



NOVEMBER 2019

# First LIFE



## FROM THE PASTOR...



**Something's Coming** in Advent this year. Advent means "coming" so of course

something is coming. But this Advent something *different* is coming and we want you to be aware and begin to get ready for it. As is usual, Advent will begin with a combined service on December 2. This will be our Hanging of the Green service, one of our favorite times to all be together and decorate our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. The youth and children and their families will lead us, along with lots of wonderful music. Then things will change for the rest of the Advent season. Instead of combining the Contemporary and Traditional service into one blended service, we are going to offer two simultaneous services, one in the sanctuary and one in the fellowship hall. Both will

begin at 10:40 and I will preach in both services. This will be easier than you may think. I will be in the sanctuary to begin the Traditional service. We will have our usual prelude, hymns, and scripture readings, and then I will preach. After the sermon I will depart for the fellowship hall while the service in the sanctuary continues with a variety of ways for each of us to respond to the message through musical offerings, financial offerings, and the invitation.

The Contemporary service will begin with a variety of creative worship elements and lots of worshipful contemporary music and I will preach toward the end of that service.

It is really amazing how simple this is. It allows us to experiment, on a short-term basis, with moving the Contemporary service to later in the morning. Bible Study will begin at 9:30 and conclude by 10:30. Worship, both Contemporary (in the

fellowship hall) and Traditional (in the sanctuary) will begin at 10:40. The Traditional service will conclude well before noon and the Contemporary service should conclude just at noon.

Many have asked for this. We are going to try it during the Advent services on December 9, 16, and 23. Please, please, let's talk after Christmas and discuss how well this works for you and your family even as we also evaluate how this change could potentially help us fulfill our vision to be Reaching Up, Reaching In, and Reaching Out in our community.

**Something's Coming** to First Baptist Church in Advent this year – a new time schedule and a new opportunity to allow God to work in us. I look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you.



## IN THE PULPIT...

**November 4 - 8:30 and 10:55am**  
**All Saints' Day**  
**Do You Believe This?**  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

**November 11 - 8:30 and 10:55am**  
**Deacon Ordination**  
**All She Had**  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

**November 18 - 8:30 and 10:55am**  
**Everything**  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

**November 25 - 8:30 and 10:55am**  
**Out of This World**  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6PM

**Beyond All That We Ask or Think:**  
**A Study of Ephesians**  
- Dr. Phillip Reynolds

Wednesday on Monday - November 19

## WEDNESDAY ON MONDAY

The week of Thanksgiving, all regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities will take place on Monday, November 19. Make your reservations today!

## DEACONS CHOSEN

On Sunday, October 7, the following members were elected to serve on the committee of deacons at First Baptist beginning January 2013: Jim Elliott, Dennis Gaines, Steve Jones, Steve Palmer, Bob Parlier, Victor Paquin and Van Pernell.

## VETERAN'S CELEBRATION

On November 13, the Mature Adults will host a Veteran's Day Celebration during their regular 2nd Tuesday luncheon. Veterans are invited to come to be a part of this luncheon. We will share a meal together, hosted by the Senior Adults. Veterans will be given a chance to share some of their stories of their time in service. The cost of the meal is \$6.00. Veteran's meals will be paid for by the Senior Adult Ministry. Help us plan for the meal for this 2nd Tuesday luncheon, by calling the office to say you plan to attend. If you are a veteran, please indicate which branch of the military you served.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 4, we will give thankful remembrance to those saints whose homegoing in Christ has occurred since October 31, 2011. The names of all members of First Baptist who have died during this time will be included in our worship bulletin. If you have lost a loved one who was not a member but would like to have his or her name included in the bulletin, please call the church office (328-2031) with the information. When you call, please give the names and addresses of any family members of the deceased so that they can be invited to this special service.

After the 10:55 service, there will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall for any family members of the deceased. If you can attend, call Helen in the church office (328-2031) to make a reservation. Reservation deadline for the luncheon is **Friday, October 26, 5:00pm**. Please give the names of those attending the luncheon.

