

The Visitor

First Baptist Church of Smithfield

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No. 9



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday, December 9th - Second Sunday of Advent

10:55 A.M. Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata. Preservice music begins at 10:40 a.m. **NOTE: No Early Service**

6:00 P.M. - Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Community Caroling

Saturday, December 15th

10:00 A.M. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Pool Party at the SRAC for Children end at 12 noon. Children will be giving baby gifts to "In His Hands Pregnancy Center" to honor baby Jesus.

4:30 P.M. Youth Progressive Dinner and Caroling Outreach

Sunday, December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. - Live Nativity and Music for the Season

Wednesday, December 19th - A Service of Lessons and Carols

6:15 p.m. - A tradition first established for the celebration of Christmas Eve in England, this service will follow the story of the Bible from creation until the coming of Christ in both the reading of Scripture and accompanying carols. Join us after the Wednesday night supper in the Sanctuary for a short time of worship in expectance of the Savior's arrival. Mission Friends and Children in Action will meet at 6:15 p.m. Service and programs end at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 30 - Student Day at Christmas

FBC YOUTH INFORMATION

FBC Youth Group will NOT meet Sunday, December 9. Come enjoy the Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Caroling with your family.

FBC Youth Group will meet Sunday, December 16 in the Ministry Center for Snack Supper followed by Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Snack Supper provided.

YOUTH PROGRESSIVE SUPPER & OUTREACH

Youth will enjoy a three course meal at different locations. We will also visit and share Christmas carols with assisted living residents/homebound seniors in our community. We will meet in the Youth Room @ 4:30pm Saturday, December 15th to begin and return to Youth Room at the conclusion of our evening. Caroling destinations are still to be determined. Contact the Church office to sign up.

Appetizers: The Creech Family

Caroling/Visitation

Main Course: Ryberg Hall (Coordinated by David & Martha Lasater)

Caroling/Visitation

Deserts: The Vetrano Family

Parents: Please let me know if you would like to participate. I would appreciate some additional help in coordinating the students as we are out in the community.

DECORATION DONATIONS

Donations of \$10.00 or more are being taken to help with the cost of the Christmas decorations for our Sanctuary. You may give these donations in honor or memory of a loved one or a special friend. Drop off your donations at the church office.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Billie Cretini (Smithfield Manor Rehab), Brenda Heard (Bella Rose Rehab), Bob Colbert (Smithfield Manor)

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

To comply with tax law, contributors must deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or before December 31, 2018 to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2018. Checks that are given to the church after December 31st will not qualify for a charitable contribution in 2018. However, checks that are dated, mailed, and postmarked in 2018 will be deductible in 2018 even though they are not received in the church office until 2019. **The church office will be open on Monday, December 31st until 5:00 p.m. to accommodate your needs.**

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall before and after church or during normal working hours Monday thru Friday. Envelopes not picked-up will be mailed Monday, December 31, 2018. **PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE FIRST SUNDAY OF JANUARY.**

CELEBRATE WITH REY de REYES

You are invited to celebrate Jessie Macias' ordination and Martha's commissioning as a missionary on December 9, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Jessie and Martha have been leaders in Rey de Reyes, our Hispanic mission, since its beginning.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robinson and Megan Williams on the arrival of their infant daughter, Davis Belle Williams. The proud grandparents are Craig and Donna Williams.

Congratulations to Lam and Beth Armstrong on the arrival of their infant son, Riley Lamar Armstrong. The proud grandparents are Lamar and Marcia Armstrong. The proud great grandmother is Jean High.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my Church family, choir and everyone for their prayers, cards, texts, visits, calls and food during my past two surgeries on November 5 and November 19. A very special thank you to Lee Colbert who prayed with me before my surgeries. I am truly blessed to be a member of such a wonderful Church family. May God bless each of you. Thank you again. Suzanne Carter.

How can we thank you? We thank you first of all for your prayers which helped Tom's quick recovery! We thank you for your cards, visits, flowers and food! Also we thank those of you who cleaned our yard after Florence. May God richly bless each of you. Just thinking about us meant so much. So we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for every effort you put forth for us. Tom and Shirley Sullivan and family.

Dear Church Family, your thoughts, cards, calls and visits mean so much to me. Lee and Bryans visits and prayers let me know that the Lord was watching over me. I'm on the road to recovery thanks to you all. God bless you, Charlotte Hoyt.

