

First Baptist *News*

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**First
Baptist's**



Plate Sale

Friday, November 22nd

\$7.00 each

🍴 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

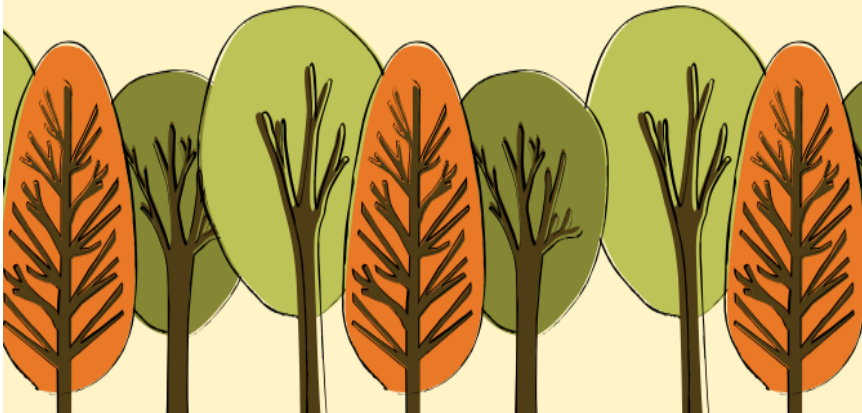
🍴 Plates include wood-fired BBQ,
beans, slaw, bread, dessert.

Boston Butts can be purchased in advance—
\$30 (\$35 day of sale.)

Tickets are available from any FBC Youth or in the church
office. Proceeds go to support FBC Youth.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Combined Choirs will rehearse at 5:00 p.m.



Interim Pastor, Bo Prosser, begins December 1st!

Bo is a good friend of First Baptist Church, Lumberton. In 2017, he led our spiritual renewal weekend, and most recently was one of our guest preachers in August. He has served the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in many roles and still does today as the Director of the Ministerial Excellence Initiative. He is also the President of the Center for Christian Education, which he and his wife, Gail, founded.

As our interim pastor, Bo will be present Sunday-Tuesday of each week. In addition to worship leadership, he will also be working with our church staff, visiting, consulting with church leadership and committees, and helping us as we ready ourselves to welcome our next pastor.

Sunday Mornings

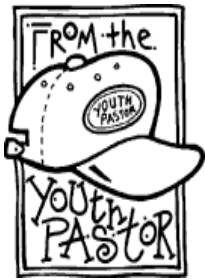
Until Bo Prosser begins his work as our interim pastor on December 1st, several guest preachers will provide pulpit supply. Our schedule of guest preachers is as follows:

November 10 – Dr. Tony Cartledge

Dr. Cartledge is Professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School. He is the author of several books and hundreds of articles, writes the weekly Nurturing Faith curriculum, and serves as a Contributing Editor for Baptists Today.

November 17 – Dr. Barry Jones

Dr. Jones is Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbell University Divinity School, where he has taught for almost 20 years. He previously taught at Mars Hill University and served as pastor at Park View Baptist Church.



The best season of the year has finally arrived! Fall is here, not just in name but in actual weather. The changes in season have been shockingly abrupt this year.

A few weeks back, the sun was still up for the post-supper dog walk. The beach, even a dip in the ocean, seemed reasonable. Shorts were a good idea. The gas log pilot light was off with no thought of lighting it. Suddenly, even pumpkins are passé. Iced coffee is antiquated. Blankets are highly valued and fought over (the dog somehow wins this battle around our house). Soon, scarves and hoodies will be essential to most wardrobes. My observation is most people wear one or the other and it immediately gives away a lot about their personality, but I digress. College basketball has tipped off. Worst of all, Christmas music is everywhere.

Let's not think about Christmas or look back at Halloween. Let's enjoy the here and now. It isn't hot, and it isn't cold. The leaves are lovely. There is a great weekend of college football coming up. The BBQ sale is almost here. If you like barbeque, please see a youth. If you love pancakes, please see Ralph.

Most of all though, November is a time to be thankful. God has blessed us in so many ways. We thank God for our past and future, but perhaps the hardest and most important thing to be grateful for is the here and now. Thank you Lord.

