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Often the “talks” or “object lessons” I give to the preschoolers of “Son” Shine Learning Center during Chapel each month, are equally applicable to adults. The language may be different, but the truth is the same. Such was the case with my Chapel talk last week.

I reminded the children that Thanksgiving Day was coming soon. And that it will be a special day to eat good food, be with family and friends, and just have fun. But I told them that most of all it will be a day to say thank-you to God for all the good things He gives us. To remember all the things we have because of Him.

“Then I got to thinking, “ I told them. “We don’t have to wait until Thanksgiving Day to tell God thank-you. We can be thankful, and tell Him, all the time.” So I thought about some of my activities from the previous week, and then asked the children to help me pick out some things to be thankful for in each activity.

First, I told them I had played golf. (This was a hard one for them to come up with some thank-yous. I often feel that way myself.) But we decided we could thank God for the beauty of the outdoors - the colors - the trees - the grass, the fresh air, and the chance to get some exercise. Next, I told them I had dinner that week with my granddaughters, which is always an exciting, exhausting experience. We could thank God for love, family, their health and happiness, and for special relationships. I then mentioned I had been to the Virginia Baptist State Convention (the children were under-impressed) and had visited with old friends and colleagues. We decided we could thank God for friendship and the people with whom we work. I told them I had been to church that previous week. We could thank God for Jesus, for the Bible, for singing, and for the chance to be in God’s House with other Christians. Finally, I told the children that I’d even been to a birthday party, and that we could thank God for special celebrations and important people in our lives.

That Chapel talk for the children is good for all of us to hear. Sometimes we take the simple, basic blessings for granted. I don’t think God makes a real distinction between “big” blessings and lesser or “small” ones. God is concerned that we remember to say thank-you, and acknowledge Him as the source of all our blessings. So the last thing I told the children was that “there’s lots to be thankful for - on Thanksgiving Day and every day. God wants us to say thank-you.”

George Fletcher

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⇒ Look for the first entry in our new feature, **50 Years Ago in the Tie**,

⇒ Ageless Adventurer Luncheon has been scheduled,

⇒ Veterans Day Concert pictures

Check Out Our Website

www.firstbaptistwinchester.com

We continue to work at building an interesting and helpful church website. If you have any suggestions for additional material please let us know. The Tie is now available for viewing from the website on the News page.

ATTENDANCE			
DATE:	8:30AM	11:00AM	TOTAL
NOV. 13	84	197	281
NOV. 20	61	211	272

CONTRIBUTIONS:	NOV. 13	NOV. 20
NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 11,788	\$ 11,788
RECEIVED TODAY	\$ 12,630	\$ 9,098
NEEDED TO DATE	\$ 542,248	\$ 554,036
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 524,778	\$ 533,867
BUDGET OVER (UNDER)	\$ (17,470)	\$ (20,169)
RESTRICTED GIVING	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,245
RESTRICTED TO DATE	\$ 60,280	\$ 61,525
FOOD ITEMS TODAY	176	344
FOOD ITEMS TO DATE	1,018	1362
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TODAY	\$ 0	\$ 0
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO DATE	\$ 130	\$ 130



REMINDER POINSETTIA ORDERS

Order forms are located in each Narthex and in the Church Office. Each poinsettia costs \$8. A check along with your order can be mailed to the church at 205 W. Piccadilly St., Winchester, VA 22601.

**Last Date to order Poinsettias
Monday, November 28, 2011**

**WATTS Dates for 2012:
February 13 - 20
Mark your calendars now.**

Bible Friends Schedule

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:


Nov. 27 Michelle Gordon - Judy Hylton
Dec. 4 Lynne Esslinger - Laura Beavers
Dec. 11 Laine Everhart - Tracy Howard
Dec. 18 Stephanie Duvall - Mary Beth Bowen

Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:



Nov. 27 Cheryl Jones
Dec. 4 Jae Hinson
Dec. 11 Sharon Woodard
Dec. 18 Eileen Fuelling



ANNUAL WHITE CHRISTMAS

The Annual White Christmas Service will be celebrated on Sunday, December 11th, 2010 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Many choirs and individuals will share their musical talents, the pastor will bring a devotional, and we will present our White Christmas gifts. Please plan to be there for this special Christmas mission service.



