack Hege* by Buddy, Sarah and Taylor Andrews; *Jack Hege* by Robert & Evelyn Swing; *Rod Penry* by Phyllis Penry, Martha Ellen Smith, Carol Jean Stutts-Wall and Shirley Crotts; *Steve Harvey* by Faithful Workers SS Class; *Charlie Pyle* by Carol Jean Stutts-Wall; *Jim Barton* by Fred & Lynda Belk; *Willie & William Harris* by Cheryl Harris Wicker; *Jack Sink* by Billy & Susan Bryan; *Ed Ward* by Tommy & Sandra Wilson; *Betty Wright* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Gale Lanning, Tullia Hoover, Betty Hewett, Rebecca Everhart, Nancy Mitchell, Steve Harvey, Jim Barton, Ed Ward, Valerie Price and Betty Wright* by Anonymous Donor

**Building & Grounds:** *Jim Barton* by Hal & Donna Routh;

**Endowment Fund:** *Elizabeth Farrah* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Rod Penry* by Cammey & Tom Manning

**Chrismon Fund:** *Nancy Mitchell* by Becky Kirkendall, Carol Jean Stutts-Wall and Robert & Martha Adams; *Estelle Dillahunt, Gale Lanning and Sarah Vick* by Carol Stutts-Wall; *Paul & Joyce Houser, Betty Hewitt and Betty Wright* by Robert & Martha Adams

**Music Ministry:** *Jim Barton* by Brenda Hipp, Betty Sink, Marylyn "Booty" Hilton, Herb & Newell Davis, Ken & Debbie Auman, Robert & Martha Adams and Margaret Padgett; *Nancy Mitchell, Valerie Price and Vergie Baxley* by Ken & Debbie Auman; *Steve Harvey, Valerie Price and Ed Ward* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Evelyn Kepley* by Ellen & David Welborn

**MBCC Scholarship Fund:** *Edgar A. & Mildred Thomas* by Cammey & Tom Manning

### BOOK LOVER'S CLUB

The next meeting of the FBC Book Lovers Club is Sunday, January 12th at 3 p.m. in the church library. Contact Judy LeCroy for more information.

### JUNIOR-SENIOR CHILI SUPPER

The Jr./Sr. Adults will be having a chili supper on Saturday, January 18th at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Sharon Palmer for details.

## U.S. CENSUS WORKERS

The Census Bureau is looking for workers to assist with this year's census count. The pay is \$16/hour and .58/mile. Flexible hours and shifts. If you are interested, there are flyers posted around the church with additional information.

## 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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