#### Last Sunday's Record

#### **November 19**

First Baptist SS: 243 Offering: \$ 11,572.75

#### January 1, 2017

Requirements: \$1,221,639.02 \$1,132,200.03 Receipts:

#### **Deacon of the Week**

11/26 - Tommy Brewer 12/3 - Scott Sills 12/10 - David McCubbin 12/17 - Leonard Cobb 12/24 - Don Evans

#### Sunday, November 26

Dr. Scott Hummel

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

November 29 Pot Roast Rice and Gravy Peas Cornbread and Dessert

**KIDS:** Hot Dogs and Chips

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

#### SERVERS

Donia Evans Joyce Frank Celeste Little Wayne Polk

SUNDAY, November 26 8:45 - FBC Coffee Café 9:15 - Sunday School 10:00 - Library Open 10:30 - Morning Worship No Evening Activities **MONDAY, November 27** 6:30 - Righteous Oaks Bible Study **TUESDAY, November 28** 7:00 - Men's Prayer Group 1:00 - GriefShare 4:00 - English as Second Language 4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry 6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate WEDNESDAY, November 29 4:15 - B.L.A.S.T. Tutoring 4:30 - English as Second Language 5:00 - Family Night Supper - YOUTH HANDBELLS 5:30 - Young Ringers - YOUTH CHOIR 6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs 6:15 - ROMANS/ J. Hicks 6:30 - PRAYER MEETING - THE FAMILY/Smiths - G.A.s , R.A.s and Mission Friends - The Refuge YOUTH WORSHIP 7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 100 ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES Week of Nov. 26 2 Peter 1:2-11, 1 John 4:7-21 Week of Dec. 3 Revelation 1:9-11 and 2:1-29 Week of Dec. 10 Revelation 5:6-14, 19:1-10,

21:1-7 and 22:15 Week of Dec. 17 The Christmas Story Luke, Chapter 2

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## **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for November 26**

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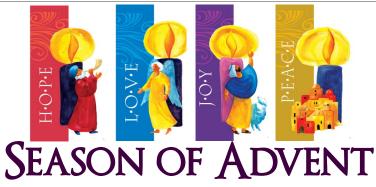
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AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 **JOYOUS SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS** PRESENTED BY OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF "MARY, JOSEPH AND THE BABY" BY OUR YOUNG RINGERS 6:00 P.M.

> SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 CAROLS AND CANDLES 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE 5:00 P.M.



Week of Prayer for International Missions Sunday, December 3 - 10:30 a.m. George and Geraldine Smith, quest speakers on stateside assignment from Uganda Monday, December 4 - 9:00 a.m./FBC Chapel Week of Prayer Program, Dakota Cason, speaker Wednesday, December 6 - Lottie Moon Emphasis **Thursday, December 7** - Christmas Program and Caroling at Brookdale and The Oaks

Friday, December 8 - Prayer in homes

# ADVENT AT FBC

During the four Sundays of Advent, we focus on the coming Messiah. 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 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 pure white center candle or the "Christ Candle" is lit and represents the life of Christ who has come into the world. The promise for Israel and the promise for the church today is Jesus Christ; He has come, and He will come again. This is the essence of Advent.



Joyous Sounds of Christmas Sunday, December 10 6:00 p.m. Music for 3's Preschool Choir Children's Choir also featuring FBC Youth Choir

With a special presentation by our **Young Ringers** "Mary, Joseph and the Baby" narrated bu Amy Presley as the "Donkey" and Ginger Richardson as the "Sheep"

Live Nativity featuring FBC Youth



Bo Spence

SATURDAY, THE NINTH OF DECEMBER, 2017 TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Pray for our Pastor Search Committee... Tommy Allen Jonda Henry Ward Calhoun Rachael Scarbrough Randy Carroll Louise Williamson Scott Sills Pray for our new Pastor... to have a heart for the lost and be an effective and fruitful soul winner. Mark 16:15, Luke 10:2, 1 Peter 3:15

# **Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season and will be available to purchase for **\$5.00** 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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