Last Sunday's Record November 22

First Baptist SS: 322 Offering: \$15,840.10

January 1, 2015

Requirements: \$1,211,668.83 Receipts: \$1,153,307.98

Deacon of the Week

11/29 - Don Evans

12/06 - Joe Ross

12/13 - Scott Sills

12/20 - John Hicks

12/27 - Joe Kieronski

Sermon for Sunday, November 29

"Paths to the Christ Child" Matthew 2:1-11

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

December 2

Pork Chops Rice and Gravy English Peas Rolls and Dessert

KIDS: Cheeseburger Sliders French Fries

> Adults: \$5.00 KIDS (**12 and under):** \$3.00 Family Maximum \$20.00

SERVERS

Denise Lewis Ray Jenkins Jody and Ginger Richardson

SUNDAY, November 29

8:45 - FBC Coffee Café

9:15 - Sunday School

10:00 - Library Open

10:30 - Morning Worship

No Evening Worship or regularly scheduled activities.

MONDAY, November 30

9:30 - Week of Prayer Program/Chapel followed by Lunch at the Checkerboard

6:00 - Ladies' Bible Study/Courts of Praise

TUESDAY, December 1

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group

8:30 - Parkview Partners Tutoring
WMU SHUT-IN VISITATION

9:00 - Lord, Change My Attitude/Laird

4:30 - Tuesday Evening Hospital Ministry

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

WEDNESDAY, December 2

8:30 - Parkview Partners Tutoring

3:00 - Silverleaf/Brookdale Program/WMU

4:30 - English as Second Language

5:30 - Family Night Supper/Silent Auction

- Young Ringers

- College Bible Study/Crooks Suite

6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs

6:30 - Prayer Meeting

- G.A.s, R.A.s , Mission Friends

- YOUTH JOURNEY923

7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 3

4:30 - Boys and Girls Club Bible Study

6:00 - Men's Bible Study/Courts of Praise

FRIDAY, December 4

6:00 - G.I.F.T. (until 10:00 p.m.)

PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE DATE and
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VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for November 29

Preschool Ext. Session

Ryan and Jennifer Livingston <u>LAUNCH</u>

Caitlin Braud Heath and Jennifer Kasselman Riley Edwards

Counting Committee

Greg Monsour John Anderson Ward Calhoun Kenneth McCracken, Chairman

Worship Welcomers

Faye Bruner DeeDee Fouts
Jim and Gloria Addison

Sunday School Greeters

David and Helen Webb Allan and Diane Tolleson

<u>Security</u>

Lan Culpepper Brad Henry TV Ministry

Bobby and Janet Berg, Reed Scarbrough, Jet Scarbrough, Noah Allison, Ben Allison, Sarah Hodge, Mark Williams, Fred Porter

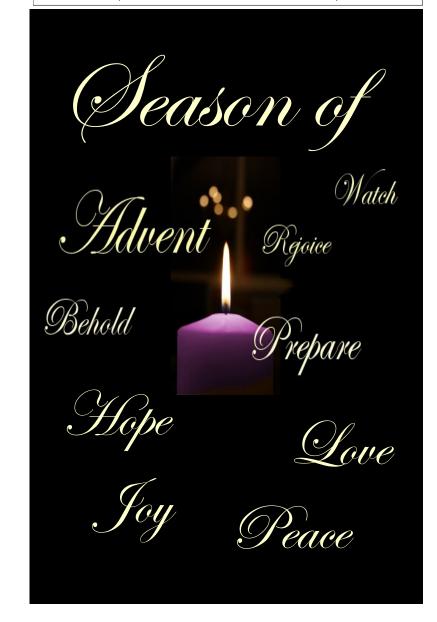
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Wayne Polk, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Rev. Benjy Linder, Associate Pastor for Students
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
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Advent Schedule

The Sounds of Christmas Sunday, December 6th 6:00 p.m.

Children Sing of Christmas Sunday, December 13th 6:00 p.m.

Carols and Candles Sunday, December 20th 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion Service Thursday, December 24th 5:00 p.m.



Advent at FBC

During the four Sundays of Advent, we use the advent wreath, a circular garland of evergreen branches (eternity) 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 "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, 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 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. The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior and all those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

Week of Prayer

November 30-December 6 **Lottie Moon Offering** for International Missions Our Goal: \$50,000.



Monday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Coffee in Chapel 10:00 a.m. Week of Prayer Program (followed by Lunch at the Checkerboard)

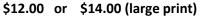


Gloria Thurman. missionary to Bangladesh

will be our speaker on Sunday, December 6 10:30 a.m.

If you have signed up for a Chronological Bible, they will be available for pick up on Sunday,

December 6 and Sunday, December 13 in the Welcome Center. There will also be a limited number of extra Bibles available.









Please welcome our newest member... Witten Cobb

Memorials...

Benevolence Fund

In Memory of: Janelle Clay

Walk Thru the Bible Verses for this week...

November 29 - Philippians 1-4

November 30 - Colossians 1-4

December 1 - 1 Thessalonians 1-5

December 2 - 2 Thessalonians 2-3

December 3 - 1 Timothy 1-3

December 4 - 1 Timothy 4-6

December 5 - 2 Timothy 1-4



In Honor of:

Look for the FBC "MAILBOX" in the Welcome Center Please drop Christmas Cards that you would like mailed to FBC members in the "MAILBOX" and donate whatever "POSTAGE" you would spend to the Centri-Kid Fundraiser. THANK YOU from FBC Centri-Kids!

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:

You will need to pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.