

The First Baptist Informer Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

Volume XXXV * Number 25 * December 16, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Resource Recording Team

Monday, December 17, 2012:

Charles Harrill, Bill Featherston, J.C. Lamm

Wednesday, December 26, 2012:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Monday, December 31, 2013:

Judy McEntire, Gene Barnes

Attendance Report

December 2 & 9, 2012:

Sunday School—107/137

Worship Service—104/127

Serving on Sunday, December 16, 2012

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

Greeters: O Team

Nursery: Hilda Auman

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Linda Teal

Sound: TBA

Security: John Ray

Deacons of the Week: Bill Featherston, Norvin Forester

Wednesday Family Night (12/19/12): \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.

Serving on Sunday, December 23, 2012

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

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Sallie Ormsby

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

Sound: TBA

Security: Kenneth Robinette

Deacons of the Week: Kenny Melvin, Mark Tyler

Serving on Sunday, December 30, 2012

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

Greeters: W Team

Nursery: Bobbie Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Betty Hildreth, Betty Matthews

Children's Church: Mary Joyner

Sound: TBA

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: John Yates, Gene Barnes

Wednesday Family Night: (1/2/13) \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



**The FBC Staff wishes you a
happy and safe holiday season!**

Anne Tyson

Cathy McDuffie

Marjorie Hinson

Lynda Clifton

Jim Nelson

Daniel Short

Debbie Holloway



12/16 Marjorie Hinson
 12/16 Susan Wheeler
 12/22 Scott Emerson
 12/23 Dennis Teal
 12/24 Holli Hayes
 12/25 Helen Cox
 12/30 Alex Cockerton
 12/31 Randy Warren



ELVES NEEDED:

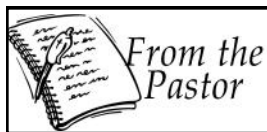
The Missions Committee would like volunteers to help put the White Christmas bags together at 9:00am on Saturday, December 15, in E100. Thanks to all participating in this ministry!

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Week of	Nov
	Dec 2	MTD
Gen. Oper. Fund	11,666	27,095
Chall. to Maint.		1,600
Memorials & Hon.	170	423
Radio Ministry	400	800
Baptist Men Fund		985
Christmas Missions	195	5
First Light Service		1,000
Angel Tree		1,264
Total Gifts	12,431	33,172

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2012	383,210
Actual gifts to date	343,541
YTD req. under actual gifts	(39,669)
% giving to req.	90%



For thousands of years the Israelites had been looking for the coming of the Messiah, and finally in the fullness of time he came. By the miraculous power of God, a young virgin named Mary gave birth to the Savior. Most people missed that glorious event which occurred in a stable in Bethlehem, but some did not. Some acknowledged Christ's birth and demonstrated their praise and adoration to the new born Messiah in various ways.

Mary had a heart which was completely surrendered to the will of God. When she heard Gabriel's announcement that she had been chosen to be the Messiah's mother, her response was, "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said."

The shepherds, having heard the message of the angels that a savior had been born, believed them and demonstrated faith by seeking out the Christ child and sharing a witness to the world.

Simeon, an elderly devout and righteous man was given the privilege to hold the Christ child and bless him because he had lived a godly life. Anna, a faithful servant of God and prophetess never stopped praying and worshipping God in the temple and was also given the privilege of seeing the Christ child and praising God. And the Magi, at great personal sacrifice gave of themselves, their hearts and their gifts to the Christ child.

Each of these in their own way demonstrated their praise and adoration to the Lord Jesus Christ through their submission, obedience, witness, faithfulness, and giving. As the celebration of Christ's birth approaches, how will we demonstrate our adoration and praise? Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



Programs and celebrations are all part of the Christmas season. Spending time with family and friends are one of my favorite things about this time of year. Time with my church family is a special part of the season, too. I love you all and hope that the Christmas services at FBC will be very meaningful for you and your families. *Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great Thou art.* Marjorie Hinson

Children and Youth

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

"Common Cents" New Year's Eve Celebration December 31, 2012 7:30 pm - 12:30 am

Pizza, Games, Concert by Bound for Him,
 Worship with Rev. Lee Coyle, and
 Midnight Coin Drop.

