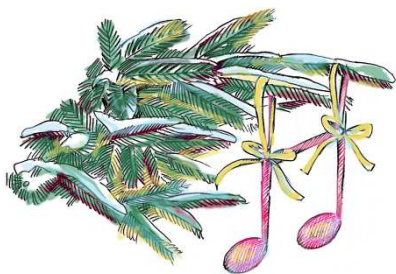




**Wednesday, December 9
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary**



Names of children who attend Benton Heights Elementary School are posted on the wooden Christmas "Angel Tree" in the Gathering Area. We are asking groups and/or individuals to take one of the names and provide the items listed. The gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 13. Complete instructions are posted on the tree. If you have questions, please contact Tom Coffey.



Old-Fashioned Carol Sing

Join us around the piano in the Multipurpose Room as we sing Christmas Carols on
Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.



Young-at-Heart Covered-Dish Lunch

*Thursday, December 10
12:00 noon in the
Multipurpose Room*



Purchase poinsettias in honor or memory of someone you love. These poinsettias will fill our sanctuary Sunday, December 20 to January 3. Cost is \$8.00 each.

Forms are available in Bible Fellowship Classes and on the table in the Gathering Area. Please fill out the form, attach your check and bring it by the church office or drop it in the offering plate during worship. A list of the donors and who the poinsettias are in memory/honor of will be printed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 20.

This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 6

- 8:00 AM Board of Deacons
- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
- 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
- 10:45 AM Service of Worship
- 12:00 PM College Lunch/Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Youth Choir
- 6:30 PM Snack Supper
- 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, December 7

- 10:30 AM Song Service at Brian Center
- 6:30 PM TOPS

Tuesday, December 8

- 6:00 PM Lottie Moon Group Dinner/Auction
Multipurpose Room
- 6:30 PM Board of Trustees

Wednesday, December 9

- 12:00 PM Brownbag Service
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
*Buffet: baked chicken, dressing, corn,
green beans, rice/gravy, dessert
Kid's: same as buffet*
- 6:15 PM Music Times
Music Makers
Children's Choir
- 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 PM Children's Christmas Pageant
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 10

- 12:00 PM Young-at-Heart Covered-Dish Lunch

Friday, December 11

- 2:30 PM Blood Drive in the Multipurpose Rm

Bible Fellowship Lesson

Sunday, December 6

"Make Ready"

Scripture: **Luke 3:1-6**

Additional Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4;
Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call December 4-11

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-219-2204

The Global Missions Post Office ...

will soon be open in the Gathering Area. Instead of putting a \$.44 stamp on a Christmas card to another FBC member, bring your FBC cards to the Gathering Area and place them in the Global Missions Post Office. We ask that you give \$.25 per card in the donation box, and all the money will given by the youth as an offering to the Global Missions Offering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. What a bargain—you will save \$.19 a card and all the money goes to missions. Cards will be sorted by family and may be picked up at the Post Office as well. We will also collect cards that go to our FBC members who are in nursing homes and deliver them before Christmas. The Post Office will be staffed each Wednesday and Sunday through Christmas and will also be accessible during church business hours. Bring your cards for FBC members today and support the Global Missions Offering. The Global Missions Post Office is being sponsored by the Youth Group of FBC.

MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for December will benefit Union County's **United Family Service's Tree House program**, a Child Advocacy Center that opened in 2005. We received \$290.46 for the LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING in November, which will benefit **Change for Children** in Nairobi, Kenya.
- An offering for **CBF Global Missions** will be received in December. The offering goes to support field personnel salaries, benefits and ministry programs. Your gift is an essential part of spreading the Gospel and meeting physical needs in the world.
- Interested in an on-going ministry that will provide **food-filled backpacks** to needy school kids? Contact Tom Coffey or Glenda Poindexter for more information.
- Posted on the Missions Board is the names of several children in need of **school uniforms**. We are asking individuals or groups to take one of the names and purchase the items listed.

By the Numbers ...

