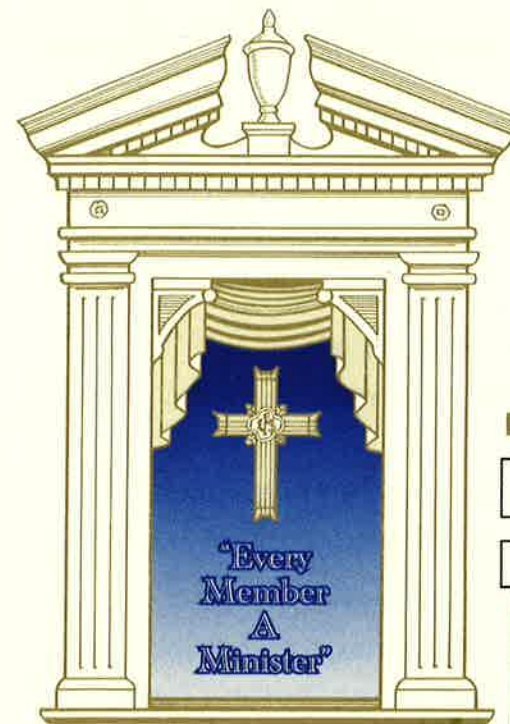


# CHURCH WEEK

First Baptist Church  
502 W. Union St.  
P.O. Drawer 459  
Morganton, North Carolina 28680-0459  
Phone 828-437-2544  
Fax 828-437-5393  
web-site [www.fbcmorganton.org](http://www.fbcmorganton.org)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 58  
MORGANTON, NC



# First Baptist Church Week

Morganton, North Carolina

Advancing the Vision – Lighting the Way

VOLUME 44

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

NUMBER 36

## FBC FOOD SERVICE MINISTRY SUNDAY LUNCH

**This Sunday, November 19!**

Immediately following worship service, come to the fellowship hall for a delicious buffet with at least 2 meats, 5-6 veggies, biscuits, rolls and beverages.

**\$9.00—adults    \$5.00 - children 4-10    Birth-3—Free**

Dessert will be provided at an extra cost.

Take outs will be available for an extra 50 cents.

Great food! Wonderful Fellowship! No waiting in long lines to be seated! No tax! No gratuity! Great parking!

**Reservations are not necessary but are helpful in planning.**

***If you would like to make a reservation, please call Suzette 437-2544 x18***

### COMING UP



#### ♦Sunday, November 19

9:45 AM -Sunday School

10:55 AM -Worship Service

Youth Activities

3:00 PM-Decorate Kistler House

4:30 PM-Choir

5:00 PM-Thanksgiving

Communion

6:00 PM- Community

Thanksgiving Service

#### ♦Monday, November 20

3:30-4:30 PM- Little Ringers-

Room 305

#### ♦ Tuesday, November 21

6:30 PM-Chancel Choir

#### ♦ Thursday November 23 and

♦ Friday, November 24 -

Church offices closed for

Thanksgiving

#### ♦Sunday, November 26

9:45 AM -Sunday School

10:55 AM -Worship Service

#### ♦ Monday, November 27

6:30 PM- Outreach Team-Library

#### ♦ Wednesday, November 29

Church Family Night

5:20 PM-Serving Line Opens

6:00 PM- Celebrations and

Prayer Time

6:15 PM:

Children's Christmas Play Prep

Main Program: "The Prayers of

Jesus" led by Dr. Bland

Intergenerational Bells

7:00 PM-Chancel Choir

#### ♦ Thursday, November 30

6:30 PM-Chancel Ringers

#### ♦ Friday, December 1

9:45 AM -Women's Prayer

Group- K101

Like us on  
Facebook

## WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

### Our Annual Thanksgiving Communion Celebration in Worship

**November 19 10:55 AM In the Sanctuary**

Our thanks for God's blessings will be read aloud while we come forward to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper.

Please note: Children will remain with their parents for this special service until the sharing of thanks has concluded, then follow Rev. Schuszler to an abbreviated "Celebrate Good News" Children's Church in Kaleidoscope

**Sermon: "Starry, Starry Night" (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)**

**Dr. Tom Bland, Jr., preaching**

**Chancel Choir Anthem: "For All That Is" by Taylor Davis**

**The Chancel Ringers will play "A Celebration of Gratitude" arr by Linda Lamb**

**"Come, ye thankful people, come!"**

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**This Sunday evening, November 19**

**6:00 PM—First Baptist Church Sanctuary!**

**Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will serve as host pastor.**

**FBC Chancel Ringers under David Thayer's direction will ring.**

**Our Youth Choir will sing accompanied by Debbie Christian.**

**Becky Poteat will be the service organist.**

\*\*\*\*\*

The Sermon will be given by the Rev. Dana McKim,

Senior Minister, First United Methodist Church.

The Children's Sermon will be given by the Rev. Johnny Phillips,

Retired Chaplain of the Riddle Center.

### **Other Music provided by:**

The Way Followers Ensemble from the First United Methodist Church

under the Direction of Amalie Hinson

Willette Y. McIntosh and the Shiloh A.M.E. Gospel Choir

**Don't miss this inspiring Thanksgiving season tradition!**



## A Quick Look at Some Advent/Christmas Season Activities and Events Coming Soon!

**December 3 — 10:55 AM**

### First Sunday in Advent - "Hope" Sunday - and Hanging of the Green Worship Service

This is a very unique and festive service as we begin our Advent preparation by lighting the Chrismon tree and as the sanctuary is decorated before our very eyes with wreaths and greenery for the Advent season!

