

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, December 3, 2012:
Bonnie Barnes, Louise Deaton
Monday, December 10, 2012:
Dale Ormsby, Joanne Cadieu

Attendance Report

November 18 & 25, 2012:
Sunday School—121/110
Worship Service—108/97

Serving on Sunday, December 2, 2012

Ushers: Harry Coble, Steve McIver, Chris McDuffie, Dennis Holloway

Greeters: G Team

Nursery: John and Monica Yates
2s & 3s: Peggy Scott
Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Sound: Lazelle Marks

Security: Steve Bullard

Deacons of the Week: Gene Coen, Dennis Holloway

Wednesday Family Night (12/5/12): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, December 9, 2012

Ushers: Harry Coble, Steve McIver, Chris McDuffie, Dennis Holloway

Greeters: R Team

Nursery: Cynthia Morris
2s & 3s: Linda Teal
Children's Church: Steve McIver

Sound: TBA

Security: Chris McDuffie

Deacons of the Week: Lazelle Marks, Frances Godwin

Wednesday Family Night: (12/12/12) \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



**Sunday
December 2, 2012
11:00 am Worship Service**



**Sunday
December 9, 2012
5:00 pm - FBC Sanctuary**
FBC Adult Choir presents: *All is Well*

**Please bring your favorite Christmas desserts or
“finger foods.” Fellowship to follow in S150.**



12/01 Sarah Auman
 12/02 Nan Bates
 12/03 Virginia Auman
 12/05 Tanya Brewer
 12/07 Pat Buckner
 12/08 Joshua Brewer
 12/09 Joanne Cadieu
 12/12 Leah Melvin
 12/13 Gene Barnes

REMINDERS:

- 12/05 - Children's Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 12/04 - Missions Committee 7:00 pm
- 12/07 - OCC Charlotte 8:00am
- 12/16 - Baptist Men's Breakfast 8:30 am



In Loving Memory Of
or In Honor Of:
 Cost \$14.00
 First come, first serve. Deadline: December 14, 2012.

Tithes & Gifts

	Week of	Nov
Giving Summary	Nov 11&18	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	11,716	22,938
Chall. to Maint.	750	1,200
Memorials & Hon.	130	298
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund	710	730
Christmas Missions	5	5
Katie Yates Fund		
Angel Tree	35	35
Total Gifts	13,746	26,006

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	367,771
Actual gifts to date	327,422
YTD req. under actual gifts	(40,349)
% giving to req.	89%



Well, now that Thanksgiving Day is history and Black Friday has also come and gone, the Christmas shopping season has officially arrived. That means that the Advent season is here. As you know well, "Advent" means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a four-week period of time established to give Christians the opportunity to prepare their hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. As you recall, John the Baptist was the one who through his preaching ministry sought to prepare God's people for the public ministry of Jesus.

In a similar way, you and I also need some time to properly prepare for Christ's coming. "Why?" you ask. I suggest it's because most of us live life in the fast lane. Perhaps you've seen in the news that there is a highway in West Texas where the speed limit is 85 mph. That's pretty fast, yet even on highways where the speed limit is 65 or 70 mph, many cars and trucks are still doing 80 or 85 mph. And the speed on the highway is simply an indication of the speed at which we live our lives. Consequently, our society flies through its days so fast and so filled with activities that it misses seeing and experiencing the most important and beautiful things - and the tragic truth is with the modern commercialization of the Christmas season, these next weeks may be even more busy and fast. We can become so exhausted from the hustle and bustle that we miss the simple but profound and life-changing message of Christmas - that God loved the world and sent his son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. In other words, we need the season of Advent. We need to be reminded that Christmas is really not about Santa Claus and jingle bells but rather about the wonder and the miracle of the sovereign God and Creator of the universe becoming the man Jesus - our Savior and Lord!

We need the Advent season. We need Christmas worship to cultivate our hearts to be ready to experience a fresh coming of Christ into our lives. So, I hope to see you in worship as we journey toward Christmas. Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great Thou art! We are not professionals...but we are dedicated! We are tired from work on Wednesdays...but we are at rehearsal! I want to thank each and every choir member who is putting in extra hours and who show a genuine team spirit. You may not sing EVERY note correctly but you LOVE to sing...and your sincerity shines through. Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth



Our Community Thanksgiving meal was a big success from the looks on the faces of those who came to eat with us. We fed approximately 65 meals and sent food to the Samaritan's Colony. We wish to thank all who made this day a success: church volunteers working the event, church members who prepared desserts, the Missions Committee, and the community members who came to work beside us. Looking forward to next year and an even bigger event!!!

The Children and Youth will be working together to present a program on Wednesday, December 19. The program is entitled, "A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S." We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us. You will notice that as Christmas nears that our activities are beginning to slow down. This is how it should be. We should take time to reflect upon the true meaning of this wonderful season—the birth of the Savior.



