

The Contact

First Baptist Church Newsletter
December 23rd & 30th, 2014
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Wednesday, December 24

No Wednesday
Night Activities

Thursday, December 25

Office Closed
Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 28

9:45 A.M. Called Conference
Fellowship Hall
Vote for Interim Pastor after worship
See Worship details next page

Thursday, January 1

Office Closed
Happy New Year!



FROM THE CHURCH STAFF

Our Financial Stewardship

December 21, 2014

This Week

Budget Rec'd	\$ 4,747.26
Budget Needed	\$ 8,852.38
Under	\$ 4,105.12

This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 106,228.56
Budget Received YTD	\$ 83,076.82
Under Budget YTD	\$ 23,151.74

Sunday School Attendance 72

Join us for worship Sunday December 28

Guest Minister

Rev. Daryl Trexler

Sermon

“What Happens After Christmas?”

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Adam and Stephanie Hathaway will also share with us their ministry in China.

Important: Year End Contributions

All year end contributions need to be turned into the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 30th.

Thank You

The church staff would like to thank you for the Christmas bonus each received. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish you a very merry Christmas.

Eddie, Josh, Dina, Leslie, and Angie

Music in Ministry



Silent Night, Holy Night

A crisis threatened the plans for the Christmas Eve service in 1818 in the Church of St. Nicholas in the little town of Oberndorf, Austria. The organ was broken and could not be used for the Midnight Mass.

Josef Mohr attended a nativity play in the village on the evening of December 23. The young priest, inspired by the pageant, stopped on his way home at a favorite viewpoint overlooking the town. His heart was moved by the beauty of the night and the inspiration of the Christmas story. Returning home, he lit his lamp and, in its soft glow, wrote the words of *Stille Nacht*.

The next morning he took his three stanzas to the home of his friend, Franz Gruber the church organist, and said, “See if you can wed these words to a melody.” Because there was no hope of the organ being repaired in time for the Christmas Eve service, Gruber wrote the music for guitar. Mohr and Gruber sang their hymn that Christmas Eve to the accompaniment of Gruber’s guitar and a choir of young girls from the village who repeated the last two lines in four-part harmony. Little could the worshipers imagine the miracle of song taking place as its pristine and pure notes flowed through the church that night. It was reminiscent of a birth, centuries before, that also took place in the humblest of villages, ultimately to have an impact upon the whole world.

Mohr and Gruber never intended for their carol to be used outside of their little mountain village. But when the organ repairman returned to complete his repairs, he heard the song. Enchanted by both verse and melody, he obtained a copy, and through his influence it spread and soon was included in concerts throughout Austria and Germany. In 1839 *Silent Night, Holy Night* was first sung in the United States by a visiting group of Austrian singers.

The beauty and simplicity of this carol captures something of the wonder and majesty of Christmas. The Babe of Bethlehem was God becoming visible to human sight, vocal to human hearing, tangible to human touch.

Join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. as we sing this most loved carol.

(copied from *Songs in the Night*, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 1996)

Thank you Note

Thank you to all the church family, all the support, cards, and especially all the prayers as I go through the difficult times. Thank you in your understand in my absence of my duties. I can not wait be back and fellowship and spread Christ’s message with my church family. Thank you again and please continue to pray for me.

With Love,
Jolene Lewis

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2014 LIVE NATIVITY A HUGE SUCCESS
600 ATTEND**

The Live Nativity this year was a wonderful and beautiful time to share the word and scenes of Jesus's birth with our community. Each performance—all six of them—was a success all three nights, with no rain delays! More than 600 people attended the event. Each audience was most attentive and kept the experience a sacred time of worship. This production is a group effort within our church, and although we appreciate all of your “thanks,” we would like to say THANK YOU to ALL participants who took time out of their busy schedules/lives to work together to help produce this meaningful and spiritually uplifting program. We understand this is a time consuming event. We are thankful to each and every one of you. A special thanks to everyone who attended.

