

# Do You Facebook?? Come and Join us!!



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# Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

The church needs volunteers to help with Audio/Visual elements during the worship services and musical rehearsals. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the church office



# Collection Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Jelly, Peanut Butter, Soup, Canned or Dried Beans, or any other canned or dry goods, and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.

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## **Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request please email/call Frances Ray (frances@fbccb.org or 458-8184) or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

## Martha's Kitchen

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM** Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering warm, free meals to members of our community. We really need additional teams to form. Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.



## Mentoring Men for the Master

Every Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the Library. All men are invited to participate in this ministry that aims to support, encourage, and challenge men in their endeavors to live out godly lives and healthy relationships.

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# **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

# The Lighthouse

A Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach

Putting the Focus on Christ... in our personal lives, in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!

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#### Church Staff

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#### Mission Statement

"First Baptist Church is committed to building a bridge to the community through outreach, education, spiritual and personal development. This is our mission.'

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# A Christmas Invitation

Whether it's for a party, a dinner, a date, an event, or just to spend time with someone, EVERYONE loves to receive an invitation. It makes us feel valued, special, included, accepted, wanted, important. I can't even imagine the excitement the shepherds felt so long ago when the angels filled the skies to announce the Messiah's birth and invite them to be a part of the new born King's birth. We read about it in Luke 2:8-20. The angel announced to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." The shepherds recognized that this was more than just an announcement, it was an invitation, for when the angels had left them, they said to one another: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Then they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. In other words, they began extending their own invitations for others to meet the new born King.

I would like to invite YOU and your family to come celebrate the birth of our Savior with your church family during this Christmas season. I invite you to join us for the following:

Friday, Dec. 5 (5:30 pm) – WMU Hotdog Supper (7 pm) – Island of Lights Parade Saturday, Dec. 6 (5 pm) – Ornament Auction Sunday, Dec. 7 (6:30 pm) – Joy of a Child Concert **Tuesday, Dec. 16** – Last day to turn in Joy of a Child gifts Sunday, Dec. 21 – Music Worship Service- Combined 11 am (5:30) – Mike's Farm Trip Wednesday, Dec. 24 (6 pm) – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Like with the shepherds so long ago, "One good invitation deserves another!" Won't you take some time to extend a Christmas Invitation to your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances?



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS Pastor Jimmy





NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### 8:30 am Service

Hostess: Angie Leary (313-1129) 7 – Jennifer Brown & Beverly Lovingood 14 – Peggy Creech & Angie Leary 21 – Debbie Morris & Melissa Story 28 – Dianne Wind & Angie Leary

#### 11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jane Walker (409-8213) 7 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell 14 – Jane Walker 21 – Roxanna Barker 28 – Liz Burge

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

## 8:30 am Service

7 – Matt Treppel 14 – Melinda Latta 28 - Melissa Story

#### 11:00 am Service

7 – Tina Stanley 14– Julie Pinkston 21 – Sue King 28– Jeff & Jennie Gaskell

#### NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### WELCOME TEAM

#### 8:30 am Service

7 – George Pinkston 14 – Peggy Creech & Donna Flattery 28 – Treppel Family

#### Sunday School

7 – Tommy Tucker
14 – Lee Latta
21 – Need Volunteer
28 – Brian Dew

#### 11:00 am Service

7 – Mike Sanford & Jane Walker
14 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
21 – Inez Malloch & Frances Ray
28 – David Lehman & Joy Coats

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TELLERS Tammy Dew & Libby Lowdermilk





# Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday School



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age

groups

WORSHIP WITH US!

#### Nursery

During our worship services, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.

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### **Children's Church**

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.

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#### Welcome Team Volunteers

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters & Ushers. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.

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#### **Prayer Time**

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the church library to pray for our church and community.



December 7 – Trae and Beverly Setzer December 9 – Richard and Becky Abeling December 13 – Ken and Teresa Marlowe December 17 – Ralph and Robin Bolton December 18 – Ray and Lori Griffin December 19 – Rex and Peggy Creech December 21 – David and Frances Ray December 26 – Jerry and Diane Johnson December 27 – Karl and Debra Benoy December 28 – Jerry and Barbara Bigley December 30 – Tommy and Dianne Tucker



## Annual WMU Hot Dog Supper and the Island of Lights Parade

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Afterwards sit down and enjoy the Island of Lights Parade at 7:30. It will be a great evening... Come on out and Join us!!!

# 2nd Annual Christmas Ornament Auction

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm to 8 pm in Bost Fellowship Hall to benefit Joy of a Child!!! Donate a Christmas Tree Ornament to be auctioned off. Come out that night to enjoy Christmas music, refreshments, mingling with friends and bid on the wonderful variety of Christmas Ornaments!!! Bring ornaments to Church office or give to Melinda. All proceeds will benefit our Joy of a Child this year...Sponsored by the Young Adults!!!

# Joy of a Child Benefit Concert

The Joy of a Child Christmas Concert, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Come help us celebrate this joyous time of the year with an evening of your favorite Christmas songs, and at the same time, bring joy to many of the children here on the Island for Christmas. It's an evening you will never forget!



# Start Start Joy of a Child

We help the children on the island with Christmas gifts and food. The cards for the children's wants are on the Big Box in the Vestibule. Take a card off the box, buy the item(s), place the card on the gift and bring to the church office or place in the fellowship hall. The deadline to bring your gifts back to the church is Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate monies, you can place it in a pew envelope and mark it "Joy of a Child". Help make a child smile this Christmas!!!

## **Combined Service on** Sunday, December 21 at 11 am This will be a Special Christmas Music Service

# Children's Choir

All children ages 4 and up are invited to be a part of the Children's Choir which will be a part of the Christmas worship service on Sunday, Dec. 21. The children will be rehearsing each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.



# Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service - 6 pm



# Thursday, December 25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!!

# "Catch-up" Sundays



Our church is behind budget by more than \$15,000. On Sundays, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28, everyone is encouraged and challenged to give generously to

help offset some of that deficit before the year ends. Let's join our commitment to financially supporting the ministries and programs of this church with a dedicated time of prayer asking God to miraculously help us raise the funds needed to meet our budget.



Jennifer and I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to our church family for your many thoughtful expressions of support and encouragement and your generous gifts. Thank you to everyone who facilitated, provided, and served the delicious meal and time of fellowship. It was a wonderful day. We fill so

blessed to be a part of such a great church. Thanks and God bless! Pastor Jimmy

# Thank You

I would like to express a great big THANK YOU to Mr. Gene Willetts for his generous donation of time, energy, and leadership in working with our choir and congregational music over the past two months. We wish him God's blessings, peace, and joy as he proceeds in future ministry endeavors.

# Wednesday Night Bible Study



After we conclude our current study on Dec. 3, we will take the rest of the month off from meeting. Everyone is invited to join us

beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 7 for our next study. In Culture Shock, bestselling author, pastor, and radio personality Chip Ingram teaches believers how to use the Bible to bring understanding to the most controversial and divisive issues of our day. Covering topics such as right and wrong, sex, homosexuality, abortion, politics, and the environment, Culture Shock is every engaged believer's must-have guidebook to replacing reactionary hate with revolutionary love. An accompanying book and study guide for the study are available for purchase (but not required).

