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First Baptist Church's Open Door

"Where CHRIST Is the Center"



November 24, 2015

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6



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Contributions for 2015

For personal tax purposes: for a contribution to be reported as a 2015 gift, it must be in the church office by noon December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2015. Any gift not received in the church office by noon or postmarked by December 31, 2015 will be recorded as a 2016 contribution for our reporting purposes.



Celebrate Christmas Eve

with First Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24, 5 PM

Sunday Schedule

9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday Night Schedule

Children
 5:00 - 5:15 Playtime
 5:15 - 5:45 Playtime and Supper
 5:45 - 7:00 Children Choir Music Rehearsal
 7:00 Pick-up from Fellowship Hall

Youth
 5:15 - 5:45 Supper
 5:45 - 6:15 Gym Time
 6:15 - 7:00 Bible Study
 7:00 Pick-up

Adults
 5:15 - 6:00 Supper
 6:00 - 6:15 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Clean-up
 6:15 - 7:00 Bible Study
 7:00 - 8:00 Choir

WMU Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 3

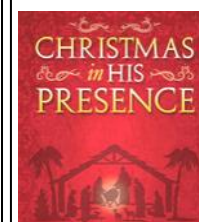
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Everyone is welcome to attend!
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Jerry Windsor

Please sign up.

Lottie Moon Day of Giving

Sunday, December 6



Adult Christmas Cantata
 Christmas in His Presence

Sunday, December 13
 6 PM



Children's Christmas Musical

Wednesday, December 16

6 PM in Sanctuary

Birthday Party for Jesus
 in Fellowship Hall

immediately following Family Meeting.

Everyone is asked to bring Party Foods to share.

Simply Christmas

Sunday, December 6, 5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite Dessert.
 Enjoy Music and Fellowship!



We will be accepting Cash Donations to buy hams for our 41 Brown Bag Families. A money tree will be available or simply designate your offering for Simply Christmas Hams.

Also collecting: Canned Green Beans, Canned Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mixes.

(These are our Brown Bag items for December.)

These items are to be brought to the church at the Simply Christmas event.

Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 9, 5:30 PM



Cost: Adults \$6.00 -- Children \$4.00

Family Limit \$20.00

Family limit is applied to those living in the same house.

Please sign up with a Deacon by Wednesday, December 2.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. We are in the downward stretch of the year, so let's finish strong.

On November 29, we will begin the Advent season. Advent is described as the season of expectation. I love this time of year because it gives us a reminder of the little things we sometimes forget.

This advent season, we will take excerpts from Louie Giglio's book, *Waiting Hear for You: An Advent Journey of Hope*. I think you will find that the readings will be enlightening and will enhance your preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Bro. Bryan

Announcements

Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 9th
Dinner: 5:30 PM

Cost: Adults \$6.00 -- Children \$4.00
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Please sign up with a Deacon by Wednesday, December 2.

Wednesday, December 16
Youth end of the year Christmas Party.

No Wednesday Night Services on December 23rd or 30th.

Family Breakfast
Sunday, December 20 at 9:00 AM
sponsored by Men's Ministry and Deacons

Service Time Change
Sunday, December 20 and 27
No Sunday School
Worship Service at 10:00 AM



Continue to pray for the
Pastor Search Committee
as they seek a pastor for our church.



Camp 2016
July 19-22, 2016
Cost: \$300

\$60 Deposit due January 17

Reserve your spot now!

Spread your payments out!

Rising 2nd Graders – 6th Graders

Children's Christmas
Musical Rehearsals

Wednesday, December 2nd
from 5:45 - 7 pm
Sunday, December 6th from 4 - 5 pm

Thank You to all who provided
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

We delivered 213 boxes!



The Deacons and Church Council are bringing to the Church a call to vote on the sale of the parsonage on Wednesday, December 16th at our Family Meeting.

Ladies' Christmas Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 5
10:00 AM



Please sign up
and turn in your recipe
by November 29!



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



Deadline for January Newsletter
Announcements: Sunday, December 20

Help!

Wednesday Total Attendance

October	21	146
	28	141
November	4	162
	11	35
	18	No Service

Sunday School

Morning Worship

October	25	94	168
November	1	129	180
	8	105	142
	15	102	173
	22	102	171

Budgeted Weekly \$7,043.43

Budgeted YTD \$331,041.21

Tithes and Offering YTD \$358,339.44

Other Budget Receipts YTD 174.18

Total Receipts YTD \$358,513.62

November Announcements

Wednesday, November 25

No Wednesday Services

Thursday, November 26



Thursday - Friday, November 26 - 27
Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

All Angel Tree Donations Due

Special Offering for Building Fund
and In House Benevolence

Deacons Prayer



November	29	Michael Crews
December	6	Greg Adams
	13	Todd Ausley
	20	Freddy Martin
	27	Ricky Beck
January	3	Mickey Bennett



November 29, 2015
In Loving Memory of
Arlen Williams
by Pat Williams,
Mickey, Angie and Callie Bennett

Youth Events

December 29-31
Youth Xtreme Winter Conference

Thank you! To all who helped make the
Sandwich Fundraiser a huge success!

I would like to thank my church family for all the kind deeds done for me during my extended illness. All the prayers, visits, food, flowers, and cards meant so much to me.



I love you and thank you so very much.

With Christian love,
Patsy and Ed Bennett

Dear Church Family,
Your kind words, phone calls, cards, visits, food, and prayers have carried us through the loss of our much loved one. Charlie's family appreciates your acts of kindness and caring.

Thanks to all for being there for us.

Blessings during the Holidays,
The Family of Charlie Stough



Menus

Wednesday, December 2

Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Wednesday, December 9

Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday Night Suppers resume in January.

Be sure to sign up for Wednesday Night Supper and join the other activities!

Weekly Prayer Groups
in the Prayer Room

Tuesdays at 10 am
Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The Family of
Mr. Howard Anderson

and

The Family of
Mr. George Ward



Memorial Gifts
have been given
In Memory of:

Mr. Charlie Stough by:
Roy and Beverly Powell
Open Door Sunday School Class
Stephanie Sumner Wyatt
Tony and Renee Clemmons
Shawn and Krissy Gilmore
Michael and Karen Precise
Rex and Kathy Bynum
Sue Earley
H.G. and Gayle Hayes
Sara Margaret Cox
Frances and Billy Jordan

Mr. Howard Anderson by:
Wilmer and Jill Crews
Shawn and Krissy Gilmore
Sue Earley
Cornelia Faulk
Joe and Quinoma Grant
Lamar and Charlene Vaughn
Barbara Waller
H.G. and Gayle Hayes
Billy Warren
Forrest Warren
Mr. and Mrs. Levy Ward

Mr. George and Mrs. Patsy Ward by:
Cornelia Faulk
H.G. and Gayle Hayes
Lamar and Charlene Vaughn
Open Door Sunday School Class
Charles and Sharon Turner
Sara Margaret Cox

Mrs. Lorane Wright by:
Joe and Quinoma Grant

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Christmas gifts!



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