## INASMUCH WORKDAYS

November 3 - 8:00am - 12:00noon  
The MISSIONS COUNCIL is sponsoring "Inasmuch" workdays to assist our members and neighbors with minor repairs, maintenance, and clean-up chores around their homes and yards. We will try to prioritize projects based on urgency of need and do as many as we can from 8:00am until 12:00noon. If you have chores or projects with which you need the help of fellow church members, or if you know of a need that another person has which he or she may be reluctant to identify, please sign up in Bible Study or contact the church.



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Something's  
coming”

ADVENT  
2012

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:40am

## CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Gray Activities Building Lot

Opening on Thanksgiving Day  
thru December 8, 2012

Open daily 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Closed on Sundays

*All proceeds benefit the needy in our community.  
Sign up in Bible study to help at the lot.*

# Welcome

New to our church family: As you see our NEW MEMBERS around FBC, be sure to welcome them to our family. Ann Clontz, Joined on 10/7/12 and Jimmy & Jennifer Summerlin and family, Joined 10/14/12.

First Baptist Church - Hickory Presents

# Carols & Keys at Christmas

Sanctuary Choir & Piano Four-Hands

## December 16 at 3:00pm

Admission: a non-perishable food item for the Hickory Soup Kitchen

## DECEMBER SNEAK PEEK

### ADVENT BEGINS WITH HANGING OF THE GREEN

December 2 at 10:40am we will have a combined service to celebrate the Hanging of the Green at First Baptist Church. We will celebrate the season with music and scripture as we bring in the decorations for our sanctuary and get our sanctuary ready for the Advent and Christmas Season.

### ADVENT RECITALS

First Baptist Church will host its annual Advent organ recitals on Wednesdays during Advent. The music will begin at 12:05 each Wednesday and will last approximately 30 minutes. This year's series will include organists Florence Jowers, Tim Warren, and David Rhyne.

### SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars now for December 1 at 6:00 PM. Plan to gather between 5:30 and 6:00 for a time of fellowship. We will plan to sit down to our meal prepared by Chef Steve Spivey at 6:00pm. The cost per meal will be \$7. We will end the evening with time together in fellowship. Please contact Helen Catt to make your reservation.

### BOOMER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, December 8 at 6:30pm the Boomer's will meet at the Catawba Country Club to celebrate and fellowship. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call Helen no later than November 16 to reserve your spot.

### POINSETTIAS

Help us decorate our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. Each flower is \$10. Order forms will be available beginning November 11.



### Opportunities for the Holidays

There are several upcoming opportunities to minister to our CityKids children and their families:

Re-connecting through door-to-door visitation - As the holidays approach, we will visit with our CityKids families and children and spend some time with them as we invite them to the CityKids Christmas Celebration. Come be a part on Thursday, December 13.

White Christmas Boxes - Again this year, we will specifically give CityKids families the opportunity to receive a white Christmas box filled with items donated by each Bible study class. Help is needed on Tuesday, December 18.

CityKids Christmas Celebration -We will pick up our CityKids children and bring them to FBC for lunch and a great afternoon together as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with them. Lots of volunteers needed. Friday, December 21, noon - 3:00 pm.



First Baptist Church's Children's Ministry has a new logo! Our new logo captures what all of our preschool and children's ministries are designed to do; that is, to help our children of all ages to be "Growing In Christ." You will see the logo used through our publications; and yes, t-shirts are coming.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### NOVEMBER

12	RA's OCC workday
14	RA "Angel Tree" begins
15	GA's OCC workday
19	"Wednesday on Monday"

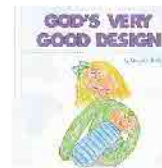
#### DECEMBER

2	Christmas Caroling and Pizza 4:00pm
8	Christmas Camp - 9:30am
15	RA's delivering Angel Tree gifts
19	Children's Musical
	"Family Night At Christmas" Sanctuary, 6:00 pm

### ANGEL TREE

The RA Angel Tree (supporting children at Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville, NC.) goes up November 14. Take an angel, purchase the items listed for that youth, and pray for him or her and for the ministry of Baptist Children's Home. All gifts will be delivered to BCH in early December.