Holiday Office Hours

December 23 rd	Office Closed
December 26 th	Office Closed
December 27 th	9am - 5pm
December 28 th	9am - 5pm
December 29 th	9am - 5pm
December 30 th	9am - 5pm
January 2 nd	Office Closed





White Christmas 2011



The White Christmas program has been a community mission of First Baptist Church since 1926. This year we continue the tradition of providing toys, food and clothing to local children and families in need. These include families referred to us by the Salvation Army, children and teenagers in the custody of

the Winchester Department of Social Services as well as members of First Baptist who are homebound. If your family needs assistance or if you know of a family you want to refer for help please contact Pastor Fletcher or Cheryl Jones.

This year's White Christmas service falls on **December 11th**. An **Angel Tree** is located in the new narthex decorated with angel ornaments representing the individuals we will help at Christmas. The second Adoption Sunday is **November 27th**. After each church service, members of the White Christmas committee will be in the narthex to assist you in adopting a child, teenager or entire family. You will be given purchasing instructions and a shopping bag for each individual you adopt. We ask that you place purchased items, unwrapped, in the shopping bag and attach the corresponding Angel card to the outside of the bag and bring it to the White Christmas service on the 11th. Please include in your bag a roll of wrapping paper for the recipients use. If you would like to deliver your bag in advance you may take it to the church office or make other arrangements through Cheryl Jones. Homebound adults will also be adopted on November 27th. Their gifts may be wrapped. The White Christmas Committee will provide a poinsettia and fruit bag for each of the homebound.

If you would prefer to contribute cash to the White Christmas program rather than purchase gifts you may do so through the offering plate or by sending your donation to the church office. Indicate "White Christmas" on your check. Offering envelopes will also be available at the White Christmas service on December 11th. Donations of cash, checks and grocery store gift cards will be used by the WC Committee to fill the needs of all groups as best we can.



We encourage everyone at FBC to join in the White Christmas mission. Sunday school classes and other groups in the church may wish to adopt an entire family or take on a special request. You may contribute your time as well. If you would like to help out please contact Cheryl Jones (665-1880) or Sharon Woodard (662-2519). See the facing page for additional details.

Veterans Day Concert Pictures





White Christmas 2011 (cont.)



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you gave them to me." Matthew 25:35-36

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Six Sundays

On the six Sundays prior to White Christmas Sunday we will be collecting various items in a bin in the new narthex.

November 6	canned tuna or chicken
November 13	paper towels
November 20	toilet paper
November 27	tooth paste and tooth brushes
December 4	full size bottles of shampoo
December 11	full size bath soaps

On Adoption Sunday:

Adopt a Child - Purchase one or more toys and an outfit of clothing

Adopt a Teenager - Purchase a gift certificate, a small gift, and/or an item of clothing

Adopt an FBC Homebound Adult - Purchase a gift or remembrance.

Assist a Family - Donate food (including turkeys or turkey coupons!), gift certificates to grocery stores, the mall, retailers, or service providers are very flexible and may be used by the White Christmas committee to purchase items for families, or may be given as gifts themselves.

Additionally - Please include in the shopping bag with your gifts a roll of wrapping paper and perhaps tape and ribbon so that the families will be able to wrap the presents.

We need boxes (heavy-duty medium and large size) Please bring to lower auditorium

Donate your Time:

Saturday, December 10th - from 1pm to 4pm, we will have a work session in the CEB.

Monday, December 12th - help make homebound deliveries and other assorted tasks.

Tuesday, December 13th - help distribute gifts & food to families in the CEB, from 9am to 2pm.

****This year the White Christmas Committee will not require help in the CEB after the White Christmas Service on December 11th. ****

If you would like to help, please contact Cheryl Jones (665-1880).

Veterans Day Concert Pictures





Advent Coming Up

On the four Sundays in Advent prior to Christmas Day (Nov.27, Dec. 4, 11, 18), we will be lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath in both Worship Services. If you and/or your family would like to participate by reading Scripture and lighting the candle on a Sunday during Advent, contact the Pastor or the Church Office.

Love Offering

What is that offering envelope in the current set of envelopes mailed to you that is entitled "Love" Offering? What is it used for? For those who don't know, the church uses this offering for a Christmas or end-of-the-year bonus for our church staff. The money received is supplemented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee and is divided and given as a "bonus" to each of our staff. You are encouraged, as you feel led, to participate in this special offering.



A Christmas Program will be Presented Prior to the Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30pm in the CEB. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth and \$4.00 for children. You may make your reservations by using cards in the narthex or call the Church Office by noon on Monday, December 12.

