

Meetings & Events

Sunday, 12/10

Birthday Party for Jesus

3:00-5:00 p.m. Children's Fellowship Hall

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.

Wednesday, 12/13

Finance Committee Meeting

7:20 p.m. Conference Room

Davidson Prison Ministry

The annual Christmas party for the inmates at Davidson Corrections Center will be Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to prepare homemade desserts and/or come to the prison on that evening and serve desserts to the inmates. Desserts may be brought to the prison during the day of the party. Volunteers who serve during the party must have their names turned in by December 11, 2006. For more information, please call Newell Davis, 248-5831 or hcdavis@lexcominc.net.



Happy Birthday Everyone 2007 Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, January 24

Entertainment The Neighbors
Tickets will be on sale Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, December 10 and last date to purchase will be Sunday, January 14.

Holiday Music Ministry Opportunities



Monday, 12/11

Centre Singers

7:30 p.m. FBC Sanctuary

From the Renaissance to the 20th century, and from England and France to Kentucky, the tour program offers sacred music of praise, comfort, and wonder. Half of the repertoire celebrates the seasons of Advent and Christmas with special focus on Mary in music by Praetorius, Williametta Spencer, Anton Bruckner, and a spiritual. A true American voice is heard in Three Shaker songs and an Appalachian tune from Kentucky, as well as in several canticles by Randall Thompson.

Wednesday 12/13

Children's Music Ministry

6:30 p.m. FBC Sanctuary



The children's choirs will combine to perform a program following Family Night Dinner, December 13. The Choirs include: The Joyful Singers - Jane Earl Hall, Alan Hall, Shelia Killebrew and Phil Ryalls, directors; The Chancel Choristers - Jean Beamer and Marge Team, directors. The Joyful Singers will begin the program followed by the Chancel Choristers presentation of *Chimes in the Night*, a musical by Allen Pote and Tom Long about a little boy and his sisters who help a small village learn about the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus Christ, God's greatest Gift to mankind.

Extended Session

December 10: BedBabies/Toddlers— Amy Chambless & Anna Raye Tate **2 & 3 Year Olds**— Melinda & Taylor Hartley **4 & 5 Year Olds**—Dr. & Mrs. Ken Auman

December 17: BedBabies/Toddlers— Paid Staff **2 & 3 Year Olds** —Paid Staff **4 & 5 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 contact Sara Lineberger, 787-4420.



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.

Special FBC Gifts

There are still Christmas ornaments, note cards and cookbooks left for that special friend. Note cards and cookbooks are \$5.00 each and ornaments are \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. Call the office if interested.

Youth Notes

Sunday, December 17

The youth will be having a Christmas party in the form of a progressive dinner. While details are still incomplete all youth need to be at the church by 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. Please be punctual and bring a small gift if you want to participate in the Dirty Santa game, which is always hilarious! As the details come to me, I'll make sure everyone is in the know.

Memorials

HVAC Fund: *H. B. "Jack" Rayhill* by Ardell & Edna Lanier; *Joe Blackwelder* by Thomas & Jan Huffman; *Virginia Sink* by Thomas & Bernice Wilson, Frady/Johnson Mission Group, Tullia Hoover, Don & Ann Bishop, FBC Senior Adult Choir; *Taylor Matthews* by Carolyn Davis, Don & Ann Bishop; **Christmas Food Boxes:** *Lillian Hough* by Marylyn Hilton; **Catherine M. Andrews Organ Fund:** *Lonnie Davis, Sr.* & *Dorothy Self Myers* by Buddy Andrews;

Honorariums

Catherine M. Andrews Organ Fund: *Beverly Khemlani* by Buddy Andrews; **Music Ministry:** *Phil Rector* by The Lexington Choral Society;

Global Mission Offering

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

Advent Season Calendar

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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p. m.

Sunday, December 17

11:00 a. m.

Sunday, December 24

5:30 p.m.

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Nine Lessons & Carols

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight/
Communion**

FBC Sanctuary

Operation Shoe Box

This marks the eleventh year our church has participated in this mission project. We sent 100 boxes to needy children around the world. Special thanks to Ginger Hill, Judy LeCroy and all who participated in this mission.

Media Center Update

Are you a fan of audio books? Check out these new titles on audio CD in the FBC Media Center: "Living a Life That Matters?" by Harold S. Kushner. Kushner, a Jewish rabbi, explores the challenge of living a compassionate life in a competitive world. The author also wrote "When Bad things Happen to Good People."

Also check out "The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?" by Rick Warren. If you missed reading this popular book, try listening to it instead!

First Baptist Church supports Crisis Ministry in many ways. Read how on the Monthly Emphasis page of the church web site.
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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 17

11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church will continue the tradition of presenting *Nine Lessons and Carols*, Sunday, December 17 during the morning worship service. This will mark the thirty-third 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.



Gifted and Giving

As we approach the end of our 2006 Gifted and Giving campaign, the Commitment Committee would like to thank each of you for your support of the work of the Lord through your gifts to our church this year. Last February, we each made a covenant with God through the sealed pledge that we placed in the church collection box. Many of us reached out in faith with a marked increase in our financial commitment to the church. The message of the Gifted and Giving campaign was an encouragement to realize the joy of giving, the true contentment of giving above and beyond, and the blessings of sacrificial giving.

Our sealed commitment envelopes were returned to us in October. As we approach the end of the year, let each of us check to be certain that we have been faithful to the covenant that was made between our God and ourselves. This may also be an opportunity to make an exceptional gift to the church for the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. May each of us realize and achieve that special joy of giving.

Christmas Mission Projects: Food Boxes for the Needy

It is time once again for our Sunday School mission project—food boxes for needy families in our community. We hope individuals and classes will contribute. All checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The deadline for contributions is December 10. Boxes will be delivered on Monday, December 18 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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