

Last Sunday's Record

November 23

Offering: \$ 11,729.41
First Baptist SS: 278

January 1, 2014

Requirements: \$1,152,239.90
Receipts: \$ 1,159,901.38

Deacon of the Week

- 11/30 - Don Evans
- 12/7 - Gaines Harrell
- 12/14 - Brad Henry
- 12/21 - John Hicks

Sermon for Sunday, November 30

"A Significant Gift"
Matthew 2:11

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
December 3**

- BBQ Chicken Quarters
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Butter Beans
- Roll and Dessert

KIDS: Tacos, Chips & Cheese

Adults : \$5.00

KIDS (12 and under): \$3.00

Family Maximum \$20.00

Servers

- Brad Henry
- Scott and Karen Sills

SUNDAY, November 30

- 8:45 - FBC Coffee Café
- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:00 - Library Open
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- NO Evening Worship or Activities

MONDAY, December 1

- 9:30 - WMU Coffee/Chapel
- 10:00 - Week of Prayer Program followed by Lunch at Checkerboard

TUESDAY, December 2

- 7:00 - Men's Prayer Group
- 6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate WMU Shut-in Visitation

WEDNESDAY, December 3

- 4:30 - English as Second Language
- 5:30 - Family Night Supper/Silent Auction - Young Ringers

- 6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs

- 6:15 - The Book of Hebrews/J.Hicks

- 6:30 - Prayer Meeting/New Testament G.A.s, R.A.s, Mission Friends Journey923 (YOUTH)

- 7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 4

- 3:00 - WMU to Silverleaf ((Christmas Program))

FRIDAY, December 5

- WMU - Individual Season of Prayer/Missions

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VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for November 30

<p>Preschool Ext. Session Molly Ellis LAUNCH Jessica Johnson Brad and Shayne Garrett Riley Edwards</p>	<p>Counting Committee John Ellis Melanie Carroll Charles Garrett Marcia Brewer, Chairman</p>
<p>Worship Welcomers Rick and Tamara Radican Lydia Sanders Teresa Akin</p> <p>Sunday School Greeters Jena Sims Ingrid Price Charles Roberts Justin Cobb</p>	<p>Security Leslie Dunn Benny Harrison</p> <p>TV Ministry Bobby and Janet Berg, Connie Calhoun, Benjamin Porter, Mark Fairbanks, Myles Culpepper, Kathleen Tabb, Chris Price, Ray Denton</p>

Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Wayne Polk, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Rev. Benjy Linder, Associate Pastor for Students
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Advent

Light a candle in the darkness.



Symbols of Advent

During the four Sundays of Advent, we use the **advent wreath**, a circular garland of evergreen branches and the **lighting of one candle each Sunday** to represent an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

On the **first Sunday of Advent**, the first purple candle is lit. Typically called the "Prophets' Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ, this candle represents **HOPE** or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

On the **second Sunday of Advent**, the second purple candle is lit, the "Bethlehem Candle" and it represents **LOVE**.

On the **third Sunday of Advent** the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. Called the "Shepherds' Candle", it represents **JOY**.

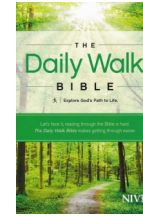
The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the "Angels' Candle," represents **PEACE** and is lit on the **fourth Sunday of Advent**.

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle or the "Christ Candle" is lit and represents the life of **Christ** who has come into the world. Its color represents purity and helps us to see Christ as the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. And...all those who receive Christ as their Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow. Such beautiful symbols of a beautiful season!

Sign up **TODAY** for your copy and join your church family in *The Daily Walk* beginning January 1, 2015.

YOUR COST: \$12.00

NOTE: Deadline to sign the list in the Welcome Center is SUNDAY, November 30th.



Fifth Sunday Offering for Trinidad Sunday, November 30

Week of Prayer for International Missions begins November 30th Monday, December 1

9:30 a.m.

Coffee in Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Week of Prayer Program featuring Jodi Pope

followed by lunch at the Checkerboard!



Tuesday, December 2 - Shut-in Visitation

Wednesday, December 3 - Lottie Moon Emphasis

Thursday, December 4 - Silverleaf - 3:00 p.m.

(Christmas Program and Caroling)

Friday, December 5 - Prayer in Homes

Sunday, December 7

10:30 a.m.

Our guest speakers are Vic & Sharon Johnston, Brazil (retired 2013)

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering Goal: \$45,000



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season and will be available to purchase for \$10.00 each in honor or in memory of someone special.

Please send in this order form with your payment.

Given by: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

The Spirit of Christmas

Foy... Wonder...

Hope... Celebration!

Sunday, December 7

6:00 p.m.

presented by

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Ensembles Youth and Children's Choirs



Children Sing of... Christmas

Sunday, December 14

6:00 p.m.

with special music by FBC Youth Choir



USHERS FOR DECEMBER

TEAM CAPTAINS: Mark Williams and John Anderson

Landry Adkins	Justin Anders	John Anderson
John Anderson, Jr.	Terry Collier	Leslie Dunn
John Ellis	Don Evans	Ryan Haarala
Wallace Heggie	George Hill	Ryan Livingston
Joe Pettey	Lee Rogers	Walter Rogers, Jr.
Scott Sills	Brad Williams	Mark Williams
		James Wood