The Preschoolers and Schoolagers will present a Christmas program prior to the dinner at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Children will meet in the Schoolage Room at 5:30pm.

Compassion for Orphans

November 6th was Orphan Sunday -- a day in which Christians unite to stand for the parentless in our country and our world. God has a special mandate for his followers to care for orphans (see Deuteronomy 10:18, Zechariah 7:10, Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 82:3-4, James 1:27). You can support these children locally and globally through FBC by:

Donating gently used or new clothing for children in foster care. Clothes for all sizes and seasons are needed! Receptacles are placed around the church.

Supporting the youth's Congo project, which provides access to secondary education, medical care, and spiritual development to 30 students affected by war in the Congo. Many of these students have lost one or both parents. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

For more information on how Christians can support God's call to care for the parentless, check out a new addition to the church library, *Orphanology: Awakening to Gospel-Centered Adoption and Orphan Care*.

December 2011 Birthdays



2	Jeremy Nightingale	13	Jeffrey Hinson	22	Katie Gordon
3	Harrison Reyna	13	Isaac Whitesides	22	Michael Hines
4	Ann Pearce	14	Sandy Whitesides	23	Jenavieve Hoover
5	Dennis Rhodes	15	Julian Bragg	23	Amy Rion
5	Lori Horne Pendleton	15	Allen Wingfield	25	Frances Santmier
5	Kathryn Light	15	Sue Isenhower	26	Doris Pendleton
5	Ronald Wingfield	15	Brianna Wilson	26	George Fletcher
6	Donna Breeden	16	Sandra Boppe	26	Chad Hinson
6	Megan Bureau	16	Ashley Adams	27	Richard Lump
6	Isabelle Ashby	16	Andrew Smith	27	Eva Custer
7	Eileen Gilliland	17	Jim Gordon	27	Carlin Smith
7	Susie Saunders	17	Charlene Palmer	27	Nancy Luck
8	Wanda Diehl	18	Wayne Davis	27	Shane Winston
9	Whitney Painter	18	Randy Rollin	28	Sue Norman
10	James Pendleton	18	Diane Briggs	28	Forrest Custer
10	Herb Sluder	19	Jan Habeck	29	Emily Foglesong
10	Jason Edwards	19	Darlene Hatton	30	Jennifer Hutchison
11	Erin Howard	19	Michael Zombro	31	Melvin Gates
12	Alex Ball	20	Evan Bray	31	Emily Jones
13	Terry Braithwaite	20	Makayla Hoover	31	Karen Orndorff
13	Kirby Crabill	22	Philip Newcome		

A REMINDER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2011

Offering envelopes and other contributions need to be into the Church Office by **December 27th** to receive credit for them on your 2011 Statement. Please be faithful to your commitment to the ministries of First Baptist Church.

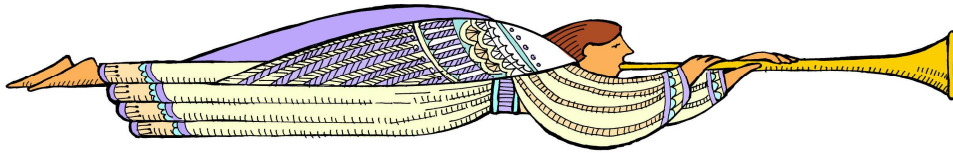
Thank you for your support for the 2011 Church Budget.

FROG Needs Your Support!



Not the amphibian – the area's foster parents, **Families Reaching Out Group**, need your help collecting clothing and other children's items for foster children. Many times items are needed on short notice and so the group is starting a new project called **Our Children's Closet**. By collecting clothes of different sizes for different seasons and other children's items, they'll pool their resources and be able to get what they need quickly, without the added stress of shopping. Look for receptacles at FBC to leave new or gently used children's clothing and other children's items. Contact Jennifer Turman Bayliss for additional information (540) 327-2118. Cash donations to the non-profit organization are also appreciated.





