

First Baptist Church of Knoxville
Life of the Church
December 4, 2013



Dear Friends

There are no words to adequately tell you of our gratitude for the love you expressed to us through the wonderful party you gave us on the 17th. The decorations were beautiful beyond belief, the food delicious in every bite, and the words and gifts so humbling and undeserved. The ultimate surprise was the gift of our Bob's visit. Thank you, dear ones, for almost 50 years of serving with you here in our wonderful church. Our prayer is that God will give us many more years of Joy together. We love you with all our hearts.

- Jo and Dave Ward



Christmas Brunch T-Shirts

Christmas Brunch T-shirts will be on sale in the library on Sunday, December 8th. Shirts will cost \$6 each. Please make checks out to First Baptist Church, and in the memo line write "Christmas Brunch T-shirts."

All Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting

Sunday, December 8

If you plan to volunteer with Christmas Brunch in any way, please attend the All Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting immediately following the 11 am service. There will be an interpreter at this meeting.

Hygiene Items Needed for Christmas Brunch Gifts

Christmas Brunch will be upon us in just 1 week. We are in desperate need of hygiene items. We have only received about 100 of each item. Please bring all items by Dec 11th. The items needed are: Travel Size-shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, hair combs/brushes, regular size-deodorant, bars of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and Chapstick.



THE MESSIAH (Part I)

Sunday, December 8, 6:30 pm; Doors open for seating at 5:50 pm

The Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by Chamber Orchestra, presents THE MESSIAH (Part I) with Soloists Andrew Wentzel, Ryan Ford, Claire Boling, and Patti Foster. From the opening congregational carol and the stirring sounds of John Rutter's new Magnificat, to the familiar yet ever-inspiring sound of Handel's most successful and best-known oratorio, this evening of great vocal and choral music will fill the beautifully decorated Sanctuary with honor and "Hallelujah" to the King of kings and Lord of lords! Free tickets available in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, Trentham Hall on Wednesday evenings, and the Reception office during the week. Please call the Music office for more information, 246-4655.

Children's Choirs Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 11, 6 pm in the Sanctuary; Childcare for preschoolers through age 2

First Baptist Church Children's Choirs present *The Christmas Festival*. Listen to beautiful carols and arrangements sung by our talented children's choirs.

The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville

Sunday December 15, 3 pm



"Whatever else be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas - its meaning never ends." For this reason, the Nativity Pageant is free of charge for all. Need a fellowship outing for your Sunday School group, or just want to get together for lunch with your fellow FBC friends? Attend a performance of "The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville." This hour long, professionally produced drama, with live animals and an over 200-person cast and choir, is totally FREE for everyone! For more information go to <http://www.knoxvillenativity.com>.

RACK (Random Acts of Christmas Kindness)

There are still some packets of RACK cards at the reception desk for anyone who would like to pick one up. This activity pack, complimentary of the Children's Ministry, is a fun way for children to learn about showing kindness to others.



Annual Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm; Pre-service Concert at 4:40 pm; Doors and childcare open at 4 pm



On Christmas Eve, our church family -- with families, friends, and neighbors -- will join together to celebrate the birth of Christ. This special service of worship will include an interweaving of congregational carols with Scriptures, the singing of the Sanctuary Choir, the reading of the Christmas story, and the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. The Christmas Eve Service is one of the best-loved services of the year as we celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas. Come make this time of worship a centerpiece of your family tradition at Christmas. The pre-service concert by Brian and Debby Daniel will begin at 4:40 pm.

Fellowship Brunch

The Fellowship and Discipleship Councils invite you to a brunch during the "Sunday School Hour" Sunday, December 29, at 9:45 am in Trentham Hall. Join us as we celebrate as a church family the blessings of 2013 and look forward to a new discipleship initiative coming in 2014 from the Discipleship Council!

End of Year Giving

All year end gifts for 2013, need to be in the finance office by Friday January 3rd. Please make sure gifts are dated December 31st and note on the memo line 2013 gift.



Christmas Is Coming, the Goose Is Getting Fat...

We are receiving contributions for decorations for our beautiful church for the Advent and Christmas season. This includes the poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, and ribbons for inside and outside. You may contribute as individuals, families, classes or departments. Please designate "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" for gifts of \$20 or more. Please give your contribution to the attention of Kim Pieratt.