Live Nativity Steering Committee

Kate Carter, Director; Tricia Sanderson, Character Coordinator; Carlton Prince, General Assistant

BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC—PIZZA
CHADBOURN FEED SERVICES—HAY
CITY OF WHITEVILLE
COLUMBUS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION—BLEACHERS
LITTLEMAN ZOO

THE 2014-2015 FBC DEACONS
THE FBC MEN--STABLE/INN SET UP-TAKE DOWN CREW
THE RUTH BELIEVERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—FOOD

BUSTER CARTER
GENIE CARTER
BROWNIE COOK
HALEY COOK
CHARLIE DUNCAN—PARKING CHAIRMAN
ANNA EZZELL
MELVIN EZZELL
MARLY GORE
CHARLIE HALL

JENNIFER HALL
PAUL HARDEE
BOBBY HENSLEY
CAROLINE HENSLEY
ELIZABETH HENSLEY
MAGGIE HENSLEY
WENDY HENSLEY—HOT CHOCOLATE
DAVID JORDAN
TAYLOR JORDAN
ERIC KRONENWETTER--LIGHTING
BOBBY LENNON
PIPER POWELL—ANGEL COOKIE GIRL
MARY JEAN PRINCE
FULLER ROYAL
NATALIE ROYAL
BRYCE RUSSELL

CARLY SANDERSON—ANGEL COOKIE GIRL
KIRBY SANDERSON--SOUND
LEAH SANDERSON
BEN SAULS
BENLYN SAULS—ANGEL COOKIE GIRL
MITCHELL SAULS
TINA SAULS
JASON SCHOOLCRAFT--LIGHTING
KATHERINE JORDAN SCOTT—COSTUMES, MAKEUP
CHAIRMAN
TOM STANLEY—NARRATED SCRIPT PREPARED BY
COMMITTEES IN PAST YEARS
BECKY THOMPSON
JORDAN THOMPSON
MIKE THOMPSON
WALLYCE TODD—PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN
ROY WALKER—WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
BYRON WARD
GRAYSON WARD
BRIDGER WARLICK
JIM WARLICK
JUSTIN WAYNE
MARY-GREGG WILLIAMSON—ANGEL COOKIE GIRL
JILLIAN YOUNG—ANGEL COOKIE GIRL
GRAYANNA YOUNG
PIERSON YOUNG
TRENT YOUNG

Merry Christmas! Let us all share the spirit and love of Christ with everyone in all we do all the time.





Members in Ministry

Sunday, December 23, 2014

(Sunday, January 4, 2014)

Children's Church

28th- Tricia Sanderson

4th- Grayanna Young

Sunday Morning Church Greeters

28th- Kenwood Royal

4th- Jackie Jones

Deacon of the Week

28th- Jerry Gore / Glenn Waters

4th- Barbara Whitson / Ann Sauls

Nursery

28th- Glenn & Sherry Waters

4th- Genie & Brenda Carter

Sound

28th- Eric Kronenwetter

4th- Jason School Craft

Video

28th- Wil Ezzell

4th- Kirby Sanderson

Offering Tellers

28th- Buster & Genie Carter

4th- Travis & Delores Harrison

Sunday School Greeters

28th- Paul Sellers & Yvonne Bass

4th- Clint & Carolyn Grainger

DVD Distribution

28th- Frances Price

4th- Rose Langston

Ushers

December 28th Chairperson, Joe Hooks

Joe Hooks, Jerry Gore, Jerry Strickland,

Lewis Sauls, Glenn Waters

January 4th Chairperson, Tom Stanley

Revice Butler, Ellis Jordan, Jerry Wilson,

Buster Carter, Clint Grainger

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Thursday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 26

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Sunday, December 28

9:45 a.m. Called Conference

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up

10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

12:00 p.m. Vote for Interim Pastor

Monday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 31

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, January 1

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Sunday, January 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up

10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship

CHURCH OFFICE- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com

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