### New in the Library



In her second book, Mary Flo Ridley equips parents with God's word for foundational

conversations with your children. Read sample conversations and have a plan for explaining sex that is both natural and scriptural. This new resource from Mary Flo Ridley is now available in our church library, or you can borrow a copy from Rendell Hipps.

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the end of the year are rapidly approaching. It is a good time to begin to review your financial support of First Baptist Church.

By law, contributions must be received in the church office by the close of business on Monday, December 31, or be postmarked by December 31 to be counted as a 2012 contribution. However, the church office will close at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 31st. All contributions delivered to the church office must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 28th or placed in the offering on Sunday, December 30th.

For those who typically transfer stock that you wish to be counted toward your 2012 giving, the transfer must be completed by December 31st. It is the policy of FBC to sell all contributions of stock immediately, and not hold them for speculation. Please notify Jerry Rodgers or Kim Hutchison of all stock transactions so that we will know it is coming, know who gave it, and give the broker instructions to sell it immediately.

Making gifts of stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds in the right way can bring extra tax savings. When making such gifts, always consider what the securities originally cost in relation to what they are worth today. When securities have increased in value, you should normally transfer them to FBC rather than sell them. When owned for more than a year, securities used to fund a gift can be deductible for income tax purposes at fair market value, not just the original cost. Giving in this way enables you to legally bypass capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if the donated securities were sold.

If you own securities that have decreased in value since you acquired them, consider selling those securities and making a charitable gift of all or a portion of the cash proceeds. In addition to the income tax deduction for the cash contribution, this creates a loss you may be able to deduct from other taxable income.

You may own real estate or other assets that could also be good choices for charitable gifts.

Please feel free to contact Jerry Rodgers or Kim Hutchison regarding your year-to-date giving to First Baptist Church. May God continue to bless us as we are generous and faithful stewards

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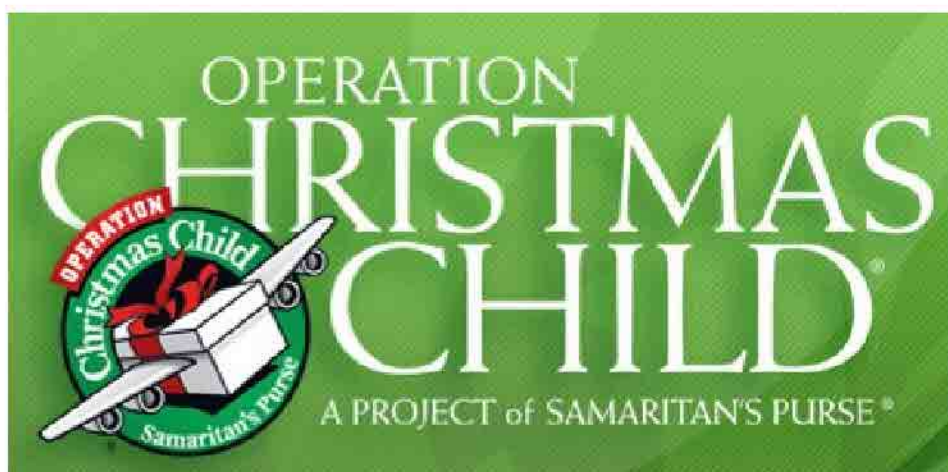
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Our cover photo this month is from the children's ministry booth at Oktoberfest this year. Over 600 children came to our booth where they enjoyed crafts, a fun game, and a picture opportunity. Packets were given to each child who came that included a coupon for a free Bible and an invitation for their family to our church.



**Shoe Box Time is HERE!** Fill a shoebox and change the life of a child. Our church goal is 400 boxes. Please return your filled box to church by November 11. For more information is located on our website, [www.fbc.cc](http://www.fbc.cc) or contact Sandra Moody.



