

First Baptist News

a family of faith

“Heaven’s Child”



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

Christmas Memorial Service

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

Church-wide Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, 2019
9:45 a.m. in Cherry Fellowship Hall
Please bring refreshments.



Help Bring a Brighter Christmas to Children in Robeson County this year!

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).



CHILDREN'S NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019
6:00 P.M. IN CHERRY FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

FROM OUR INTERIM

And we are off!

Thank you for a spectacular day this past Sunday! I am so excited to finally be here and working with you to get ready for your next permanent pastor! Journey with me through Advent and beyond as we seek healing and restoration from the Christ child!

Here's what we are about!

Fixing to get ready - Now thru Spring
Listening and praying

Getting Ready- Late Spring thru Summer
Implementing clean up ideas and praying

Ready and Waiting - Next Fall and beyond
Polishing our facilities and praying

God is guiding!

This will be our mantra as we go forward! Let us trust God and move forward with courage and faith!

For what are you hoping this Advent season? I hope to see you this coming second Sunday of Advent!

So blessed to be among you!

Bo



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Seriously. Sure, it may be stressful. It may be bittersweet. You may be insanely busy. You may not like Christmas music. For most of us, the holidays generate many mixed emotions.

There are however, two surefire events we can all feel good about. On Monday the 9th, we will host roughly 80 of our Friends of Jesus class (special needs adults). There will be singing and laughter, a Christmas dinner, plus gifts and a visit from Ole St. Nick. It is a truly a joyous night.

The following Saturday the 14th is our long standing Children's Christmas Party. We invite approximately 40 school children whose names have been provided to us from our local elementary school to FBC. They are paired one to one with our teenagers who take them shopping for much needed clothing and a toy. They return to our church for play and pizza before being sent home with a Bible, a ham, and a stocking full of goodies.

Neither event happens without your help.

Currently, preparations are being made for both based upon estimations of your generosity, which we know from experience to be vast. Our current totals are printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

I would also encourage you to attend and help with either event if you are able. The smiles from both events will warm your heart and more importantly give you the opportunity to be Christ on earth during Advent. Please see Lynn Smith to volunteer for the Friends of Jesus party or me to do the same for the Children's Christmas Party. Have a wonderful holiday season and God bless!

Doug

Holiday Notes:

The ECM & Church Offices will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 24th. They will be closed December 25, 26, & 27th for Christmas.

There will be no services on December 25th.

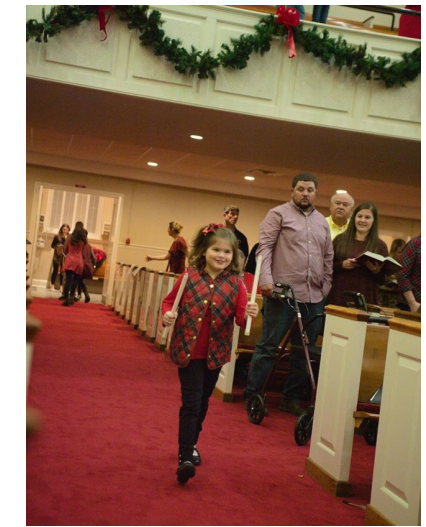
If you would like to be reimbursed for purchases made for the Friends of Jesus Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party, or any other church-related function, your receipts need to be turned in no later than December 30th.

Contributions to the 2019 Budget need to be received or postmarked by December 31st.

The ECM & Church Offices will be closed on January 1st in celebration of the New Year.



Hanging of the Green—December 1, 2019



Thanks to everyone who participated in this special service of worship to begin our Advent celebration!

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For the Record

Budgeted 2019.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019)	\$13,461.54
Received December 1, 2019	\$15,317.00
Need to date	\$646,153.85
Received to date.....	\$565,865.91
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$80,287.94)

Children's Christmas Party Goal—\$5,000.00
 Received to date—\$4,633.00

Friends of Jesus Christmas Party Goal—\$6,000.00
 Received to date—\$2150.00

Sunday School Attendance—154



Family Night Supper Menus

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

December 18 & 25, January 1—No Family Night Supper



December 12th at 11:00 a.m.
 in Cherry Fellowship Hall
 A meal will be served.



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