



First Baptist Church Celebrates Advent

Make a commitment to be present each Sunday to prepare for our Savior's birth!
Bring friends, neighbors, and others who may need to experience hope, peace, joy and love during these challenging days!

November 29

First Sunday of Advent Worship - 10:55 A.M.

December 6

Second Sunday of Advent Worship - 10:55 A.M.

December 13

Third Sunday in Advent Worship - 10:55 A.M.

December 20

Last Sunday in Advent Worship -
Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata "Canticle of Joy" - 10:55 A.M.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Sponsored by the Young Disciples Class
Gifted gift decorators will wrap your presents *for you* at the following times:

- *Wednesday, December 2 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- *Wednesday, December 9 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- *Sunday, December 13 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- *Thursday, December 17 - 10:00 A.M. - 12

Noon

- *Saturday, December 19 - 10:00 A.M. - 12

Noon

- *Tuesday, December 22 - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Our gifting area will be in the fellowship hall or another clearly marked and easily accessible location at First Baptist Church.

All proceeds will go toward the ministries and missions of First Baptist Church.

Catawba River Baptist Association TOY STORE December 7 - 11

After all the sorting, determining which applicants needed translators, transportation, an evening appointment, the count revealed over 700 families meet the eligibility requirements to receive assistance!! We are up more than 300 families! We served almost 400 families last year. The exact number of children we do not know right now; it will take many more hours to determine that. Our churches have the opportunity to tell over 700 families about Jesus Christ!! That is really the most important thing we do those five days in December.

Needed:

- Please pray that we can rely on God's power to supply exactly what is needed for these families.
- We need volunteers during those five days and need toys, hygiene supplies, and trash bags to put the toys in as the parents "shop".
- Lastly, we need churches to provide meals (5 lunches and 2 dinners for the volunteers.) Debbie Goforth of Asheville Street Baptist is getting volunteers for the 7 meals.

Thank you for your support for this God-blessed ministry!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Nunzio Loiudice - Italy
Annette Hall - France
Robert Dunlop - Ireland
New Pastor at Brannockstown
Mark Hamblen
Janos Katona - Romania

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Eric Duckworth Erienne Davidson
Shawn Graham Veronica Graham
Roland Berger Mark Scannell
Ryan Moya P. J. Chapman
Joshua Davidson James Gillon
Zack Maye Mark Shell
Jacob Durden Wes Shuffler
Pat Morrison Johnny Franklin
Michael Bradley

Just 4 YOUTH!

Sunday, November 22

8:20am - YMC Meeting
9:44am - Bible Study
5:00pm - Youth Choir
*Make sure to drop your food items to the Fellowship Hall by 5:45pm.
6:09pm - Super Session

Wednesday, November 25

No evening activities; Have a great Thanksgiving!

Hello Friends,

Thanks for the many ways you are participating with Jesus to reconcile, renew, and restore the world back to what God originally had in mind for it. Arrangements for both Christmas Parties are coming together. That date again is Sunday, December 20. There are still many ways you can serve. Please turn in your Centrifuge and Ski Trip registration forms as soon as you can. I wish for you an amazing Thanksgiving week!

Jeff

THANK YOU

A special thanks to all who donated toys on Wednesday evenings for *Christmas Cheer*. There were a variety of toys given which will go a long way to help *Christmas Cheer*. If you did not get a chance to bring a toy and would like to, please drop it by the Christian Education Office.

Thanks,
Barbara Lambert
Jackie Ward



LAST CHANCE! OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Prepare your gift of a shoe box for a child this Christmas. Boxes are available at the drop off table. *Last date to drop off is this Sunday, November 22.*

THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH
WEEK NEWSLETTER NEXT
WEEK.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received Nov. 15\$13,745
Budget Required to Date..... \$818,524
Received to Date \$769,318
Under Budget \$49,206

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date \$789,000
Building Fund Expenditures.... \$702,635
Building Fund Balance\$86,365

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of William Harbison and Grace Goodman.

IN HONOR OF

Pete Patton's Birthday

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Scott Black

CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS!

There will be NO Church Family Night Activities Wednesday, November 25. The church office will be closed, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

2006 FOOD CHALLENGE BURKE UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

This month's request is for pasta
Please place your items in the wooden box located in the hallway across from the church office.



POINSETTIAS

PLEASE note price change!

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it along with a check to Barbara Lambert. **Cost is \$8.50.** Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

In Honor of _____
In Memory of _____
Name _____
Phone # _____



COMING UP...

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS SONGS

"Sounds of the Season"

Wednesday Evening, December 2

6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Presentations by Preschool Choir, Music Makers Choir

Young Musicians Choir & Handbells

You will not want to miss this!



Hanging of the Green

December 6 – 6:00 p.m.



We've moved this beautiful worship experience back to Sunday evening!

This year's festivities include:

- ❖ **The Suzuki School of the Arts Musicians**
 - ❖ **The Young Disciples Carolers**
 - ❖ **An Original Drama by our own Matt Tudor**
 - ❖ **An Old-fashioned Children's Christmas Pageant**
- Join us in "decking the halls" in a most delightful way!**

COMING NEXT WEEK

◆ **Sunday, November 22**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

4:00 p.m. - Devotional Knitting

5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir

5:45 p.m. - Youth Snack Supper

6:10 p.m. - Youth Super Session

7:00 p.m. - Community

Thanksgiving Service

◆ **Monday, November 23**

9:45 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

7:15 p.m. - Combined Choir

Rehearsal - Choir Room

◆ **Tuesday, November 24**

7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

◆ **Wednesday, November 25**

NO Church Family Night

Activities



◆ **Thursday, November 26 &**

Friday, November 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

◆ **Sunday, November 29**

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5:00 p.m. - Youth Hanging of

Green Practice

◆ **Wednesday, December 2**

Church Family Night

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Music Makers

4:30 - 5:45 p.m. - Young

Musicians Choir and Handbells

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Preschool

5:30 p.m. - Serving Line Opens

6:05 p.m. - Blessings &

Celebrations

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Gift Wrapping

6:30 p.m. "Sounds of the Season"

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 22

10:55 A.M. – Sanctuary

"We Gather Together"



Annual Thanksgiving Communion

Worship Celebration

Sermon: "Supremely Blessed"

(Romans 1: 8-12)

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be preaching.

Don't miss this beautiful celebration of Thanksgiving as we "worship out loud" by expressing our gratitude for life's many blessings while sharing the Lord's Supper together.

7:00 P.M.

Morganton Area Ministerial Association

Community Thanksgiving Service

at Grace Episcopal Church

Experience the wonderful tapestry of faith traditions, church music, and worship styles in our community by joining together with other Christians in thanksgiving.

Dr. Bland will represent our church as a worship leader.

You and your family will find this to be a special addition to your Thanksgiving traditions.