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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke

<p>4 8:00am Praise Chorus 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 11:00am Bible Friends 2:30pm Hispanic Service (CEB)</p>	<p>5 9:00am SLC (CEB) 10:30am Ageless Adventurer Luncheon 6:00pm Deacon Christmas Dinner (HRR)</p>	<p>6 9:00am SLC (CEB) 9:30am Senior Handbell Choir (LA) 11:00am Singin' Seniors (LA) 11:30am Al-Anon (301) 7:00pm AMC (CO) 7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)</p>	<p>7 9:00am SLC 5:45pm Fello 6:15pm You Study (301) 6:30pm Adul 6:30pm Pres</p>
<p>11 9:30am 2nd Sunday Fellowship (LA) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Christmas Cantata 11:00am Bible Friends 2:30pm Hispanic Service (CEB) 6:00pm White Christmas (Sanc.) 7:00pm Youth Christmas Party (301)</p>	<p>12 9:00am SLC (CEB) 5:30pm Personnel Com. (CO) 6:30pm SLC Com. (CEB) 7:00pm FBC WOM (CEB)</p>	<p>13 9:00am SLC (CEB) 9:30am Senior Handbell Choir (LA) 11:00am Singin' Seniors (LA) 11:30am Al-Anon (301) 5:30pm Philia Class Christmas Dinner (HRR) 7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)</p>	<p>14 9:00am SLC 5:00pm Hom 6:00pm Child Pageant 6:30pm Bill H Christma</p>
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<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00am Worship Service 2:30pm Hispanic Service (CEB)</p>	<p>26 SLC Closed Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 SLC Closed 11:30am Al-Anon (301) 7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)</p>	<p>28 SLC Closed NO WEDNESD</p>

WEEKLY DECEMBER SCHEDULE 2011

Sunday

8:00am Praise Chorus
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Church Library Opens
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
Nursery (1's - young 3's)
Bible Friends (older 3's - 1st Grade)
2:30pm Hispanic Service

Monday

9:00am SLC

Tuesday

9:00am SLC
9:30am Senior Chimes
11:00am Singin' Seniors (LA)
11:30am Al-Anon (301)
7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study (301)

Wednesday

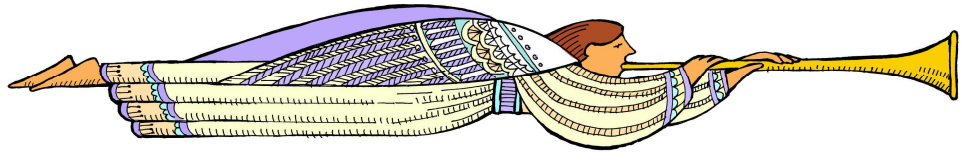
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<p>(CEB) Worship Dinner (CEB) Fellowship/Bible Bible Study (CEB) School Care/WNB</p>	<p>8 9:00am SLC (CEB) 10:00am Advent Bible Study (LA) 6:00pm Chancel Handbells (Sanc.) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc.) 7:00pm Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>9 9:00am SLC (CEB) 12:00pm Al-Anon (301) 7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Mtg. (CEB) 8:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (301/LA)</p>	<p>10 9:00am Children's Pageant Practice (Sanc.) 11:00am Children's Christmas Party (CEB)</p>
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<p>DAY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>22 SLC Closed 10:00am Advent Bible Study (LA) 7:00pm Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>23 SLC Closed Church Office Closed 12:00pm Al-Anon (301) 7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Mtg. (CEB) 8:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (301/LA)</p>	<p>24 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service with Nursery 7:00pm Hispanic Service and Dinner (CEB) 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p>DAY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>29 SLC Closed 7:00pm Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>30 SLC Closed 12:00pm Al-Anon (301) 7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Mtg. (CEB) 8:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (301/LA)</p>	<p>31 7:00pm Hispanic Service and Dinner (CEB)</p>

Abbreviations in the Tie

Friday
9:00am SLC
7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB)
8:00pm Al-Anon, Al-Ateen (301, Philia)

Saturday

AMC Admin. Management Com.
301 301 House
CEB Children's Ed. Building
CO Church Office
HRR Hunting Ridge Retreat
LA Lower Auditorium
MBC Men's Bible Class
Sanc. Sanctuary
WOM Women on Mission
SR Schoolage Room
BSC Bible Seekers Class



Fall/Winter 2011 Calendar

November 24-25	Thanksgiving - Office closed	
December 2-6	Hunters' Retreat	
December 5	Deacon Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm
December 10	Children's Pageant Practice	9:00 am
	Children's Christmas Party	11:00 am
December 11	Christmas Cantata (one service only)	11:00 am
	Schoolage visit Homebound	
	White Christmas Service	6:00 pm
December 13	Philia Class Christmas Dinner	5:30 pm
December 14	Children's Pageant	6:00 pm
	Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner	6:30 pm
December 18	"Bowl" Fellowship & Caroling	5:00 pm
December 23	Office Closed	
December 24	Christmas Eve Services	5:00 pm, 11:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service (one service only)	10:00 am
December 26	Office Closed	
January 1	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Service (one service only)	11:00 am
January 2	Office Closed	

