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Sewing God – Loving People



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Dear FBC Family,
I would like to thank everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Our church contributed 135 boxes plus monetary donations to pay for shipping. This ministry continues to grow and I'm so excited to know that many people will hear the gospel as a result of your generosity. Pray that the recipients will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Blessings,
Janet Cannon

Some of you have expressed a desire to take some of the Christmas boxes and fill them throughout the year, and in this way be ready for next year. Janet has placed some boxes in the windows for those of you that are interested in doing this. Please feel free to take them, and she will bring more if there is a need.

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December

- 11- Gene LaCaze
Randall smith
- 12- Pam Nunn
Steve Haymon
- 14- Jackie Self
- 17- Sheri Hughes
Maragaret Williams
Susanne Nash
- 19- Glen Hunt
Braylon Garrett
- 20- Tinley Harvey
- 21- Danielle Nelson

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:15-5:45 PM
Adults \$5.00-Children to 12 yrs. \$3.00
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.
Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

FBC State of Affairs

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$39,219.00
Received November 13, 2016	6,955.35
Received November 20, 2016	4,245.77
Received November 27, 2016	8,872.80
Total received November to date	36,799.93
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	\$125,000.00
Received to date	87,119.00

Sunday School Report

	11/13	11/20	11/27
Members Present	164	142	148
Visitors:	22	15	17
Worship Attendance	191	173	202

Remember the church wide
Pure Water-Pure Love
Project that will help provide clean water in a country where there is no clean water. If you have already filled a water bottle, please consider filling another one. All donations will be appreciated. This project is sponsored by the WMU.

Revised Newsletter

Schedule thru

End of Year

December 2, 2016

December 16, 2016

January 6, 2017

A Note From the Pastor

Well I guess it is time to put away the turkey and get out the trees. The busiest time of the year is here ready or not. Time for shopping and parties and family gatherings, so much to squeeze into such a short period of time. I do want to encourage you, as you are filling your calendar book with events to do, please don't forget the whole reason we even have a Christmas season. It is all because of Jesus. So no matter what you do this holiday season, enjoy it all, but remember to keep Christ first and foremost.

With this season of giving, it is also time to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. You know just how important this offering is to me and my family. This one offering determined each year just how much we could do to spread the gospel to our unreached people group. It was always with caution that I submitted our budget requests to the board, never knowing if it would be approved or not; and it all rested on this one offering. Please, let us not put our missionaries in that position this year. Please earnestly pray and ask God what you are to give. I know without a doubt that if you step out in faith and give abundantly, God will take your gift and multiply it to reach a lost world. \$12,000 sounds like a lot and it has been a while since this church set that high a goal, but I know our Heavenly Father will reward our faithfulness. Please continue to pray for all our church members. We have had a number of people with various illnesses and some have lost loved ones this holiday season. It makes it difficult to find joy during these times, but God is still on His throne and He alone is our source of joy and peace.

Please keep up with all the various church events this month. We have musicals and meetings and parties planned for fellowship together and I don't want anyone to get left out.

Our verse this week comes from **1 John 3:2-3...**

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (NASB)

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

I am hoping that everyone had a very meaningful and happy Thanksgiving and that the Christmas Season has started well for you. May the Lord use us all for His glory and spread the Light of the gospel through each of us during this season of opportunity

If you are receiving this newsletter on-line, chances are that you will receive it prior to the first performance of the Christmas Program, "Season of Hope". The program this year is written to provide a ray of hope in the midst of the unrest, turmoil, anger and devastation that seems to be everywhere around us. The program will be presented Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd at 6 PM and Sunday, December 4th at 10:45 AM. Please be praying for those involved, and praying that the Lord will move. In addition, please invite people.

By the time a lot of you receive this newsletter, the Christmas Program will be complete. There are so many people to thank, that there is not space in this article to list all of them. I do what to thank everyone who helped construct the set, build new set pieces put up signs, do the digital sign, print tickets and help advertise, run projectors, lights, or sound, act in the drama, bake cookies, serve hot chocolate, or be available to counsel folks after the program. Also, I thank Bro. Jeff for his support of "Season of Hope". To all of you, I cannot adequately express my gratitude. I know I asked a lot of many of you, putting in hours that you did not have to spare, and I am trusting that God will continue to use those sacrifices to HIS glory. I do feel that it is necessary to mention a special thanks to our main speaking parts, Roger Rolon, Leslie Moore, and Gracyn Tuck. They had volumes of lines to learn, and did a wonderful job.

Also, I want to thank the FBC Adult Choir. You guys have been faithful to be at practices for a few months now. As it is all year long, it is a privilege to work with you guys.

I do need to remind everyone that Monday, Dec. 19 is our Christmas Nursing Home Sing-a-long. It will be at 3 PM at the Woodlands. Please make plans now to come sing, and if you can help with refreshments or gifts for the residents, please contact Ginger Scogin.

Also, our DMA Christmas Party will be Thursday, Dec 22 at 11 AM at Wagon Master. Everyone bring a gift if you would like to be part of the gift exchange.

Finally, I want to express condolences to Al and Renee Wilson and family in the homegoing of Renee's mother, Doris Bonnette, a long-time member of FBC. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for them in days to come.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!!

DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

December 16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party @ 4:45 PM

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting

Christmas Day Schedule

December 25, 2016

No Sunday School

Worship Service @

10:30 A.M.

No Evening Service

Merry Christmas



Ingathering Sunday, December 11th –
Morning Service
Please give generously so that others will
hear the Gospel.
FBC Goal \$12,000.00

Children's Christmas Musical

December 11, 6:00 P.M.



Dear FBC,

We would like to thank our church family for all the cards, food, and phone calls after Randall's hip replacement. His rehab is going great! God is great and He has been with us the entire time.

We love you!

Deb & Randall Smith



December 18, 2016

6 P.M. in the CLC

Ugly Christmas Sweater party
Wear your ugliest sweater and
Enter in the fun!

Special Thanks to our church family:

At this Thanksgiving Season we want to express, the best we can, our appreciation to everyone for your acts of love and kindness. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much to us, and we thank you very much.

Love, James, Geraldine & Mary Lynn

Dear Bro. Jeff, Bro. Craig and all of our church family:

Words cannot describe how honored Ikey was when he was presented with such a beautiful plaque recognizing him for his service in the United States Marines. His heart is filled with love for all of you and the United States of America. May God bless you all and give you an extra hug today.

*Your friends in Christ,
Tina & Ikey Davidson*

“Adopt-a-Grandparent” Program

If you would like to participate in the annual Woodlands Healthcare Center’s “Adopt-a-Grandparent” Program, just purchase a gift for one of their residents, bring it to the facility by Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Join them for the resident Christmas party on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM to see how your gift brightens someone special.

For more information and gift ideas call Letha Broxson 337 239 6578

*December 24,
2016*

5:00 PM

*Candle Light
Service and
The Lord’s
supper*



Love and Condolences

*to AL and Renee Wilson
and their families in the
death of Renee’s mother,
Mrs. Doris Bonnette,
a long-time member of
First Baptist Church.*