Doug

Attention!

The WMU Ladies would like your help in stocking toys for the Brighter Christmas Program at the Robeson County Church and Community Center. Please donate toys, clothing (all sizes), ear buds, games appropriate for ages 2-12. All items should be new and in original packaging. Donate items at the church office by December 13th.

The Brighter Christmas Program allows parents with limited means to choose gifts for their children from a free Christmas store. To find out how to be a part of this program, contact the Robeson County Church and Community Center (738-5204).



“Heaven’s Child”

**Presented by The Sanctuary Choir
December 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

Baptist Women’s Luncheon
December 2nd at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building
We will work on stockings for the Children’s
Christmas Party.
Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Group will meet at 10:45 a.m.

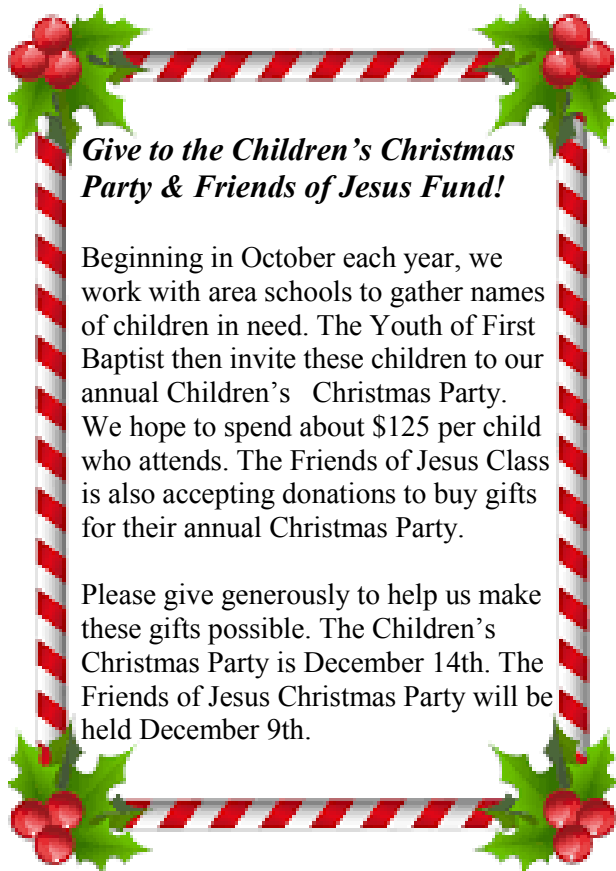
**Bible Study #3 will meet in the
Activity Building, December 3rd at 11:45 a.m.**



**Christmas
Memorial Service**

**Sunday, December 8th
5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary**

Fun & Fellowship
November 14th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Activity Building
We will be celebrating
Thanksgiving,
Bring a sandwich and a friend!



Give to the Children's Christmas Party & Friends of Jesus Fund!

Beginning in October each year, we work with area schools to gather names of children in need. The Youth of First Baptist then invite these children to our annual Children's Christmas Party. We hope to spend about \$125 per child who attends. The Friends of Jesus Class is also accepting donations to buy gifts for their annual Christmas Party.

Please give generously to help us make these gifts possible. The Children's Christmas Party is December 14th. The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party will be held December 9th.