**Sunday, December 10**

### Second Sunday in Advent - "Peace" Sunday - Worship Service—10:55 AM

The theme of this service focuses on the promise of peace through Christ's birth.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Children's Church Advent X-tended Session—Noon - 2:00 PM—In Kaleidoscope Youth Suite

A fun time for the older group (grades 2-5) with pizza lunch, a craft, and wacky recreation.

### We host the annual Combined Choirs Christmas Concert in our sanctuary—5:00 PM

This longstanding Morganton tradition continues with singers from many churches joining together under the direction of beloved director Jim Williams to present a sparkling concert of well known Christmas carols.

**Tuesday, December 12**

### GMC (God's Maturing Children) Christmas Party Lunch

11:30 AM in the fellowship hall

This youthful group of mostly senior adults knows how to celebrate and have fun! The program for this special occasion will be provided by the Forest Hill Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir!

**Wednesday, December 13**

### Church Family Christmas Party!

5:20 PM in the fellowship hall

An extra-delicious dinner followed by carol singing. Our children will present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" followed by fellowship over Christmas punch and cookies and the arrival of a "special guest!" Fun for all ages!

**Sunday, December 17**

### Third Sunday in Advent—"Joy" Sunday - Worship Service -10:55 AM

A full service of favorite music presented by our Chancel Choir, "An Early American Service of Lessons and Carols."

\*\*\*\*\*

### Youth Progressive Dinner and Christmas Caroling—4:00—8:00 PM

Middle School and High School Youth go caroling to some of our Homebound members and other special people before going to different homes for different courses of a bountiful holiday banquet!

**Sunday, December 24**

### Fourth Sunday Advent - "Love" Sunday - Worship Service—10:55 AM

Our last Sunday in the Advent season will focus on the theme of God's love in sending Christ to us.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Celebration— 6:00 PM

A beloved worship experience of Scripture lessons and carols accompanied by our organ and harps. We will observe Holy Communion concluding with worshipers lighting candles and going outside to celebrate the birth of the "Light of the World." Don't miss this beautiful way to welcome "the reason for the season."



### EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY UPDATE

Offering Received November 12.....	\$14,576
Budget Required to Date.....	\$741,520
Budget Received to Date.....	\$714,202
Organ /AV Fund Donations to Date.....	\$163,859

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, November 19 and 26  
9:45 AM-Info and Prayer Time  
10:00 AM-Bible Study  
\*\*\*\*\*

November 19  
3:00 PM-Decorate Kistler House  
4:30 PM-Choir  
5:00 PM- Thanksgiving Communion  
5:30 PM- Snack Supper  
6:00 PM- Community Thanksgiving Service  
\*\*\*\*\*

November 26- No Youth Activities

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, November 29

Lasagna/Tossed Salad/  
Garlic Bread/Beverage  
OR

All You Can Eat Salad Bar with  
Baked Potato/Garlic Bread/Beverage  
(RSVP for this option)  
Kid's Meal—Hot Dog/Fries/  
Garlic Bread  
Serving Team—Ethel Morris

### BACKPACK MINISTRY

Items for November:  
canned vegetables and canned meat  
\*\*\*\*\*

Packing Date at Grace Episcopal:  
November 30 3:30 PM  
Volunteers are needed to assist  
with packing.

### TOYS STILL NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER AND CATAWBA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TOY STORE

If you were unable to attend the Toy Party on November 11, it is not too late to donate toys to help share Jesus' love at Christmas. Just bring a new, unwrapped toy to the church office on or before Monday, November 29. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, make check to FBC and designate it for Christmas toys.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due by November 19. Empty boxes are located in the sanctuary. Please include \$9 for shipping charges.

### IN HONOR

A gift has been given in honor of  
**Pete Patton.**

### BURKE UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES 5K RIVALRY RUN/WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER

Saturday, December 9 9:00 AM  
Freedom High School  
Cost: \$20 (before November 24-\$25 after that date). Includes a T-Shirt  
For more information, call Novah at 828 437-2544 or go to www.bucm.net.

**facebook**

### GOAL REACHED

*Our goal of reaching 1200 facebook followers for our FBC facebook page by November 18 has already been met!*

*Thanks to all who added friends! But don't stop now! We hope all members who use facebook will continue to invite friends to our church page. It is very easy! Here's how: Go to our church facebook page. There is a little box over to the right that says "ADD MEMBERS." Type in the letter "A" and it will list all your friends whose last names start with the letter A. Don't worry, if they are already members of our church page it will say so. Add any of your friends you think might like to see all the good things going on at FBCM! (They might be dedicated members of another church, but still would enjoy seeing the things a sister church is doing and would like to hear about special events at our church they might enjoy attending: concerts, GMC, Sunday Lunch, etc.) Then type in "B" and proceed through the alphabet - adding names as you go!*

*So get crackin'! It is an effective and easy way to do outreach!*

**No Church Family Night Activities or Church Week Newsletter next week.**

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 19  
**Karen Breedlove**  
November 26  
**Jeff Carswell**