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Facilities/Grounds Report

If any one sees or knows of anything that needs repair or our attention concerning the buildings or grounds, please contact Eddie Coats. Custodian Susie Juma has placed a suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall for church cleaning needs.



Martha's Kitchen Pig Cooker



The cooker is available to Church Groups at no charge, but individual church members are asked to pay a rental of \$60 a day or \$80 for weekend. We do ask that you bring it back clean and tanks full. For information contact Bob Hodge 458-4302

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please email Frances Ray (frances@fbccb.org), call the Church Office (458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.



Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie

Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 14th. Please email your articles to me by the deadline.



AI-Anon Meeting

Each Friday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall., an AI-Anon's group meets to welcome and support family and friends of alcoholics.

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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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Narcotics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm, the church will be hosting a Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting group called "A New Way of Life."

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*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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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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The Light Shines in the Darkness

*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from
Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." (Luke 2:1)*

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" (Andy Williams, singer)

These two quotations contrast the challenge and the celebration of the Advent/Christmas season. Challenges come when we compare our real lives to the air-brushed versions of commercial Christmas, with all its glitter, good cheer and gorgeous cakes. Celebrations work best when they leave room for joy *and* reality: this can be the best time of the year, but it may also be tinged with grief, family stress, and loneliness.

There's room for both, though, in this season of light and darkness: the challenge *and* the celebration. One doesn't cancel out the other.

When Jesus came to us, the days were dark: Rome ruled Israel with a tight grip and King David's line appeared dried up. Mary conceived under circumstances no one could believe. Joseph, confused and angry, was ready to quietly un-engage her, until God intervened. And if that wasn't enough, Caesar interrupted the whole thing with his call for a census, requiring a trip to Bethlehem, a place far from the home and family they knew. The only room available was in a stable; the only bed a food trough.

Into this darkness, the Light was born into the world, quietly and humbly. Angels sang to shepherds, announcing his birth. The bright star marked the birthplace. The Light, promised for so long, had finally come. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." What a cause for celebration!

Advent is our time to prepare for the Light coming into the darkness--which means that there is darkness in the story. That's why the Light burns so brightly. As we prepare to celebrate the Light of Christ, let us remember that the darkness, while it is real, can never overcome the Light. Thanks be to God!

Christmas Blessings,
Alicia

DECEMBER

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Beverly Lovingood
13 – Peggy Creech
20 – Debbie Morris & Angie Leary
27 – Tammy Dew

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Dianne Tucker
6 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
13 – Melissa Story
20 – Roxanna Barker & Jane Walker
27 – Dianne Tucker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

13 – Melinda Latta
20 - Sherri Broom
27 – Tina Stanley

11:00 am Service

6 – Molly Painter
13 – Molly Painter
20 – Molly Painter
27 – Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

13 – Ben & Beth Yarborough
20 – George Pinkston & Sherri Boom
27 – Steve & Leslie DuPre`

Sunday School

6 – Brian Dew
13 – Tommy Tucker
20 – Lee Latta
27 – Marie Underwood

11:00 am Service

6 – David Lehman & Joy Coats
13 – Jerry & Diane Johnson
20 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell
27 – Barbara Bigley & Inez Malloch



TELLERS

Gloria Strickland and Debbie Buckingham



**Sunday, December 6th will be a Combined
Worship Service at 11 am.**



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.



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.



Children's Church

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3rd 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.



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.



2016 Proposed Budget Discussion Day Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 6 pm Church Fellowship Hall

The proposed 2016 Budget is now available for your review in the vestibule. A "Budget Discussion Day" has been scheduled to give all members the opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification of individual line items of interest. Our Treasurer, Jim Wind, plus members of the Budget/Finance Committee will be on hand to provide information about the proposed 2016 Budget. All Church members are invited to attend.

Special Called Church Conference Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 12 noon

A Special Church Conference is being called in order to vote for the following items: 2016 Proposed Budget; Recommendations by the Nominating Committee for open positions beginning in January, 2016; 2016 Deacon Nominees. If you are a member, please plan to stay a few extra minutes in order to participate in the vote for these three items.



- 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 30 – Tommy and Dianne Tucker



Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 4

- WMU Hotdog Supper – 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Island of Lights Parade – 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 6

- Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
- Combined Service at 11 am.

- Joy of a Child Benefit Concert – 6:00 pm

Tuesdays, December 22

- Trip to Mike's Farm – 7 pm



Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service - 6 pm



Friday, December 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!!



Joy of a Child

This mission/ministry helps the children on the island with Christmas gifts and food. The cards for the children's wants are in the Vestibule. Take a card off the box, buy the item(s), place the card on the unwrapped gift and bring to the church office or place in the fellowship hall. The deadline to bring your gifts back to the church is Monday, December 14th. If you would like to donate financially, you can place it in a pew envelope and mark it "Joy of a Child".



WMU Hot Dog Supper

ITS BACK!!!!

It will be Friday, December 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Our industrious Vera Harris Circle will again be serving church members and the community with our outstanding hot dogs, chili, fixings, chips, drinks, and delicious desserts. Come one, come all. Join us after the hot dog supper with the Island of Lights Parade starting at 7:30 pm.



The adult choir will be presenting, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem", a musical that you don't want to miss. It will be during the Combined Worship Service at 11 on Sunday, December 6th. Invite your friends, and get into the Christmas spirit as you enjoy this message of God's love!!



Joy of a Child Benefit Concert

The Joy of a Child Christmas Concert, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 6 at 6:00 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!

MIKE'S FARM



It's that time Again!!!

Mike's Farm Road Trip on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd at 7 pm for Hayride and Dinner at 8 pm

We will be leaving the church at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheets will be soon in the Foyer as well as the Educational Building!!!



Price list:

- Sr. Adults (age 56+) \$25.70
- Adults (ages 12 to 55) \$26.92
- Children (ages 7-11) \$18.38
- Children (ages 5-6) \$14.72
- Children (ages 3-4) 6.72,
- Children (ages 0-2) free.

(Dinner, Hayride, Tax and Tip Included!!!)

Dara Newberry will be collecting money (Cash only) the evening of the trip.

Hope to see you all there!

We have reserved only 50 spots!!!

