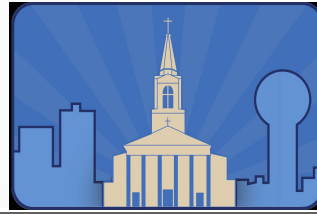


First Baptist Church of Knoxville
Life of the Church
December 11, 2013



The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville

December 14, 15, & 16

“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>.



FBC Family Missions Banquet

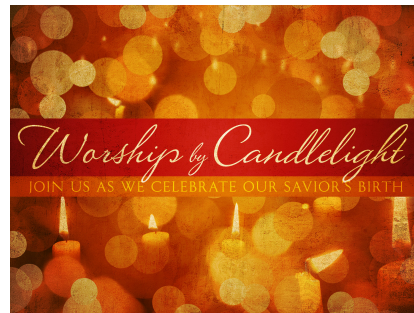
Wednesday, December 18, Dinner 5 pm

Gather with your church family for an evening together of learning about missions, giving to missions, and praying for missions. Ann Lovell will be our guest missionary. Ann and her family spent 13 years living in Asia. She currently works as a writer for Baptist Global Response. She is the daughter of Elnora and Bob Anderson. Ann is the author of a series of children’s books along with several short stories for adults. Dinner begins at 5 pm (regular Wednesday prices) followed at 6 pm by our missions program.

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.



End of Year Giving

All year-end gifts for 2013 need to be in the finance office by Tuesday, December 31st. Please make sure gifts are dated December 31st, and note on the memo line “2013 gift.” All year-end gifts received by mail must be postmarked no later than December 31st to be posted for 2013.



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.

Fellowship Brunch

The Fellowship and Discipleship Councils invite you to a brunch during the "Sunday School Hour" on Sunday, December 29th, 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!

January is National Mentoring Month



There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville Elementary School. Will you consider using one hour per week to dedicate it to a child in need? Mentors are positive, fun, faithful, encouraging, a listener, a helper, and a friend. Anyone who has the love of God in their heart can fulfill these attributes of a mentor. We have boys and girls on the list who need a mentor very soon. We will have a training class as soon as possible so that the new mentors can begin when school starts back in January. See Carol Linger or contact her at 963-9993 or rlinger185@aol.com to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.

DNOW 2014

This year's Disciple NOW weekend will be January 31- February 2 and costs \$40 per person. Stop by the youth suite to sign up and pick up the yellow form. Those interested in hosting a home can also sign up in the youth suite.

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 8

Sunday School	349
First Community	53
11:00 am	381
Deaf	30
Passage	12
Combined	476

Giving

Weekly	43,921.41
MTD Giving	90,728.53
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,510,696.12
YTD Need	1,646,035.21

Menus – December 18**Wednesday Supper**
*Chef's Choice***Kid's Hut Cafe**
*Chef's Choice***Advent Decorations for December 15**

The crèche on the Communion Table is a gift from the Shiell Family to First Baptist Church.

Minister On Call
(865) 246-4650

Pam Neal, December 13
Scott Claybrook, December 20

In Service - Week of December 15**First Community Hospitality**

Dianne and Don Rairdon

First Community Greeters

Nancy Roberts, Betty Chandler

Welcome Center Greeters

Barbara Frei, Dent Young

Preschool Extended Care

Linda Allen, Dickie Kaserman

Monitor: Fred Kaserman

TV Ministry Team

Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley,
Betty Vawter, Vince Vawter,
Andy Tatum, Reba Green,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team

Karen and Richard Smith

New Member Ministry

Mark Palmer, Reggie Keaton

Outreach Deacon

Terri King

TeleCare Ministry

Pam Shirley

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**

Hilda Archer, UT 443 – Rhonda Ward's mother
Gene Hale, UT 1029 – former member

DISCHARGED

Margaret Langford, Oak Pavilion Nursing Facility, Cincinnati –
Amy Pickle's sister

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Elaine Brown, health concerns – Gerry Jack's daughter
Brian, Vicki & Taylor Bennett, complete loss of house in fire –
neighbors of Richard & Karen Smith
David Hodge (NM), retired Army chaplain, jaw cancer – extended
family of Anne Winsauer
Stephanie Focht, Food Co-op participant, UT OP surgery, 12/11
Sarah "Cindy" Walker, Food Co-op participant, Phys Reg OP knee
surgery 12/12
Emma Giese, mental health concerns – Becky Hudson's
granddaughter
Preston Cooper – Anonymous request
My whole family – Evan Stone
For Kathryn to complete her first semester of college well and
preparation for her first track meet – Mac & Maureen Pickle
Dr. H. S. Wallace, grieving loss of wife of 54 years and cancer has
returned – Max Wallace's father
Buddy Cruze, recovery from surgery (at Duke) and his caregivers
– Judy Bodenheimer's brother
Jodie Boyce, cancer diagnosis/treatment – friend of Beverly Shirk
Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope's brother
Delys Dearmon, battling cancer – cousin of Sandra Acuff
Doug Teffeteller, heart condition – Virginia Griffin's friend
Katleigh Williams, rehab placement - Sylvia Williams' niece
Lyles Stone, pancreatic cancer – Bob and Sydnor Money's cousin
Doris Derden, breast cancer - Jama Reischling's mother
L.C. Cutshaw, battling cancer - Betty Effler's brother-in-law

Alice Miller, breast cancer - Bill Beeler's sister
Jessica Talley, brain injury - family of Virginia Griffin
Ennis Taylor, lung cancer - family of Virginia Griffin

FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Hunter Holt, serving in Afghanistan - grandson of Jim &
Caryl Dee Holt

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Helen Hardeman, Charles Shirey, KW, MC, RG, Matthew
Judd, FJ, SS, Claude Johnson, BH, SC, LH, SR, YP, BC,
CT, JH, Suzan Bryant

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

The Leaders of our Country, our Military, our City and our
Church, The Stephen Ministers, The Unchurched &
Missing

**PRAYER LIST for THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013****MEMBERS****HOSPITAL**

Melanie Feathers, UT 726
Katherine "Katie" Padgett, Phys Reg Womens Pavilion 28

DISCHARGED

Dot McKenry
Spencer Hudson

CONGRATULATIONS to Katie & Mark Padgett upon the
birth of their son, Sterling "Pace" on December 9. Proud
family members are siblings Kirby and Pierce, great-
grandmother Betty Padgett, and grandparents Mike & Patty
Padgett.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO

- the family of Steve Madden, upon the death of his father,
Lawrence Madden of Knoxville, on December 9.
- the family of David Hull, upon the death of his father, Dr.
William E. "Bill" Hull of Birmingham, AL on December 10.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

Elmcroft of West Knoxville 8024 Gleason Dr (37919)
Ralph Damewood Room 235 Frances Rio Room 214