"What has happened to the **old-fashioned, spiritual Christmas**? The cause is our disregard of Advent. The church set aside this four-week pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be born again....We have the joy not of celebration, which is the joy of Christmas, but the joy of anticipation." John R. Brokhoff



Hunters' Retreat Approaching

The Hunters' Retreat is just around the corner. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship in the great outdoors. The retreat is being held at Hunting Ridge Retreat, December 2nd through the 6th. The theme this year is **Swinging at the Gate**. Are you swinging on a gate of Life?

For reservations, call **Brian Bayliss** at 662-9004; for more information call **Jim Christiansen** at 667-3873.

Mixed Up World Got You Off Track?

Please join the women of FBC on Wednesday evenings for a six-week Bible study entitled "1st Thessalonians - A Spiritual Roadmap in a Mixed Up World". This study, produced by Rick Warren's Saddleback ministries, explores 1st Thessalonians, Chapters 1-3 using video and study guide.

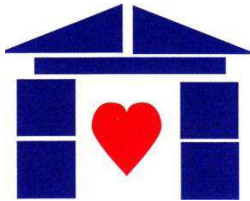
Come at 5:45pm for a delicious dinner and good fellowship and stay for spiritual nourishment with the Women's Bible Study at 6:30pm. Cost is \$7.00 for the book. Contact Cheryl Jones at 665-1880.

Ageless Adventurer Christmas Luncheon



On Monday, December 5th we will depart at 10:30am for lunch at the Bavarian Inn in Shephardstown, WV. It will be a wonderful lunch and time of fellowship together! We will return to the church by 3:00pm. Please call and make your reservation to attend by December 1st. The church office number is 662-5367.

Doll Auction to Benefit Evans Home



The 42nd Evans Home Doll Auction will be held Sunday, December 4th at 2:00pm at the Alumni House of the Evans Home in Winchester. Refreshments will be served. A catalog of dolls will be available for viewing and bidding www.evanshome.org.

Break-Out Sunday School Class

The Break-Out Sunday School Class has a new name - "The Word." Anyone is welcome to drop in and out for a particular study of interest at any time. We will be studying Advent from November 27th - January 8th (or 15th)

For further information, please call John Habeck 336-5158 or Jan Habeck 336-5159.

Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night activities continue with dinner and fellowship at 5:45pm in the CEB. Permanent reservations can be made by calling the Church Office or filling out a dinner reservation card and marking it "permanent." Then you only need to call the Church Office if you *cannot* come. If you expect your attendance to be irregular, please call the Church Office by the preceding Monday. 2:00pm that day is the deadline! We will keep the prices the same as last year.

The last regular Wednesday dinner of 2011 is December 7th.

ADULTS: \$4.00

YOUTH: \$3.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$2.75

CHILDREN'S PLATE (IE., PB&J): \$1.50

MAXIMUM FAMILY TOTAL: \$12.00

Youth Bible Study/Fellowship begins at 6:15pm in the 301 House. Adult Study, Women's Bible Study, and Preschool care and W.N.B. begin at 6:30.

Please Join Us For Good Food & Fellowship



Youth Group Update

YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

PLEASE REMEMBER your Canned or Dry Goods on Sundays and Wednesdays!

The Youth Group meets every Sunday at 9:45 am for Sunday school and every Wednesday at 5:45 pm for Youth Group!

Wednesday Night Youth Group will only meet once in December, on DECEMBER 7th at 5:45 pm!

Date	Day	Activity	Time	Location
November 23	Wednesday	NO YOUTH GROUP		
November 30	Wednesday	MISSION NIGHT @ YG	5:45 pm	301
December 7	Wednesday	Youth Group	5:45 pm	301
December 11	Sunday	White Christmas/Youth Party	6:00/7:00 pm	Sanctuary & 301
December 14	Wednesday	Children's Program and Dinner	6:00/6:30 pm	Sanctuary & CEB
December 18	Sunday	Christmas Caroling	5:00 pm	Meet in CEB
December 24	Saturday	Christmas Eve Services	5:00 and 11:00 pm	Sanctuary
December 25	Sunday	Christmas Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary

Please SIGN UP for our Winter Retreat (January 27 - 29) by calling the church office! If you want to play Thieves' Christmas at our Christmas party, just bring a wrapped gift that cost \$5 or less!