Your Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Circle one: In Memory of OR In Honor of

Name(s) of person(s) _____

Attendance & Giving – December 1

Sunday School	320
First Community	65
11:00 am	328
Deaf	21
Passage	9
Combined	438

Giving

Weekly	46,807.12
MTD Giving	46,807.12
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,466,774.71
YTD Need	1,609,341.83

Menus – December 11**Wednesday Supper**
*Chef's Choice***Kid's Hut Cafe**
*Chef's Choice***Sanctuary Flowers for December 8**
Advent Decorations**Minister On Call**
(865) 246-4650Susan Tatum, December 6
Pam Neal, December 13**In Service - Week of December 8****First Community Hospitality**

Dickie and Fred Kaserman

First Community Greeters

Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams

Welcome Center Greeters

Beth Nagel, Mary Nelle Robbins

Preschool Extended Care

Angela Ellenburg, LaTasha Wassom

Monitor: Larry Wassom**TV Ministry Team**Paul Ivie Reba Green,
Marion Carter, Elaine Rhodes,
Charles Brooks, Tiffany Brooks,
Seva Ball**Hospital Ministry Team**

Sharon & Steve Bowman

New Member Ministry

Spencer Hudson, Greg Reed

Outreach Deacon

Steve King

TeleCare Ministry

Sherry Coffield

PRAYER LIST for TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2013**MEMBERS****IN MEMORIAM**Raymond Neil Battle November 20, 1930 – November 21, 2013
Date Joined: August 26, 1990James E. "Jim" Elliot October 14, 1924 – November 21, 2013
Date Joined: November 07, 1976**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Kelly & Jimmy Ownby upon the birth of their second son, Jackson Paul on November 18. Proud big brother is Keller.**OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO**

- the family of Rachel Hylton, upon the death of her uncle
- the family of Wayne and Ellie Smith upon the death of their brother-in-law, Charles Watson of Knoxville, on November 20.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK**Echo Ridge Retirement** 8458 Gleason Dr (37919)

Betty Smith Apt. 332

Caryl Dee & Jim Holt Apt. 328

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor Search Committee

Jon Burnett

Pat Davis

Otha Winningham

Rusty Phillips

Carl Reischling

Greg Johannsen

Ann Buchanan

Pulpit Supply Committee

Bill Brewer

Nancy Egerton-Ross

Martha Breazeale

Doug Wilt, health concerns

Betty Smith

Maxine Masingill

Shirley Irwin

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**HOSPITAL**

Kingston Fanney, Children's Rm 240– Camille Jones' grandson

DISCHARGEDMargaret Langford, Oak Pavilion Nursing Facility, Cincinnati –
Amy Pickle's sister**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**Jodie Boyce, cancer diagnosis/treatment – friend of Beverly Shirk
Nancy Walls, former member – cataract surgery 11/20John Moore family, grief on his passing – extended family of Judy
BodenheimerMarty, who is not feeling well – friend of Rachel Proffitt
Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope's
brotherAll military veterans, especially those dealing with
spiritual, mental, and physical woundsDelys Dearmon, battling cancer – cousin of Sandra Acuff
For Kyle and Brittany as they work on finishing their new

home, and his daughter, Katrina – Mac Pickle

Khadijah Latham, elbow issues – Felix's daughter

Doug Teffeteller, heart condition – Virginia Griffin's friend

Uncle with liver and colon cancer - Rachel Hylton

Katiegh Williams, rehab placement - Sylvia Williams'
nieceLyles Stone, pancreatic cancer – Bob and Sydnor
Money's cousin

Doris Darden, breast cancer - Jama Reischling's mother

L.C. Cutshaw, battling cancer - Betty Effer's brother-in-
lawDrew Rhodes, awaiting kidney transplant - friend of Tyler
Lewelling

Alice Miller, breast cancer - Bill Beeler's sister

Jessica Talley, brain injury - family of Virginia Griffin

Ennis Taylor, lung cancer - family of Virginia Griffin

Mark Townsend, colon cancer - son of Laura & Bob
Townsend**FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**Hunter Holt, serving in Afghanistan - grandson of Jim &
Caryl Dee Holt**MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR**Holly Sumrall, Philip Hamline, CS, Joe Dowdy, Karen
Ray, CM, BH, LF, CP, CC, CS, GB**MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS**The Leaders of our Country, our Military, our City and our
Church, The Stephen Ministers, The Unchurched &
Missing**Please Welcome Dr. Chad Hartsock, December 1, 8, 15, and 22**

Dr. Hartsock is an Assistant Professor of Religion at Carson-Newman University. He holds a B.A., Carson-Newman College (1999), M.Div., George W. Truett Theological Seminary (2002), and Ph.D., Baylor University (2007).

Dr. Hartsock joined the faculty at Carson-Newman in 2008. He teaches primarily New Testament courses including the Parables of Jesus and Luke-Acts, along with Greek and Theological Research. Dr. Hartsock has served as a youth minister in various churches for ten years and has served numerous churches in East Tennessee as a supply preacher. His wife, Ami, is also a Carson-Newman graduate and works in the

C-N library. Their daughter, Kaylin, was born in March of 2011. Dr. Hartsock also officiates high school athletics in the East Tennessee region.