

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Church Office and Martha Best Children's Center will be closed December 24, 25 & 26 and January 1 for the Holidays.

Monday, January 5

Wall Bible Study Group
10:00 a.m. Conference Room
Frary/Johnson Mission Group
1:45 p.m. Parlor
Bernice Cross Mission Group
2:00 p.m. Conference Room

Tuesday, January 6

Stella Nichols Mission Group
7:00 p.m. Parlor
Hostesses - Carol Stutts-Wall & Emo Thomas

Wednesday, January 7

Health and Wellness Council
10:00 a.m. Conference Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will have no meetings in January. They will resume their regularly scheduled meetings in February 2009.

Come See the Christmas Lights

December 21 and 22

Ray and Joyce Howell invite all the children, youth and their parents to come see their Christmas lights and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Come on Sunday or Monday night, December 21 or 22, between 5:30 and 9:00 p.m. The Howells live at 243 North Miners Trail in the Central Area. Directions will be shared with the children on Sunday, December 21 and are also available in the church office.

December Encouragement Emphasis

Extend a random act of kindness to someone.

Extended Session

December 21: BedBabies - M/M Charlie Pyle
Toddlers/2 Year Olds - Cindy McNeill & Kathy Philpott
3 & 4 Year Olds - Margaret Ann Maddox & Caroline Garrett
December 28: BedBabies - Alice Pearson & Gayle Smerznak
Toddlers/2 Year Olds - M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Nathan Houser

January 4: BedBabies - M/M Greg Briggs
Toddlers/2 Year Olds - Holly Kirkendall & Ashley Cannon
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Chad Williams

Global Mission Offering

This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative 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.

2008 Giving

We started the month of December off with over \$45,000 in giving to the missions and ministries of our church. (The Budget) We recognize some significant savings, but realize that we continue to need a record breaking December to meet some of our mission and ministry needs for this year. All contributions to the church need to be in no later than noon on Wednesday, December 31. May we give generously during this season of giving.

HVAC Update

Thanks to your giving we have recently reduced our debt to the bank to \$330,000. We continue to make monthly payments of interest only. We did a three year commitment on the payoff and \$100,000 was pledged for each year.

Attic Antics

Jenn will be away until January 11, 2009. Youth Bible Study will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2009

Ski retreat to Sugar Mountain is February 6 - 8, 2009. \$100 deposit is due by January 4, 2009.

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

Thank you to all who came and shopped both at the gift shop and the Alternative Fair. Thanks to you \$1,429 was raised and given to local missions here in our community through the gift shop. \$7,667 was sent to various agencies and missions opportunities.

A special thank you to those who donated items to the gift shop. We appreciate your talents and generosity.

The Gift Fair was a dream and hope of many. A special thanks to Sandra Wilson, Laura Owen, Kristin Wall, June and Jim Honeycutt, Margaret Ann Maddox, Lyn Lambros, Connie Klump, Renee Sink, Will Tate, Kathy Philpott and all the others who helped to make this event a reality. God is Good! All the Time!

New Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class for the college age students will be available for the following Sundays. December 21, 28 and January 4 & 11.

Jon Myers will be teaching and the class will be held in the Parlor.

For further information, call Julie Garrett at (775-9875) or email at jpg@triad.rr.com.

Business Meeting Update

The 2009 Missions Budget as presented by the Budget Planning Committee was approved at the quarterly business meeting on December 10. There was no other business to vote on but several reports were shared for information.

Academy 2009

March 4, 11, 18, 25

If you would like to lead an Academy for the four weeks or have an idea you would like to see happen please contact Tommy. We have many talented and gifted individuals and we need for you to lead us.

2008 Family Night

Last Wednesday was our final Family Night for the year. We are grateful to all who provide leadership with the meal and the music and mission groups. Thanks to Sandye and Laverne for the planning and cooking. As always we are grateful to Dot Craver and Sarah Vick for taking up the money. We are taking an extended break and will start back with the **Annual Birthday Banquet** Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

2009 Happenings at FBC

Annual Stewardship Emphasis
(January and February)
The Lenten Season:
(February 25 to Easter Celebration 4/12)
Wednesday - Academy - March
Winter Bible Study
(The Psalms)
Annual Church Retreat
(May 1, 2, 3 - NC Baptist Assembly)
Youth Ministry Activities
Senior Adult Ministries

January Newsletter Schedule

The newsletters in January will be printed January 7 and 21. If you have any information you wish to publish, please e-mail or call by the Monday before print dates.

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2009 Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, January 21 - 5:45 p.m.
Entertainment - Chi Rho - Wake Forest University
(Our Own: Charlie Frye)

Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings and in the church office.

Last date to purchase will be Sunday, Jan. 11th.

Menu: Glazed Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes and Cranberries, Oriental Vegetables, Waldorf Salad, Croissant, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Under 12; \$4.00 Family Limit \$20.00

The Annual "Learn and Live" Series

Sponsored by First Baptist Church

Health and Wellness Council

Friday, February 6, 2009

FBC Fellowship Hall

Lunch served at 12:00 noon. Tickets \$10.00

"Let Me Tell You About Diabetes"

Dr. Tom Wall, Speaker

There are 23.6 million children and adults in the United States, or 7.8% of the population, who have diabetes. 5.7 million people are unaware they have the disease.

You've probably wondered how you got diabetes. You may worry that your children will get it too. Unlike some traits, diabetes does not seem to be inherited in a simple pattern. Yet clearly, some people are born more likely to get diabetes than others.

CD's

CD's of Nine Lessons and Carols are \$12.50 each and can be ordered through the church office.

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Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Worship Service

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service

Wednesday, 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.

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