UPCOMING EVENTS - what to know

- YOUTH GROUP:** We will only meet once in December on December 7th! Be there! :-)
- YOUTH PARTY:** Come join us in 301 after our White Christmas service (around 7:00 pm) to enjoy snacks, fellowship, and Thieves' Christmas! Just wrap a gag gift from home or a \$5 or less gift you buy and be a part of the fun!
- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:** Our church has a number of Christmas celebrations during the month of December. I hope you will be a part of some or all of them! From the children's pageant and dinner on December 14th to Christmas caroling to our homebound on the 18th to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, there are many ways to get into the Christmas spirit!

Thanks to our wonderful YOUTH LEADERS and TEACHERS who make our YOUTH MINISTRY possible! Brian Bayliss and Jennifer Turman Bayliss, Mark Jones, Denise Kackley, Nancy Lewis, Stephen and Courtney McCalley, Kathryn Mayberry, Catherine Whitacre, and Sandy Whitesides!!

You can get a medical release from the 301 House or at www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/youth

QUESTIONS? Please contact Kristin at
THE CHURCH OFFICE: 540-662-5367 or e-mail kristinwhitesides@gmail.com



Advent Bible Study

Featuring: *A Christmas Carol*

There will be a four-part Advent Bible Study on **Thursday mornings** beginning **December 1** and ending **December 22**. Similar to what was done on Wednesday nights a few years ago, it will combine reading and watching Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with related Bible readings. Sessions will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the lower auditorium. There will be a somewhat different approach from what was done before and there will be more time for discussion of what we have seen and read. No book will be required, but a copy of "A Christmas Carol" is recommended. Please call the church office if you would like to be a part of the group. If you need to secure a copy of the book, please call Bob Stainback at 722-2006. The study will be facilitated by Lori Pendleton and Bob.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION NIGHT

November 30th, 5:45-7:30 pm, 301 House

On the last Wednesday night of every month, our youth group either has a game night or a mission night. This year, November 30th will be our first **MISSION NIGHT**. To adequately prepare, there are a few things you should know.

YOUR MISSION (should you choose to accept it...and you really, really should!): To prepare care packages for Aspen Chapman (a youth member who moved to Boston this year to live with his dad), and Lino and Angelo Acker (adopted sons of our missionary partners in the Congo, Jade and Shelah Acker.) Lino and Angelo are participating in an exchange program in Canada. Coming from Africa, they are bound to get cold and homesick! Let's send all three guys something fun as Winter begins to draw closer.

TO PREPARE FOR YOUR TASK: Please bring any of the items listed below to church during the month of November. We will collect them during Sunday school or Youth Group and then assemble the packages together on November 30.

Get creative! Use these lists, or, if you have a great idea, just use your own imagination!

LINO	ANGELO	ASPEN
Cherry Flavored Twizzlers	Dark Chocolate	Any Candy
iTunes Gift Card	iTunes Gift Card	iTunes Gift Card
Men's Shirts (Large)	Men's Shirts (Medium)	Men's Shirts (Extra Large)
Men's Pants (33/34 or 34/34)	Men's Pants (32/34)	
Gloves	Gloves	Gloves
Warm Socks	Warm Socks	Warm Socks
Hats	Hats	Hats
Sweatshirts/Coats	Sweatshirts/Coats	Sweatshirts
Homemade Cookies	Homemade Cookies	Art Supplies
		Sharpies, Art Pads



We want these care packages to be fun to open and full of great things!
With your help our **Mission Care Packages** can become **Mission Accomplished!**

Questions? Contact Kristin
office: 540-662-5367 home: 540-667-1326



FBC Snow Policy

Sundays - Every effort will be made to hold services. The early service will be canceled first to allow the weather to improve.

Weekdays - We will make a decision regarding the day's activities as soon as possible.

Listen to the radio stations 1400AM or 92.5FM after 6:00am. We will also have an updated message on our church voice mail and our website.

