

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Church Office and Martha Best Children's Center will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 for the Holidays.

Wednesday, January 3

Health & Wellness Council

10:00 a.m. Conference Room

Thursday, January 4

Prayer Shawl Committee

10:30 a.m. Parlor

Monday, January 8

Wall Bible Study Group

10:00 a.m. Conference Room

Bernice Cross Mission Group

2:00 p.m. Conference Room

Wednesday, January 10

Prayer Shawl Committee

7:20 p.m. Parlor

Family Night

Family Night activities will resume Wednesday, January 10. Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup, Baked Potatoes, Salad Bar, Ice Cream, (Children: Chicken Tenders)

Senior Adult Trip

Friday, January 12, 2007

High Point Museum and Piedmont Environmental Center

We will leave the church 9:30 a.m. and return 3:00 p.m. \$5.00 fee for transportation. Lunch on your own at K & W Cafeteria.

Global Mission Offering

As we give to missions during this Holiday season, please mark your envelope either for the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) or International Mission Board (IMB).

Extended Session

December 24: Paid Staff

December 31: BedBabies/Toddlers—
M/M Dan Smith 2 & 3 Year Olds—Courtney Brown & Donna Routh 4 & 5 Year Olds—
M/M Brian Lancaster

January 7: BedBabies/Toddlers—Brenda Sprinkle & Casey White 2 & 3 Year Olds—
Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander 4 & 5 Year Olds: M/M William Fulbright

 **2007 Birthday Banquet**
Wednesday, January 24

Entertainment The Neighbors

Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings and in the church office until Sunday, January 14. Adults (\$6.00) Children under 12 (\$3.00) Family Limit (\$20.00) Menu: Glazed Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus/Hollandaise Sauce, Waldorf Salad, Croissant, Cake/Ice Cream

Business Meeting Update

The following items were approved during the business meeting on December, 6.

1. The 2007 Missions Budget as presented by the Budget Planning Committee
2. The recommendation of the Church Profile and Restructuring Committee to establish better functioning committees and to have all the information in a notebook and out of the bylaws was also approved.

Family Life Retreat

Fort Caswell, NC
April 27-29, 2007
20th. Anniversary

Mark your 2007 calendar for this retreat. We will have a time of reflection from past years. More information coming.

Attic Antics

January 26-28, 2007

The youth will be traveling to West Virginia for a weekend of winter sports, fellowship, and devotion. We'll be staying at the same cabin as last year, and will be skiing at Winterplace. A \$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot is needed by January 7.

Cost: \$ 75.00 Relaxing at Ski Lodge

\$ 90.00 Own Equipment

\$ 90.00 Snow Tubing

\$120.00 Skiing

\$130.00 Snowboarding

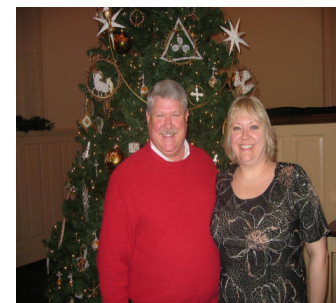
See Steve for more information.

HVAC Update

The finishing touches on the HVAC are being done and we hope to have everything except the Balcony unit completed in the coming days. We are grateful to everyone, especially the MBCC, for the flexibility shown while the work was being done. On your behalf we fed the workers a BBQ luncheon and gave them a card made by the MBCC.

We continue to get gifts and donations in for the new system. Please turn in your 3-year pledge as soon as possible. Please make every effort to contribute to the HVAC work so we will be able to reduce what we might have to borrow.

Welcome New Member



December 10, 2006

Tamara Garrison

(with husband Roger)

Memorials

HVAC Fund: Taylor Gray Matthews by Mountcastle Ins., Bill & Joan Mitchell, Dewight & Kathleen Hedrick; Virginia Sink by Leland M. Park, Mrs. Margaret Padgett, Minnie Banks, James & Patricia Browder, Bill & Giny Wood, Juanita Wooten, Carl W. Barnes, Jimmy, Betsye, Wendy & Carlann, Jacqueline Inman, Davidson College Library; H.B. "Jack" Rayhill by Carlene Wallis; Lillian Hough by Katherine Philpott, Mildred Thomas; Marietta Sink by Mildred Thomas; Edna Sheets by Mildred Thomas; Lonnie Davis by Russell Davis; Hubert & Grace Philpott by Katherine Philpott; Archie Hodges by Thomas R. Smith; **Building & Grounds Fund:** Taylor Matthews by Silba Rae Fennell;

Honorariums

HVAC: Parker & Frances McLendon by Terry & Martha Hutchins; M/M Robert Hedrick & M/M Hubert Olive by Elizabeth Fuller; Members of Dorcas-Fidelis Sunday School Class by Opal Johnson; Ann Corn, Doris Helvey, Sally Davis, Jeanne Hamrick, Helen Linder, Germaine Wagner by Faithful Workers Class; Frances McLendon by The Ruth Class; Members of Bernice Cross Mission Group by Hope Kennon; Phyllis Stump, Connie Klump, Sharon Palmer, Sally Davis, Helen Linder by The Good News SS Class; Polly Rollins & Dr. D. Hoke Coon, Jr. by Mildred Thomas; Margaret Hodges by Thomas R. Smith; **Music Ministry:** FBC Staff, All Youth and Music Leaders, and SS Teachers of Hunter, Kathryn, & Jack by Lee & Ann Davis; **Food Boxes:** Ray, Tommy, Phil & Steve our wonderful ministers by David & Julia Dunn; Ministerial Staff by Richard & Becky Reese; Opal Johnson, Debbie Auman, JoAnne Potts, Kay Albright, Jane Hedrick by The Dorcas Fidelis Class;

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STEWARDSHIP 2007:

COMMITTED TO CARRY THE LIGHT

January 7, the First Sunday of Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and, coincidentally, begins our stewardship emphasis here at FBC. It promises to be an exciting time in the life of our church.

The Season of Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men from the East who followed the light of a great star and came to worship the child Jesus. During Advent, the world was "in darkness." At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light burst forth to all nations and the prophecy was fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising." This act of worship by the Magi was one of the first revelations that Jesus was King and Lord for all people, all nations, and all races. Epiphany is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church to reach others by revealing Jesus' Light to all people of the world.

Fittingly, the theme of our stewardship emphasis is "Committed to Carry the Light". Epiphany demands that, like these kings, we should return to our own countries a different way, carrying to all those we meet the light of Christ. As children of God, upon whom the light of Christ has indeed risen, we have the responsibility to radiate that light in the darkness of our own world.

Beginning January 7, we will be looking at the means by which our church carries the light of Christ—in our hearts, homes, church, community and world. As in years past, there will be a "Winter Warm-up" beginning at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Sunday School hour. In addition, as part of the emphasis, we will weekly focus on different local missions our church supports and ask you to bring a tangible gift specific to that mission, much like the Wise Men brought gifts to the Christ Child. So mark your calendars and be alert for more details as the date approaches. Also be in prayer that God will renew in us a new commitment to "Carry the Light" into a lost and broken world.

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Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

*Bring your family as we have our regular time of Bible Study,
Fellowship, and Worship.*

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service

December 24 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Arrive early for this tradition of candlelight and communion. We will close the Advent season with the singing of "Silent Night" while the Sanctuary is illuminated by candles and filled with the anticipation of Christmas Day.