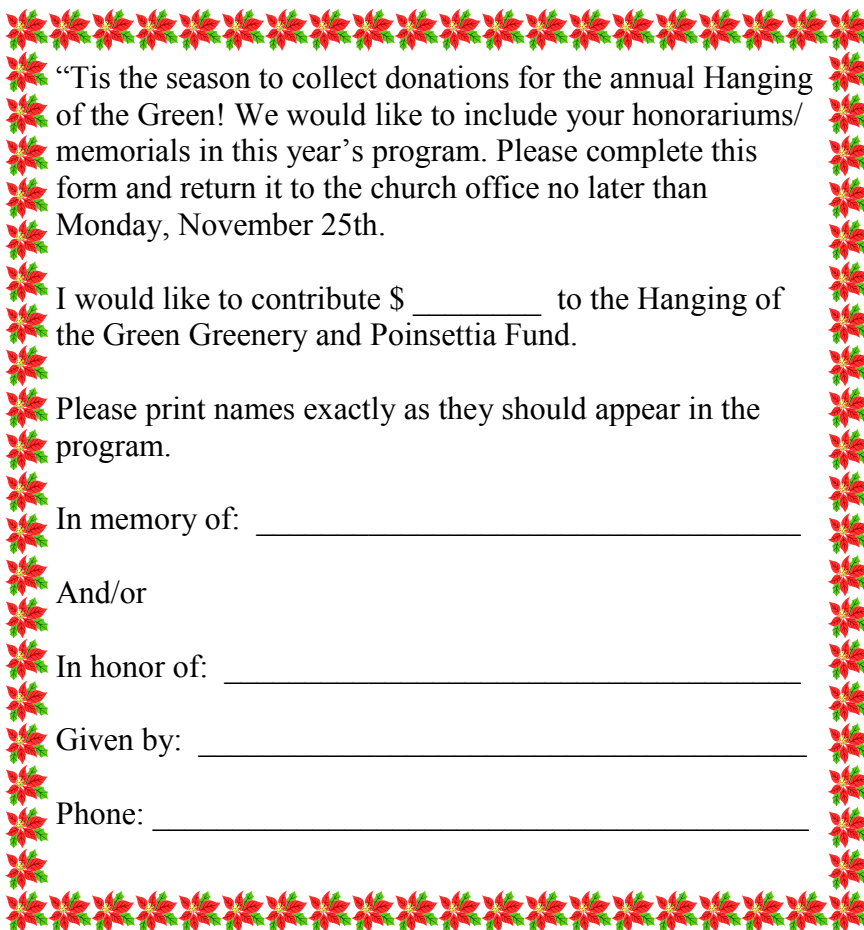
For the Record

Budgeted 2019	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received November 3, 2019.....	\$12,483.83
Need to date.....	\$592,307.69
Received to date	\$506,709.10
Over (Under) Budget	(\$85,598.59)

Children's Christmas Party Goal—\$5,000.00
 Received to date—\$125.00

Friends of Jesus Christmas Party Goal—\$6,000.00
 Received to date—\$125.00

Sunday School Attendance—184



“Tis the season to collect donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! We would like to include your honorariums/ memorials in this year's program. Please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than Monday, November 25th.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Hanging of the Green Greenery and Poinsettia Fund.

Please print names exactly as they should appear in the program.

In memory of: _____

And/or

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____



ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

6:00 P.M. IN CHERRY FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Family Night Supper Menus

November 13, 2019—Red Ticket: Stew Beef,
Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad,
Blueberry Dump Cake

Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

November 20, 2019—Spaghetti, String Beans,
Toast, Salad, Peaches

November 27, 2019—*No Family Night
Supper*

December 4, 2019—Red Ticket: Vegetable Soup,
Peanut Butter & Jelly or Pimento Cheese
Sandwich, Cake

Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

December 11, 2019—Red Ticket: Barbecue,
French Fries, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies,
Coleslaw, Salad, Apple Cake

Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries,
Fruit

Coming up. . .

- November 11—Veteran’s Day
- November 14—Fun & Fellowship
- November 16—Community Café
- November 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings
- November 22—Youth Barbecue Sale
- November 27—No Wednesday Evening Activities or Meal
- November 28—Thanksgiving Day
- November 28-29—ECM & Church Offices Closed
- December 1—Hanging of the Green
- December 2—Baptist Women’s Luncheon
- December 3—Fellowship Class Christmas party
- December 4—Advent Wreath Workshop
- December 8—Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
Christmas Memorial Service
- December 9—Friends of Jesus Christmas Party
- December 10—ECM 2 & 3 Year Olds Breakfast
- December 11—Children’s Night at Christmas
- December 12—Fun & Fellowship
ECM 4 Year Olds Christmas Program



**Wednesday Nights
in November &
December**

November 13—David Ramsaur
November 20—Scott Billingsley
December 4--Advent Wreath Workshop
December 11--Children's Night at
Christmas

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