Household Items Needed

Bessy Geronimo Montufar (daughter of our Hispanic pastor), her husband and two children, are moving into an apartment. They are in need of furnishings. Anything, in good condition, that is suitable for an apartment, is needed. This includes furniture, bedding, linens, kitchen utensils, etc. If you can help, or for more information, please call the church office.

What is WATTS?

For those that are not yet familiar with the program, WATTS stands for **Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter**. WATTS is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a safe, temporary, overnight, cold weather shelter for homeless guests in Winchester and Frederick County. WATTS extends current ministries to the chronically homeless in our community. Our week to host is Feb. 13 - 20.

Birth Announcement with Special Note

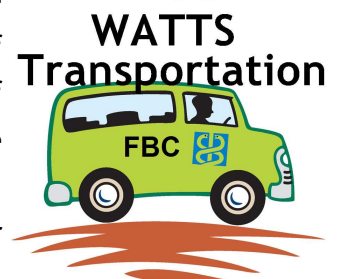
Amy Tomblin Henkel had a baby boy, **Matthew Edward Henkel**, on 11/11/11. Amy is the daughter of Sally and the late Eddie Tomblin and the niece of the late Bev Sherry. Amy has 3 other children. Matthew was born 2 weeks early and his lungs were not fully developed. He is receiving care at MCV(Medical College of Virginia) in Richmond and the family is traveling there, from Fredericksburg, daily. If you would like to help with the Henkel's expenses, contributions may be sent to:

Sherry Financial Advisors
ATTN: Matthew Henkel
PO Box 236
Hartwood, VA 22471-0236



WATTS Support

As part of our WATTS participation this year, we are partnering with Sunnyside Presbyterian Church to help with transportation. This is for the week of **December 5th through the 12th**. We are being asked to assist with transporting guests from CCAP to Sunnyside each evening and from Sunnyside back to CCAP each morning. The time commitment is 6:15 - 7:15pm each evening and 6:45 - 7:30am each morning. The vehicle that will be used is the church van. If you can help with any of these transports, please call the church office. Ideally a driver and a rider are needed each time.



Check the Attic...

For old copies of FBC bulletins or other pictures or documents of historical interest. The **Historic Committee** is working to collect items to add to its archive. If you have items you believe should be included please email Sue Spangler at susancspangler@gmail.com.

Grace Notes

By Lori

In 1951 Elizabeth Grim was the Minister of Music here at First Baptist Church and contributed this poem in the first Tie that was published.

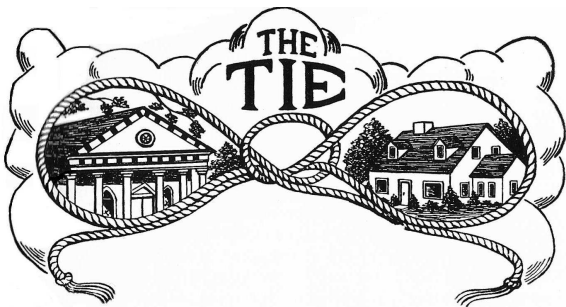
*How many of us ever stop to think
Of music as a magic wondrous link with God;
Taking sometimes the place of prayer
When words have failed us 'neath the weight of care;
Music that knows no nation, race or creed
But gives to each according to his need.*

Special thanks to Jane Rudolph.



SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS!

On December 11th we will have one worship service at 11:00 am. The Chancel Choir will present a new Christmas Cantata, *Shout The Good News!* This musical work recounts through scripture and song the story of Christ's birth. We will hear the foretelling promises of prophets, observe angelic proclamations, and see the wonder of God's plan for Christ to be born in a humble stable. It is a timeless story filled with wonder, mystery, hope and love! There will be a string quartet, oboe and tympani joining us for this joyful Cantata. Please plan to bring your family and friends to this special day of Worship!



50 Years Ago in the Tie...

December 1, 1961 Tie

A Dollar I Gave

Three thousand for my brand new car,
Five thousand for a piece of sod,
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house -
A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain

My friends in pointless chatter,
And when the world goes crazy mad
I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"

Yet, there is one big question,

For the answer I still search:
"With things so bad in this old world,
What's holding back my church?"