Fun for all ages! Come welcome the New Year
 in here at First Baptist Church.
 We will be joined by First Baptist Hamlet
 and Chesterfield Baptist.





Mrs. Julia Dunkelberg
Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. Richard Ervin
Mrs. Miriam Greene
Ms. Annie L. Gregson
Miss Evelyn Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Sherrill

Mr. Ed Ormsby
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill

Mrs. Estel Stanley Silance
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Miss Evelyn Marks

Mr. Jesse Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. Phila Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston

Mrs. Jean Woodall
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

World War II Veterans
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates

Mrs. Gladys Yelton
Miss Evelyn Marks



Mrs. Kaye Beale
Anonymous

Miss Judy Harris
First United Methodist Church
Music Exercise Class

Mrs. Jennifer Byrd
Ms. Essie Byrd



Wednesday Family
Night Christmas
December 19, 2012
5:45 pm

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks is extended to all of our musicians, drama team, decorators, hostesses, and worship leaders for sharing yourselves and your gifts this Advent season. Your willingness to serve has given special meaning and enjoyment to our Christmas worship and fellowship.

Special appreciation is also given to each of you who participated in our Thanksgiving and Christmas ministries: the Thanksgiving meal, Operation Christmas Child, the Angel Tree ministry, the White Christmas food ministry, our foreign missions offerings, and other private ministries which are known only by you and God.

It is truly more blessed to give than to receive - so, thank you and may God bless you richly. Jim Nelson

2012 Christmas Missions Offerings

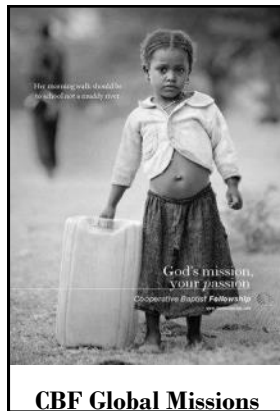
Goal: \$6500.00

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!



REMINDERS:

December 16, 2012

- *Baptist Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
- *Deacons Meeting 12:30 pm

December 24, 2012

- *Church Office Closed
- *Christmas Eve Communion
5:00 pm

December 25, 2012

- ***Merry Christmas***
- *Church Office Closed


December 26, 2012

- ***NO** Wednesday Family Night
Activities



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.



**Communion
and
Candlelight Service
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2012
5:00 pm**



**YOUNG ADULT-LED
Worship
December 30, 2012
11:00 am**



**J.O.Y. Fellowship
December 16, 2012
Handel's *Messiah*
First Baptist Church
Southern Pines**

RADIO SPONSORS: If you can't be present in the sanctuary for the worship service, listen to the broadcast on WJSG, G-104 on your FM dial. The following area businesses sponsor the broadcast: Crump Realty, Jenkins Automotive and Industrial Supply, Medical Center Pharmacy, Moss Brothers Tire and Service, Carter Funeral Home, and Dr. Kevin Aiken.



**The First Baptist
Informer**
Published Twice Monthly by:
The First Baptist Church
of Rockingham
201 N. Randolph St.
Rockingham, N. C. 28379
(910) 895-4016 * Fax (910) 895-1773
www.fbcrockingham.org

**NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ROCKINGHAM, NC
PERMIT NO. 35**

- Dr. James J. Nelson, Senior Pastor**
drjimnelson@yahoo.com
- Lynda Clifton, Financial Secretary
lynda@fbcrockingham.org
- Marjorie Hinson, Organist/Choir Director
mheightyeight@roadrunner.com
- Debbie Holloway, Associate Pastor
for Children & Youth
dholloway4@carolina.rr.com
- Chris McEntire, Director of Accounting
cmcentire@carolina.rr.com
- Daniel Short, Custodian
- Anne Tyson, Administrative Assistant
anne@fbcrockingham.org