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Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie

Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 12th. Please email your articles to me by the deadline.



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.

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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.



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



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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*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 Advent Season: JOY to the World!

ad·vent:ad,vent/noun – “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.”

There has never been, nor will there ever be, the arrival of anyone more notable than the Baby Jesus! His entry into our World changed mankind's destiny forever. God's only Son Jesus Christ becoming flesh was the beginning of our Heavenly Father's master plan for our salvation and the redemption of our relationship with Himself! As Christ-Followers we celebrate this event like no other because of the remarkable, divine love that has been demonstrated in this one occasion. We know this time of year as "THE ADVENT SEASON" because the greatest JOY in all of human history came into the world through that tiny Baby, born in Bethlehem's manger.

At First Baptist Church in Carolina Beach, the Advent Season began for us on November 27 with our "Hanging of the Greens Service. What a beautiful start in our celebration! Officially, the celebration of Advent ends each year on Christmas Eve. But for us who know Jesus, Advent marks the beginning of a relationship that endures throughout eternity.

As we prepare for the coming Sundays in our Advent celebrations and move into a New Year, please be aware of and pray about each of these dates and activities:

- **December 4:** Second Sunday of Advent with **Two Services** – 8:30 and 11:00am
- December 4: "Joy of a Child" Concert – 6:00pm
- **December 11:** Third Sunday of Advent with **Two Services** – 8:30 and 11:00am
- **December 18:** Forth Sunday of Advent with **One Service** at 11:00am (This will be our annual Christmas Program event!)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day! **One Service** at 11:00 am as we sing LOT'S of Christmas Carols in celebration of our Lord's birthday. (No Sunday School except for one combined class for adults who would like to attend).
- **January 1, 2017:** **One Service** at 11:00 am (Regular Sunday School schedule). We'll begin the New Year as we share The Lord's Supper followed by a traditional New Year's Day Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

You are a Blessing! I look forward to seeing our Heavenly Father unfold His wonderful purpose for you individually and our Church family in 2017. Let's all remember the words of our God as we move into the future with Him... "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

Seeking Him with ALL of Our Hearts!
Pastor Hal



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Beverly Lovingood
4 – Beverly Lovingood
11 – Tammy Dew

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Dianne Tucker
4 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
11 – Melissa Story
18 – Peggy Creech, Roxanna Barker, and
Dianne Tucker
25 – Tammy Dew, Jane Walker, Lisa Jones



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

4– Need Volunteer
11– Melinda Latta

11:00 am Service

4– Molly Painter
11 – Molly Painter
18 – Molly Painter
27 – Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

4 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
11 – Peggy Creech

Sunday School

4 – Marie Underwood
11 – Tommy Tucker
18 – Brian Dew
25 – Lee Latta

11:00 am Service

4 – Jane Walker
11 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
18 – David Lehman & Joy Coats
25 – Jerry & Diane Johnson



TELLERS

Diane Johnson & Jim Wind



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 – 5th 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 Sanctuary to pray for our church and community.



*December 7 – Trae and Beverly Setzer
December 9 – Rich and Becky Abeling
December 17 – Ralph and Robin Bolton
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 Day Worship Services Sunday, December 25



We will be having a Combined Worship Service at 11 am. There will be no Sunday School for children on that day. Tom Campbell will have a Sunday School class for the adults only at 9:45 am.

2017 Proposed Budget Discussion Day

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, December 4, the proposed 2017 Budget will be available for your review in the rear of the church. A

"Budget Discussion Day" has been scheduled on Dec 7th 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 2017 Budget. All Church members are invited to attend.



Christmas Choir Combined Worship Services and Special Called Conference

We will have a Combined Christmas Choir Service on December 18 at 11 am.

After the Combined Worship Service we will have a Special Called Conference to vote on the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Help Center Christmas Basket

The Help Center of Federal Point is asking us to help them with the donation of **65 Bottles of Pancake Syrup** for their annual Christmas Baskets. Please place them on the table in the sanctuary by Sunday, December 4th. They also invited our congregation to come out and help them make deliveries on Saturday, December 17th at the Seaside Chapel Fellowship Hall between 10 am and noon. It's a wonderful expression of the true Christmas spirit.



Wednesday Night Bible Study From the Heart of God Evangelism Explosion



Evangelism Explosion is a strategic initiative that we'll be using to move our Church forward as we share the Gospel! Paul and Maria Agrillo have personal experience with EE and they will be our equippers. No Bible Study on December 7, December 21 and December 28.

Martha's Kitchen

On Tuesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 15th, St Paul's Methodist Church on Harper Ave. will be hosting Martha's Kitchen at their church on those days.

Please take note of this.



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 12th. If you are not able to bring it back on time, please call the church office and let Debbie know so we do not buy that item again for the child. If you would like to donate monies, you can place it in a pew envelope and mark it "Joy of a Child".



Joy of a Child Benefit Concert

We will be having our Joy of a Child Benefit Concert on December 4th at 6:00 pm. All are invited to the best Christmas Concert ever!!!!

MIKE'S FARM

Mike's Farm Road Trip will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7 pm for Hayride and Dinner at 8 pm **We have 55 spots. Please start thinking if you would like to come with us.**

Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer as well as the Educational Building!!! When signing up please list each name and age of all who is coming.



Price list:

Sr. Adults (age 56+) \$26.00

Adults (ages 12 to 55) \$27.00

Children (ages 7-11) \$19.00

Children (ages 5-6) \$15.00

Children (ages 3-4) 7.00

Children (ages 0-2) free.

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



Debbie will be collecting the monies (Cash only, exact amount please) that evening of the trip. Hope to see you all there!

New Year's Day Combined Worship Service

Sunday, January 1, 2017 will be a Combined Worship Service at 11 am. Sunday School is at 9:45 am. After the Worship Service we will have a Traditional New Year's lunch: Collard greens, black eye peas, corn bread, fried chicken and ham. Watch the bulletin for more details.