Our New Members

We extend to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Spangler and their two sons, Dave and Jim, 530 Fox Drive, a most cordial welcome. This family came to us from the Christian Temple, Catonsville, Maryland. Before moving to Maryland they were members of the First Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia, where Rev. Carrington Paulette is minister. Many of us remember Mr. Paulette when he was with the Berryville Baptist Church.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

The Children's Ministry
First Baptist Church Winchester, VA

November 23, 2011

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CMT Committee Members

- Member at Large** **Kim Riley**
Started 3/10 Finish 12-31-12
- Schoolage Rep.** **AJ Brumback**
Started 1/10 Finish 12-31-13
- Preschool Rep.** **Becky Billings**
Started 1/11 Finish 12-31-14

Nursery Committee Members

- Jennifer Hatfield**
Started 1/1/09 Finish 12/31/11
- Wanda Diehl**
Started 1/1/09 Finish 11/31-11
- Chuck Ashby**
Started 1/1/10 Finish 12/31/12
- Tim Billings**
Started 1/1/10 Finish 12/31/12
- Judy Labrecque**
Started 1/1/11 Finish 12/31/13
- Linda Vickers**
Started 1/1/11 Finish 12/31/13
- Marian Owings**
Started 1/1/12 Finish 12/31/14
- Heather Wilson**
Started 1/1/12 Finish 12/31/14



CHILDREN'S PAGEANT PRACTICE

December 10, 2011
9:00am Saturday
Sanctuary

PARENTS TAKE NOTE

Contact Sarah Kite to confirm child's part and costume for the pageant.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10th @ 11:00am (CEB)

Help needed for snack lunch.

Contact Betty Boppe at 662-1783 by Dec. 8th.

ITEMS WANTED:

- 3 - Trays of Cheese & Crackers
- 3 - Trays of Vegetables & Dip
- 3 - Trays of Fruit & Dip
- Dipping Sauces for Chicken Nuggets (Ketchup, Honey Mustard, Ranch)
- 8 - Packages of Ten Juice Boxes
- 2 - Large Bags of Potato Chips
- 10 - People to bring 2 dozen cookies

CMT Meeting - January 23, 2012

@ 6:30pm Church Office.

Nursery Com. Mtg. - January 26, 2012

@ 6:30pm Church Office.



2011 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27TH - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School: Pageant Parts assigned.
- 11:00 am Worship Service - Schoolagers will sing in service.

DECEMBER 4TH - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School: Pageant Costumes given out.
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Dec. 10th, Saturday**
- 9:00 am Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Christmas Party (CEB)



December

DECEMBER 11TH - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am NO SERVICE/ Only 11 o'clock
- 9:45 am Sunday School: Older schoolagers Visit Shut-in.
- 11:00 am Worship Service - "Shout the Good News"
- 6:00 pm White Christmas Service (Childcare Provided)
- Dec. 14th, Wednesday** (Child Care Provided)
- 5:30 pm Pageant Children meet in Schoolage Room in costume.
- 6:00 pm Children's Pageant (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm The Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner. Make reservations in church office.



DECEMBER 18TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 am Worship Service - Praise Chorus
- 9:45 am Sunday School: The Christmas Story by Josephine/Schoolage Dept.
- 11:00 am Worship Service - Singing Seniors - "African Noel"
- 5:00 pm "Bowl" Fellowship & Caroling (Lower Auditorium)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 pm Service (Childcare Provided)
- 11:00 pm Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 am Worship Service (Only One Service - Childcare Provided)

2012 NEW YEARS DAY

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

CHRISTMAS
Joy
★

January 8th "Doughnut Sunday"

January 22nd Schoolage Sunday School Meeting @ 9:00 am

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The young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14, NRSV

Newsletter Deadline

The next Tie will be mailed on **Wed. Dec. 7th**. Please submit content to Kay by **10:00am Friday, Dec. 2nd**. Email is tie@firstbaptistwinchester.com

Bulletin Deadline

The Church Bulletin is printed EVERY Thursday Morning. Please submit content to Kathy by noon on Wednesday. Email is fbcwinc@firstbaptistwinchester.com



First Baptist Church Prayer Chain Ministries

Direct your prayer request(s) to:

Daytime Hours: Donna Walter @ 722-2230 or Linette Spicer @ 662-1120
Evening Hours: Janet Luttrell @ 667-8758 or Laura Beavers @ 667-3191



Homebound Spotlight

Frances Santmier
Elmcroft of Martinsburg
200 Gloucester Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25401

We encourage everyone to send a note to Frances.

In His Love, Lori & the Homebound Team



Christmas Dinner

The Philia Class will hold their Christmas Dinner at Hunting Ridge Retreat on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011. The Social will begin at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

