

Meetings & Events

Wednesday, 12/12

Finance Committee Meeting

7:20 p.m.

Conference Room

Davidson Prison Ministry

Davidson Prison Ministry is planning a Christmas party for the 258 inmates at the Davidson Corrections Center on Raleigh road on Tuesday, December 18 and will involve volunteer help in two ways.

Bakers

We need many homemade desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.) If you would like to prepare a dessert, please deliver it to the Corrections Center in the white house at 1400 Thomason Street. The desserts will be received by the secretary from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on the 18th. Bakery items are also welcomed.

Volunteers to Assist

Volunteers are needed to stand behind the tables and assist the inmates with their choices of food. A smile and Merry Christmas remark will bring some joy to their holiday season. Male volunteers are also needed to accompany the Chaplain for delivering gift bags to the inmates. All volunteers are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m. at the main entrance and wait in the white house. This time of fellowship will last until approximately 8:00 or 8:30 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your participation in reaching out to those in prison during this Season of Love. (Newell Davis 248-5831)

Special FBC Gifts

There are still Christmas ornaments, note cards and cookbooks left for that special friend. Note cards and cookbooks are \$4.00 each and ornaments are \$10.00 each or 2 for \$18.00. Call the office if interested



Christmas Decorations

The Sanctuary Committee has been busy decorating the church for the Advent Season. The annual Chrismon tree is in place, candles are in the windows, and wreaths and garland have all been hung inside and out. The Nativity crèche is located in our narthex. Thanks to the committee for all they do in preparing the church house for the season. The Fellowship Halls have also been decorated for the Christmas season. Members of the Social Committee decorated both halls, and we are grateful to them as well. Thank you to all who each year give of your time and talent.

Academy 2008

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The month of April will be our next Academy. As in the past we hope to offer several options of learning and growth for the congregation. If you have a topic or wish to lead an upcoming Academy please contact Tommy. We are grateful for those who have led us in the past.

Extended Session

December 9: BedBabies - M/M Dan Smith
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - Tina Wall & Kristin Wall
3 & 4 Year Olds - Brenda Sprinkle & Casey White

December 16: BedBabies - Paid Staff
Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - Paid Staff
3 & 4 Year Olds - Paid Staff



Sanctuary Poinsettias

There is still time to order your red Poinsettias to be placed in the church the remaining Sundays in December. Poinsettias of a color other than those placed in the sanctuary may be placed in the Vestibule at your request. If interested call the church.

News and Views from The ATTIC

Youth Progressive Dinner

December 8 Meet at church at 4:30 p.m.

Magi Party

December 15 & 16 Meet at church 3:30 p.m.

A chance for the Middle Schoolers to get together with Jenn, bake cookies & decorate ornaments for some of the older members of our congregation. (Saturday: bake, decorate, have pizza & watch Elf movie. Sunday: visiting and sharing.)

Dirty Santa

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday Night December 19

Sign-ups and deposits are due for the ski trip by Sunday, December 16.

Jenn will be home in MA Dec. 20 - Jan. 4. There will be no youth meetings during that time.

Memorials

HVAC: *Dozier Linder* by Don & Ann Bishop, Polly Rollins, Silba Rae Fennell, Maxine Harbin, Brenda Lee Harbin, Cloyd & Kathie Philpott, Betty Sink, Frank & Ursula Thacker, Minnie Davis, Juanita Wooten, Bob & Dawn Shaak, Don & Patricia Kepley, Bill & Betsy Medford, Richard & Becky Reese, Good News SS Class; *Virginia Sink* by Good News SS Class; *Jean Bowen* by Richard & Becky Reese, Bill & Betsy Medford, City of Lexington, Joyce Rabb, Minnie Davis, John & Anne Pitts, Gene & Connie Klump, Don & Ann Bishop, Polly Rollins; *Mary H. Koontz* by Polly Rollins, Dorcas-Fidelis Class of FBC, John & Harriet Smith; *John & Lillian Hough* by John & Harriet Smith; *Bobby Nelson* by Frank & Ursula Thacker; *Eddie Smith* by Don & Ann Bishop; **General Fund:** *Dozier Linder* by Jim & June Honeycutt; **MBCC:** *Jean Bowen & Mrs. Hubert Philpott* by Katherine Philpott; **Health & Wellness Fund:** *Mary H. Koontz* by Frady/Johnson Mission Group, Hazel Frady; **Prayer Shawl Ministry;** *Dozier Linder* by Charlotte Fulp; **C. Andrews Organ Fund:** *Mary Hill Koontz* by Mildred Thomas; *Jean Bowen* by Mildred Thomas, Buddy Andrews; *Dozier Linder* by Mildred Thomas, Buddy Andrews; *Bob Philpott, Jr.* by Buddy Andrews

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Honorariums

Belize Missions: *Dr. Ray Howell III* by Mark & Blair Prevette & Eugene & Cheri Morris; **HVAC:** *Sally Davis, Connie Klump, Sharon Palmer, Phyllis Stump* by Good News SS Class; *Bette Moore* by Sr. Adult Choir

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Advent Season Calendar

Sunday, December 9

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 p. m.

Sunday, December 16

11:00 a. m.

Monday, December 24

5:30 p. m.

Birthday Party for Jesus

Children's Fellowship Hall

Children's Music Ministry

Fellowship Hall

Nine Lessons & Carols

FBC Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion

FBC Sanctuary



Happy Birthday Everyone

2008 Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, January 23

5:45 p.m.

Entertainment

The Healing Force

Tickets will be on sale Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Last date to purchase will be Sunday, Jan. 13.

Cost: \$3.00 Under 12; \$6.00 Adult; \$20.00 Family Limit

Global Missions Offering

This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve.

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Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 9

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children's Fellowship Hall

Ages: Toddlers thru 5th. Grade

Story telling, games, crafts, and cake will be shared during this year's celebration. Please bring a gift for a child in need and label with age and gender information.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16

11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary

First Baptist Church will continue the tradition of presenting *Nine Lessons and Carols*, Sunday, December 16 during the morning worship service. This will mark the thirty-fourth year it has been presented. The heart of the service conveys the retelling of the story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. Our service will include familiar carols as well as carols from different traditions. Come and celebrate this time-honored tradition.



Children's Music Ministry

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

The Joyful Singers led by Jane Earl Hall, Alan Hall, Shelia Killebrew, Phil Ryalls and Myra Thacker will present a program of some of their favorite Christmas Songs.

The Chancel Choirsters, directed by Sarah Frye, Michelle O'Bryant and Roy Hicks, will present a program of Christmas melodies. Choir members will also be narrating and playing percussion instruments. Featured soloists will be Olivia Brown and Collin O'Bryant.

Christmas Mission Projects: Food Boxes for the Needy

Our Sunday School mission project—food boxes for needy families in our community is once again taking place this year. We hope individuals and classes will contribute. All checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The deadline for contributions is December 16. Boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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