Dear Smithfield First Baptist Church, Johnston, Lee & Harnette County has a District Meeting in Lee County on 10/12/18. Probations Officer received a door prizes as a result of your generosity. On behalf of District II, we sincerely thank you. JDM Steve Walker, AJDM Cindy Dennis, District II CPPO's and Probation Officers

COASTAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019

Come to the Table - Be Set Free....Don't miss the Coastal Women's Retreat at Caswell, February 22-24, 2019! The theme for this retreat comes from Ephesians 3:12, "In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Guest Speaker is Holly H. Myers with Cindy Johnson leading worship music. If you are interested, call or come by the church office to reserve your space for this retreat. Invite your family, friends and co-workers. Cost: \$170.00

NOVEMBER BACKPACK UPDATE

This year we have packed a total of 1,690 backpacks which have provided 9,660 meals to students. This month we had 37 volunteers who have given almost 31 total hours of service. I thank all of you who have been so kind in keeping us supplied with doubled grocery bags. That is a blessing that cuts the packing time significantly. We were also able to give peanut butter to 120 students for Thanksgiving and we are halfway to having enough to be able to repeat that for Christmas. Thank you very much! This month I want to recognize Mr. Paul Askew. He faithfully drives to Raleigh every other week to pick up the food we distribute from the Food Bank using his truck. He also helps unload and stock the food which is a workout type effort. Thank you Mr. Paul for all you do. Sincerely, Todd Michaloski

Children and Families:

Rooted in God's Word, Growing in Faith Living for Jesus

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together....but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:23-25a

Sunday School Is COOL! It's the place to be on Sunday mornings as we gather to study the Bible together!! Your presence is an encouragement to other families and we miss you when you are not here. There is a place for everyone in the family and all are WELCOME!!

Come to Bethlehem!! December 9th @ 6PM
Anticipation is building as we head to Bethlehem for our Children's Christmas Pageant!! **ALL PRESCHOOLERS and CHILDREN are welcome to take part!!**

If you have a neighbor, children or grandchildren that would like to take part, tell them to **"COME!"** We have costumes for a flock of sheep and a heavenly host of angels (thanks to our Tuesday afternoon craft ladies!) Even though Bethlehem was crowded, **WE WILL FIND ROOM FOR ALL CHILDREN** who wish to take part. Be in the Sanctuary at **5:45** to select a costume. **You don't want to miss the best Christmas Pageant of the year!**

Mission Friends, ages 3-Kindergarten and Children in Action, grades 1-5 meet on Wednesday nights @ 6:30. These groups are having a wonderful time learning about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions and doing missions. It is a great program and will continue through the school year. We will even plan Mission Expeditions next summer!! So come and see what these groups are doing!! It's one of the best ways to help your child grow in faith and live the way Jesus did.

Birthdays are a BIG DEAL to children!! Please make sure that I have your child's birthday on my calendar!! You can text the name and birthday to 919-497-2104 or leave a voice message at 919-934-9927 Thank you!

Amy Galloway, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator

FROM THE PULPIT

December 9 Christmas Cantata
10:55 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent
"In Celebration"
Presented by our Sanctuary Choir
Pre-service music begins at 10:40 a.m.
No Early Service
6:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Pageant
Followed by Caroling
December 16 Sermon by Lee Colbert
8:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent
"Stepping Out"
John 1:1-14
4:00 p.m.
Live Nativity with Music for the Season

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

8:45 A.M. Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
10:55 A.M. Morning Worship, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
11:00 A.M. Hispanic Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room (12/2)
6:00 P.M. FBC Youth Activities, Ministry Center (12/2)
6:30 P.M. Praise Ringers Handbells, Althea Room

Monday

10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ministry Center
5:30 P.M. Family Night Supper
6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs, Ages 4, Kindergarten: Preschool V; Grades 1-5, Adult II
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center
6:30 P.M. First Baptist Bells Rehearsal, Althea Room
6:30 P.M. Small Groups for Adults
6:30 P.M. Book of Romans Bible Study by Henry Wright, Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 3 - Kindergarten
6:30 P.M. Mission Expedition for Grades 1-5
6:30 P.M. Youth Activities
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday

10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

2018 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$17,832.79
Received as of 11/25/18	\$18,800.59
Budget needs Year to Date	\$824,041.13
Received Year to Date	\$744,854.08

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 11/25/18	\$6,820.00
Needs Year to Date	\$128,601.00
Received Year to Date	\$127,992.81

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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2018 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$17,832.79
Received as of 12/2/18	\$13,056.44
Budget needs Year to Date	\$841,673.92
Received Year to Date	\$757,910.52

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 12/2/18	\$1,928.10
Needs Year to Date	\$131,523.75
Received Year to Date	\$129,920.91

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor | Lee Colbert |
| Minister of Youth and Education | Bryan Harris |
| Minister of Music | Braxton Kubasko |
| Children and Family Ministries Coordinator | Amy Galloway |
| Organist | Marshall Tyson |
| Director of After School Care | Donna Donovan |
| Director of Weekday Early Education | June Ward |
| Administrative Staff | Janice Holland, Glenda Strickland
Margie Crumley |

12/5/18

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