Thank You!
To all those who helped make Christmas Brunch a wonderful day, thank you! We served at least 760 folks! A special thank you to Emily Plemmons, Laura Beth Winders, Dan Andrews, Gracie Bishop, Tere Atwater, and Emogene Reagan who were this year’s Christmas Brunch Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators. It was a great day of serving and showing God’s love to our community.

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” on Sunday, December 29th, 9-45 am in Tremont 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 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 that December 31st to be posted for 2013.

Young Adult Winter Fellowship
Saturday, January 11, 5 pm
Mark your calendars! We’re having an all-Young-Adult gathering on Saturday, January 11 at the home of Megan and Monte Miller. Come spend an evening with people you know and get to know those you don’t. This evening is open to all young adults – college-age and young professionals to young families. We’ll also hear from Scott as he outlines some hopes and plans for the New Year. Make sure you’re there and start 2014 off right. For more details or to RSVP for childcare, please contact Scott Claybrook (sclaybrook@fbcnkno.org). Folks are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. ‘Drinks and ‘main course’ will be provided!

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.

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 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 DNOW 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.

WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)
Welcome to 2014 and Women on Mission. We will not meet on January 7, 2014 at the church. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home, and around the world. We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. We hope you will plan to join us. Joy Claybrook will be our speaker on February 4.

SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE
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. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 22, to be included in the Christmas Eve Order of Worship.

Your Name ___________________________ Amount Enclosed $ __________
Circle one: In Memory of OR In Honor of
Name(s) of person(s) ___________________________
Attendance & Giving – December 15
Sunday School 335
First Community 92
11:00 am 330
Deaf 30
Passage 9
Combined 461

Giving
Weekly 49,908.51
MTD Giving 140,637.04
Monthly Need 159,004.67
YTD Giving 1,560,604.63
YTD Need 1,682,728.59

NO Menus – December 25
Wednesday Supper
Church Office Closed

Sanctuary Flowers for December 22
The crèche is a gift from the Shiell Family to First Baptist Church.

In Service - Week of December 22
First Community Hospitality
Dickie and Fred Kaserman
First Community Greeters
Ethel Powell, John and Lanita Rorrer
Welcome Center Greeters
Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson
Preschool Extended Care
Betty Mulkey, Laurel Durham
Monitor: Josh Durham

NEW Menus – December 25
Wednesday Supper
Church Office Closed

Kid’s Hut Cafe
Church Office Closed

Hospital Ministry Team
Kay and Greg Reed

New Member Ministry
Scott Moore, Lacy Wallace

Outreach Deacon
Jim Plemmons

TeleCare Ministry
Susan Highton

PRAYER LIST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013
MEMBERS

DISCHARGED
Melanie Feathers
Katherine “Katie” Padgett

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO
• The family of Anne Winsauer, upon the death of David Hodge of New Mexico, on December 15. Please continue to pray for his wife, Pat Hodge.
• The family of Doug & Susan Wilt, upon the death of their grandson, Colter Huff.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK
Homewood Residence at Deane Hill
401 Catherine McAuley Way (37919)
Jean Moore Room 5112
Ona Powers Room 5106
Charles Gaul Room 209

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS
Karen Thomas, Aaron Woods, ML, SL, Janice Blanton, JS, YS, ZJ, Tim Aker, Christopher Elledge, Kelly Warters, Anissa Haney, BH, BP, LL, NK, NM, SS, LL, Jeff Holder

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
HOSPITAL
Amber Edmondson, UT (back surgery today)
Shirley Hurst, NHC Farragut 333 - Joel Maples’ aunt

DISCHARGED
Gene Hale
Hilda Archer – Rhonda Ward’s mother
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
Emma Giese, mental health concerns – Becky Hudson’s granddaughter
Dr. H. S. Wallace, grieving loss of wife of 54 years and cancer has returned – Max Wallace’s father
Jodie Boyce, cancer diagnosis/treatment – friend of Beverly Shirak
Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope’s brother
Doris Derden, breast cancer - Jama Reischling’s mother L.C. Cutshaw, battling cancer - Betty Effler’s brother-in-law
Alic Miller, breast cancer - Bill Beeler’s sister

FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY
Hunter Holt, serving in Afghanistan - grandson of Jim & Caryl Dee Holt

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR
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