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Regular Sunday Schedule
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship Service: 11 AM

Regular services will kick off again January 11 at 5 PM

Wednesday Night Schedule
5 - 6 PM: Supper in Fellowship Hall
6 - 7 PM
Children on 3rd Floor
Youth Ministry in Gym
Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

the gospel ***resounds***

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR CHURCH GOAL:
$8,000.00

100% of your gift helps send and sustain IMB missionaries.

Given to Date: $4,091.25

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:30 -Noon -- 12:30 - 5 PM

Friday
8:30 -12:30

Office Hours will vary during the holiday season.

First Baptist Church's Open Door

"Where CHRIST Is the Center"

December 19, 2016 **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

From the Pastor...

On behalf of all your Geneva FBC staff (Steve, Lee, Martha, Earl, Marissa, and myself), let me wish each of you a Merry Christmas! It is always a joy to celebrate the season of our Savior's birth. This season is a constant reminder that God has not left us as we were—He has sent His Son into the world to make a way for our salvation--and that good news certainly makes the Christmas season "merry."

Christmas, of course, always gives way to the new year, a time for reflection and renewal. Beginning on January 8th, I will be preaching a series of messages on just that subject. As we enter the new year, I want us to be reminded of what it means to be a disciple of Christ and a member of Christ's church.

And as we enter the new year, keep the "Brown Bag" in mind! Brother Lee, our Minister to Students, has prepared a full-year calendar to keep you up to date on what you can bring to help supplement what our Brown Bag recipients get from the food bank. Keep that calendar handy—just a little extra from everyone will make our food distribution ministry a joyful occasion all year long!

Merry Christmas!

From the Staff of First Baptist Church

Dr. Edwin Scott, Rev. Steve Skidmore,
Rev. Lee Peters, Martha Herring,
Earl Whitehead and Marissa Skipper

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!
Luke 2:14 NKJV

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry

$60 will provide a bag of groceries for a senior adult each month for a year.
You can help!

Christmas Worship

Celebrate Christmas
with First Baptist Church
Christmas Service
Sunday, December 25, 10 AM

Church Office Closed
Friday, December 23 to
Tuesday, December 27

Friday, December 30
to Tuesday, January 2

Student/Kids Ministry Corner

It's that time of the year again. We're looking at our volunteer rotations for the New Year in both Kid's and Student Ministries. If you are interested in beginning to volunteer with either of these amazing ministries either on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday nights we'll have a sign up sheet on the resource table in the hallway. If you have been serving in these ministries we'll keep your name in the rotation unless you let me know otherwise. Thank you all so much for being a part of our kids lives and I'm looking forward to serving with you in the coming year!

Lee

Weekend Retreat at Camp Victory
Friday - Saturday, February 18-19
Grades 2-6. Cost: $30
Signup sheet in Back Foyer

Announcements

No Wednesday Night Services
on December 21, 28, or January 4
Activities will kick off again Jan. 11 at 5 PM

No Children's Church
on Sundays, December 18, 25, or January 1

Children's Church will resume on January 8

Family Christmas Time
No Nursery on Sunday, December 25

Simply Christmas and Family Breakfast:
Brown Bag Food Drive
Donations are being accepted for hams!
Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 AM

Service Time Change
Sunday, December 25th and January 1st
No Sunday School
Worship Service at 10:00 AM
No Evening Services

Wednesday Total Attendance

November	23	No Service
	30	No Service
December	7	156
	14	Christmas Dinner approx. 275

Sunday Attendance

		Sunday School	Morning Worship
November	27	120	178
December	4	118	195
	11	130	214

Budgeted Weekly	**$6,380.66**
Budgeted YTD	**$319,033.00**
Tithes and Offering YTD	$379,246.46
Other Budget Receipts YTD	197.95
Total Receipts YTD	**$379,444.41**

January 1, 2017
In Memory of James W. Knowles
by Madelyn Knowles,
Kim and Sid McNeill
and Lee and Jane Knowles

January 8, 2017
In Memory of Mrs. Christine Parrish and In Honor of our Children,
Austin and Caroline by Jerome and Susie Parrish

January 15, 2017
In Memory of
Mr. Luther Hudspeth and Mrs. Gertrude Sellers
by Margaret Hudspeth

January 22, 2017
In Memory of Ayla Perez
by Teresa, Ivan, Avery and Addyson Perez,
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Spence,
Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Spence, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Roney
and Mr. & Mrs. Keith Owen

January 29, 2017
In Memory of Fred M. and Dot K. Byrd
by Elise, Chris, Patsy and Jana

February 5, 2017
In Memory of Evelyn Nichols
by Tommy and Jeanette Willingham

If you want to change or delete your week for flowers, please call the church office and let us know. Also, we have a few open dates.

Menus

Wednesday, January 11
Chili, Baked Potatoes, Dessert

Wednesday, January 18
Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Rolls, Dessert

Wednesday, January 25
Lasagna, Corn, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Brown Bag Calendar

December 25 - Canned veggies/fruit
January 1 - Bags of rice
January 8 - Canned chicken/tuna

January 10 - Brown Bag Delivery
January 15 -Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
January 22 - Any condiments, spices, or crackers
January 29 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
February 5 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
February 12 - Any canned meat

February 14 - Brown Bag Delivery
February 19 - Bags of rice
February 26 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
March 5 - Any canned meat
March 12 - Mac & cheese

March 14 - Brown Bag Delivery
March 19 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
March 26 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
April 2 - Any canned meat
April 9 - Bags of beans/peas

April 11 - Brown Bag Delivery
April 16 - Any condiments/spices/or crackers
April 23 - Bags of rice
April 30 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
May 7 - Any canned meats

May 9 - Brown Bag Delivery
May 14 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
May 21 - Mac & Cheese
May 28 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
June 4 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
June 11 - Any canned meats

June 13 - Brown Bag Delivery
June 18 - Bags of rice
June 25 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
July 2 - Any condiments/spices/ or crackers
July 9 - Any canned meats

July 11 - Brown Bag Delivery
July 16 - Bags of beans/peas
July 23 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
July 30 - Mac & Cheese
August 6 - Any canned meats

August 8 - Brown Bag Delivery
August 13 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
August 20 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
August 27 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
September 3 - Bags of Rice
September 10 - Any canned meats

September 12 - Brown Bag Delivery
September 17 - Any condiments/spices, or crackers
September 24 - Bags of beans/peas
October 1 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
October 8 - Any canned meats

October 10 - Brown Bag Delivery
October 15 - Mac & Cheese
October 22 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
October 29 - Any canned vegetable/fruit
November 5 - Any canned meats
November 12 - Thanksgiving themed food

November 14 - Brown Bag Delivery
November 19 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
November 26 - Bags of rice
December 3 - Any canned vegetables or meat
December 10 - Christmas themed food

December 12, 2017 –
Brown Bag Delivery

Deacons Scripture and Prayer

December	18	Ricky Beck
	25	Patrick Dyess
January	1	Al Folsom
	8	Jason Padgett
	15	Donnie Chesteen
	22	Rufus Kervin
	29	Mike Turner

Contributions for 2016

For personal tax purposes: for a contribution to be reported as a 2016 gift, it must be in the church office by December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2016. Any gift not received in the church office or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016 will be recorded as a 2017 contribution for our reporting purposes.

I would like to thank you, my church family, for your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Times like these help us realize the power of God's love and the importance of Christian friends.

May the Christmas Season be very special to each of you.

Again thank you for your love and support. No one is as special as First Baptist, Geneva.

Cornelia Faulk