December 31, 2012
New Year's Eve
 " "Common Cents" Event



Mrs. Julia Dunkelberg
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mr. Elwin Eaddy
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Mr. Richard Ervin
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Mr. Jerry Goodman
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill

Mrs. Miriam Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

World War II Veterans
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Thank you...

First Baptist Members,
Cancer. Death. Love.
These three - the greatest is
love. I thank you for your
cards (with their words of
hope), and your prayers. I
have needed all of them!
Indeed, I wish to express my
sincere thanks for your tak-
ing your time to remember
my family and me during
these past months! I remain
your servant in Christ,

Jim Clifton



J.O.Y. Fellowship Group

12/01 Senior Adult Christmas
Party 5:00 pm/S150

12/02 Singing Christmas Tree/
Snyder Memorial Baptist
Church, Fayetteville

12/14 Alabama Christmas
Show/Myrtle Beach

12/16 Handel's *Messiah*/First
Baptist Church, Southern Pines

2012 Angel Tree



For \$35.00 you can sponsor a needy child for Christmas. We have 37 students from seven Rockingham area schools that need our help this year. Your gift of \$35.00 will buy a school uniform (pants and shirt) and a \$10.00 gift for a child. School counselors and social workers will buy the items for each child. **Please turn in your money to the church office by December 9, 2012.** Contact Bess Shuler if you have questions. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child this Christmas!

White Christmas



The Richmond County Council on Aging has provided the church with approximately 25-35 names of recipients for delivery this year. Grocery bags with lists attached are available in the church office to assist you with your shopping. **Please return your bags by Friday, December 14.** Delivery will be on Sunday, December 16, after church. You may pick up your bag for delivery in the sanctuary that morning after the service. Keep in mind that these persons are participants in the *Meals on Wheels* program. Thank you for your help with this program.

Love and Sympathy

We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Elaine Wilson in the loss of her brother-in-law, Mr. Mark Hawn, who passed away November 21, 2012. We also extend love and sympathy to Louise Ervin and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Richard Ervin, who passed away November 14, 2012.

2012 Christmas Missions Offerings

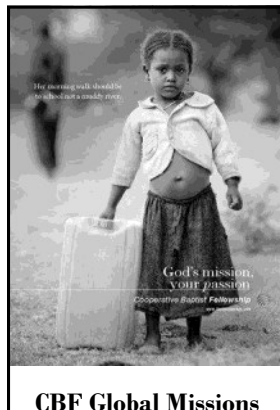
Goal: \$6500.00

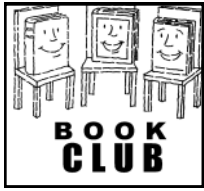
This offering, which is to be given over and above one's regular gifts, may be designated to either the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which supports 135 field personnel who minister to the most neglected people around the globe -OR- to the Lottie Moon Offering of the Southern Baptist Convention which supports 4919 missionaries who are working with hundreds of unreached people groups.

Note the following numbers:

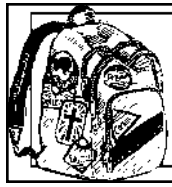
- There are 11,500 people groups worldwide (6.9 billion people)
- 6600 unreached people groups
- 3400 unengaged and unreached people groups
- The average cost to support an individual missionary is \$49,800

The need is **ENORMOUS**. Please pray and give to our Foreign Missions Offering. Simply designate on your envelope the Baptist Mission Organization you wish to support. Thank you!





**FBC Book Club
Christmas Party
Friday - 6:00 pm
December 7, 2012
The Home of Flo Aiken
104 Grey Fox Run**

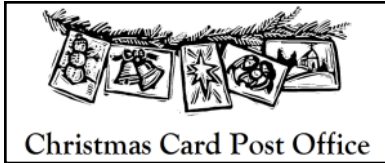


**Back Pack Pals
Fundraiser
December 1, 2012
Fatz Café - \$7.00
Purchase tickets from
Deb Holloway.**



**Red Cross Blood Drive
December 3, 2012
3:30-7:15 pm - E100**

Call Janice Coen, 995-0038, to make your appointment. Give the gift of life!



Christmas Card Post Office

**OPENING DECEMBER 2, 2012
and
CLOSING DECEMBER 16, 2012**


Bring your cards for active church members to the Post Office in the hallway by the entrance to S150, to be delivered by the FBC Christmas Card Elves! Please...do not leave money at the Post Office. Your missions "postage" should be given through the church to your choice of foreign missions.

You're Invited

**Christmas
DROP-IN**

The First Baptist Staff invites all of the First Baptist Family to a Christmas drop-in on **Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 12:00-2:00 pm (church conference room)**. Drop by to enjoy delicious homemade treats and sweet fellowship.

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