Sunday, November 29, 2009:

Bible Study Attendance	115
Adults	89
College Students.....	9
Youth.....	5
Children	12

Worship Attendance	168
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 11,408
Budget Receipts	\$ 9,054
Budget Requirements to Date	\$148,304
Budget Receipts to Date	\$148,312



The Worship of God

December 6, 2009 - 10:45 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

Anthems by Chancel Choir

"Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God" by G. F. Handel

"Zion, at Thy Shining Gates" by K. Lee Scott

Anthem by the Choral Scholars

"Come Now, Savior of the Nations" by Michael Burkhardt

Sermon by Sara Spahr Stubbs

"Christmas Is a Verb: Prepare"

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at www.monroefirstbaptist.org

Loaves & Fishes ...

is requesting contributions of five-pound bags of sugar and self-rising flour, as well as boxes of cake mixes for December. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.

Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

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Nursery-Christina Kale, Aileen Sowder
Preschool I-Robin Haas, Brenda Lowery

Money Counters

Frances Vaughan, Ray Sowder

Wednesday Night Helpers:

J. T. and Martha Nance, Doris Ramsey, Jane Hawkins



December 9
12:00-12:50 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Bring a lunch and a friend and
join us for fellowship,
devotion and prayer

Beverages provided

Memorials Received in November ...

By Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell in memory of Betty Brantley. By Jane Austin in memory of Winnie Hamer. By Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williamson in memory of Dora Ellen Austin and Billie Kerr. By Nancy Tadlock, Audrey Bales, Clayton Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Overton, Margaret Myers and Susan Bales in memory of Dora Ellen Austin. By Buddy Lyon in memory of Martha Melton and Dora Ellen Austin. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thomas in memory of Roy Rogers. By Mr. and Mrs. Harold Funderburk in memory of Buford Huntley, Dora Ellen Austin and Myrtle Marks. By Buddy Lyon in memory of Buford Huntley. By Dr. and Mrs. C.G. Hopper in memory of Dora Ellen Austin and Buford Huntley. By Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tyson in memory of Roy Rogers and Milton Davis. By Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Griffin in memory of Billie Kerr. By Mary Lou Gamble in memory of Billie Kerr, Dora Ellen Austin and Myrtle Marks. By Jane Austin, Audrey Bales, the Union Baptist Association, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sain, Mary Lloyd, Durham Regional Association of Realtors, Sykes and Company, PA, and Carolyn Simmons and Robin Moore in memory of Myrtle Marks.

By Patti Duncan in honor of Bob Duncan. By Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner in honor of those who worked during the Operation Antioch Mission Blitz. By Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Hopper in honor of John Hewett and Andi Stevenson. By Lea Nickles in honor of Elmo and Lillian Sims. By Emagene Griffin in honor of Rebecca Mills. By Mr. and Mrs. Al Kessel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Totty. By Buddy Lyon in honor of Arnold Mills, Bob Turner, John Ward, Mary Akers, Mary Wood and Martha Melton. By Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fornes in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell.

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Annie Bragg at home

Graham Hopper

Arnold Mills

Karen Marossy

Bob Turner at home

Paul and Jeanette Helms

Katherine Ward and family in the death of her husband, John

Larry Tuggle and family in the death of his uncle, William Berryhill

Lisa Poovey Berwyn

John Kilby, father of Alvin Kilby

Lillian and Elmo Sims, parents of Paul Sims

Marilyn LeGrance, mother of Brenda Lowery

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Farther Along ...

The story of Christ's birth is a life-changing story of promise, hope, and revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a Savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, predictable parties and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, extra pounds, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas?

Advent Conspiracy is a movement calling Christians to proclaim Christ in how we celebrate Christmas. The concept behind Advent Conspiracy is simple...

WORSHIP FULLY

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God. It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrated with each breath. Entering the story of Advent means entering this season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus to the fullest.

SPEND LESS

Americans spend an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. How often have you spent money on Christmas presents for no other reason than obligation? How many times have you received a gift out of that same obligation? Advent Conspiracy encourages us to consider buying ONE LESS GIFT this Christmas. Just one.

GIVE MORE

God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall.

LOVE ALL

When Jesus loved, he loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join him in giving resources to those who need help the most.

Advent is barely underway. We've got plenty of time to do it differently this year. If we will.

John Hewett

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