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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](mailto: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.



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**Office News & Deadlines**

By Debbie

**Deadline for the December 2015 Newsletter is November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please email your articles to me by the deadline.**



**Al-Anon Meeting**

Each Friday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall., an Al-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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# 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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## 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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## Practicing Thanksgiving

*"It is good to sing praise to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High." --Psalm 92*

Remember *gratitude journals*? You were supposed to list five "thankfuls" each night before you went to sleep. Penning the day's gifts was supposed to help us focus on the blessings in our lives--rather than what was going wrong. I think may have kept mine going for a week or so.

The practice of giving thanks can be life-changing, or at very least, perspective-changing. This is especially true for those of us who like to check off our to-dos and keep moving forward. Life is full of rabbit trails and derailments. Most days don't actually go as planned, at least in my life.

The psalmist declares, "It is good . . . to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night" (v. 2). Personally, I do much better with the morning part. In the morning, the day is, as Anne of Green Gables would say, new "with no mistakes in it . . . Yet." By the end of the day, those morning aspirations are bedraggled with a big dose of reality.

That's where developing a habit of declaring God's "faithfulness by night" comes in. Whether in prayer and reflection or a journal or a quiet conversation, I *need* to remember the gifts of each day before I lay my head on the pillow. I *need* to sing for joy, gladdened by God's work in our lives and in the world (v. 4), even if it's the world's shortest song.

Ending the day with thanksgiving refocuses me on what is most important: loving God and loving my neighbor as myself. It also keeps "enemies" and "assailants," or struggles with the "powers that be," as Paul calls them (Rom. 13:1, KJV), from taking root in me for the night. Gratitude to God reminds me that I am not in charge, never have been, never will be and don't have to be. (Can I get an AMEN?!)

Let me be clear that this is not a fully developed practice for me! Many nights I fall into bed an anxious mess, with the mistakes and pitfalls of the day swirling in my head and troubling my heart. Celebrating God's "faithfulness by night" has to be a conscious choice for me each evening. But it is a conscious choice that pays enormous dividends.

I want to make Psalm 92 my bedtime prayer for November. Thanks be to God for this scripture prayer, voiced long ago by our ancestors in the faith. May their words become our words, and sing in our hearts each night.

With thanksgiving,  
*Alicia*

# November



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 8:30 am Service

Hostess: Tammy Dew  
1 – Beverly Lovingood  
8 – Peggy Creech  
15 – Tammy Dew  
22 – Debbie Morris

### 11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jane Walker  
1– Jeff & Jennie Gaskell  
8 – Melissa Story  
15 – Roxanna Barker  
22 - Dianne Tucker  
29 – Jane Walker & Angie Leary



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### 8:30 am Service

1 – Marcelle Tyler  
8 – Melinda Latta  
15 - Sherri Broom  
22 – Tina Stanley

### 11:00 am Service

1 – Molly Painter  
8 – Molly Painter  
15 – Molly Painter  
22– Molly Painter  
29 – Molly Painter



## GREETERS

### 8:30 am Service

1 – George Pinkston & Sherri Broom  
8 – Steve & Leslie DuPre`  
15 – Paul & Maria Agrillo  
22 – Peggy Creech

### Sunday School

1 – Marie Underwood  
8 – Brian Dew  
15 – Tommy Tucker  
22 – Lee Latta  
29 – Marie Underwood

### 11:00 am Service

1 – David Lehman & Joy Coats  
8 – Jerry & Diane Johnson  
15 – Barbara Bigley & Inez Malloch  
22 – Mike Sanford & Jane Walker  
29 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class



## TELLERS

Diane Johnson and Debbie Buckingham



## 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 – 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.



## 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.



## Children's Choir

All children ages 4 and up are invited to be a part of the Children's Choir. The children will be rehearsing each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.



## Hanging of the Greens Service

Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Combined Worship Service at 11 am. We need several volunteers to read Scriptures and a family to light the Advent Candle for the service. If interested, contact the office.



**Volunteers are needed** to help decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Christmas on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm until done. Please call Debbie Passmore (503-706-1144), if you are able to help. Thank you.



November 26 – Michael and Sue King  
November 30 – Tom and Jo Campbell



It is time to order your Poinsettia to Honor or In Memory of your loved one for the Advent - Christmas Season. An order form is inserted in this newsletter. The cost is \$10 each. If you need more forms, they will be available in the Vestibule. The deadline to place your order is Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. After the Christmas Eve Service, you may take your Poinsettia home (please do not take the plastic cup under the poinsettias)



### Joy of a Child

This mission/ministry helps the children on the island with Christmas gifts and food. On Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, the cards for the children's wants will be 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 14<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".



### Joy of a Child Benefit Concert

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

### MISSIONS AND MORE



#### Operation Christmas Child

It's time to fill our boxes with little gifts and lots of love. Boxes are out by the door near the elevator. National Collection Week is November 16-23; therefore, our last collection date and Dedication Sunday will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of this mission that brings joy to children in the world.



#### Help Center Christmas Basket

The Help Center is asking us to help them with the donation of **60 Bottles of Pancake Syrup** for their annual Christmas Baskets. Please place them on the Help Center table in the Sanctuary by Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. They also invited our congregation

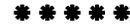
to come out and help them make deliveries on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Seaside Chapel Fellowship Hall between 10 am and noon. It's a wonderful expression of the true Christmas spirit.



#### Meals on Wheels



On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). We now have volunteers to make desserts. Thanks to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.



#### Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

#### WMU NEWS.....

The Vera Harris Circle met October 12 with 12 members present. Several members had the Christmas Book from Samaritan's Purse. We decided to look through it and we will decide next month what we would like to send to them.

Island of Lights Parade is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We will be having a WMU Bake Sale before the parade starts. Please come and support your WMU!!

We have decided to begin contributing to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice again. Dates in November will be discussed at our November meeting.

The program was given Polly Hodges on the Christmas boxes – where they go, how they get there. Lori Griffin served delicious refreshments. Next month, Joyce Godwin will have the program and Margie and Becky will be the hostesses. Margie Underwood, WMU Director



#### Baptist Men



We will be having our Baptist Men Breakfast on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please come and enjoy good fellowship. Bring a friend or just bring yourself. May all have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!!!! For more information, or mission projects, please contact Ben Yarborough, (398-8023).