

# Life of the Church

## November 30

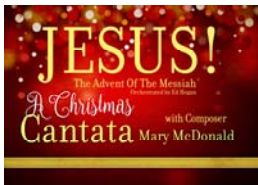


**Sunday, December 4, is the first Sunday of the month;**  
**we will receive our Community Care/Benevolence Offering,**  
**which allows us to meet the critical needs of those in our community.**

### JESUS! With Mary McDonald

*Sunday, December 4, 11 am*

Sunday we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with composer Mary McDonald on piano and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The Sanctuary choir has been preparing for months, and we are thrilled to present this amazing new Christmas musical during the 11 am worship hour.



### Missional Giving

Join us as we usher in the time of missional giving so we can work together in reaching those both far and near. As we enter December, it is good to remember this is the season when we receive the Lottie Moon Offering for the work of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and the Offering for Global Missions for the work of the missionaries of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. There are offering envelopes in the pew racks that will help you designate which of these two vital offerings you wish to support. We have valued mission partners serving through both organizations. May our missional giving empower the work of those who share Christ across the globe.

### Women on Mission (WOM)

*Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 10:30 am, Room 302*

December is the month we give special attention to International Missions. Please come to hear and learn more about missionaries that are telling the story of Jesus to people all around the world. Charlotte Damewood, our WMU Director, will be leading us for this informative program. Join in our celebration of the Week of Prayer for International Missions. We will have lunch (\$6) and a time of fellowship around the tables in Trentham Hall after the meeting. Please contact [mclayton@fbcknox.org](mailto:mclayton@fbcknox.org) by December 2 if you would like childcare during WOM.



### Senior Adult Christmas Lunch

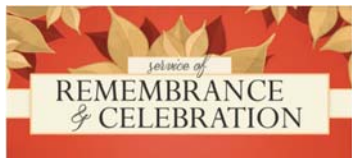
*Thursday, December 8, 11:30 am, Trentham Hall*

Senior Adults will celebrate Christmas together on Thursday, December 8, at 11:30 am in Trentham Hall. We'll have a Christmas meal and lots of Christmas fun. Be sure to join us.

### Service of Celebration and Remembrance

*December 11, 4 pm, Blue Room*

The holidays can sometimes be a difficult time for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. One way to help with that difficulty is to spend some time celebrating and remembering the life of the loved one lost. We will have a service to celebrate and remember our loved ones on Sunday, December 11, at 4 pm in the Blue Room. All are welcome to join us.



### University Winter Retreat

*Sunday, December 11 - Tuesday, December 13*

This year we continue our tradition of a Knoxville-based missional retreat for university students and college-aged young adults. Participants will spend three days serving around the church and in the city as well as celebrating the end of the semester. The cost is \$20 per participant. Find out more information and reserve your spot at [fbcknox.org/WinterRetreat](http://fbcknox.org/WinterRetreat).



### Christmas Day Service

*Sunday, December 25, 10:30 am, Sanctuary*

With Christmas Day on a Sunday this year, we'll be offering a different kind of worship opportunity for our church family. A pastry breakfast will be available in the Blue Room at 10 am. At 10:30 am we will gather in the Sanctuary for an informal, family-friendly worship experience bringing together all three of our worshipping communities (First Community, Deaf, and 11 am). There will be no child care and we will rebroadcast our Christmas Eve service in lieu of our regular worship broadcast that day to give our TV broadcast team and childcare workers a rare week off to be with their families for this special time of worship. Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on Sunday, January 1.

### Youth In-Home Retreat

*January 13-15, Forms & Payment Due December 18*

In-Home is our annual youth retreat in Knoxville, during which we stay in host homes provided by First Baptist members as well as spend time in Bible study and conversation about an important topic. This year's topic is how we can best be neighbors to those who are different from us, particularly that growing number among our neighbors in Knoxville who believe and worship differently than us. Forms are available at [fbcknox.org/youth/events](http://fbcknox.org/youth/events). Forms & \$40 fee are due December 18. **If you are willing to serve as a host home this year, contact Minister with Youth & Families Ben Winder at [bwinder@fbcknox.org](mailto:bwinder@fbcknox.org).**



## Save the Date

<b>December 4</b>	Jesus Christmas Cantata with Mary McDonald	<b>11 am</b>
<b>December 11</b>	Service of Remembrance	<b>4 pm</b>
<b>December 14</b>	The Bridge Christmas Lunch	<b>11:50 am</b>
<b>December 14</b>	Golden Notes Christmas Cantata	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>December 18</b>	Word Players—West of Bethlehem	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>5 pm</b>
<b>December 25</b>	Special Christmas Day Service	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>December 26-27</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>January 1</b>	Regular Sunday Schedule	

Prayer List – 12/1/2016

Church Family

Hospital

Sarah Reynolds – UT 456

Other Requests

Virginia Griffin, tests  
Jim Griffin, injections for severe lower back pain  
Howard Johnson, back pain  
Carla Farmer, stem cell eye procedure recovery  
Bob Davis  
Delores Carver, hospice care  
Joan Robertson, heath issues  
Mary Johnson, treatment  
Becky Hudson, debilitating back pain  
Bernice Bopp, severe pain and immobility from car accidents and small stroke  
Louise and Otha Winningham

Our church extends congratulations to:

Josh and Stephanie Schneider upon the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace. Proud big sister is Mary Margaret. Proud grandparents are Cliff and Pam Shirley.

Nursing Home of the Week  
Clarity Point 901 Concord Rd (37934)  
Nancy Siler: Room C-17

Friends and Families

Other Prayer Requests  
Week of November 28, 2016  
Jaquita Duncan, cancer diagnosis

Week of November 14, 2016  
Gary Duncan, lung cancer – TV viewer  
Rachel Buchheit, brain aneurysm - Becky Rowe’s former student

Serving in the Military  
Paul Kirby, US Navy – Donna Kirby’s son  
Dan Vandegriff, Navy Flight School – Carolyn Nelson’s nephew

Missions Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests from the Black Sea Ministries  
Political situation, terror incidents and regional instability  
Prayer Requests from Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Advocates for Internationals, Research Triangle, NC  
Mike Womble and Winter Park Baptist Church launching temporary house for refugees in Wilmington, NC. Pray for guidance as the Wyatts work with this needed refugee service.

Prayer for Missy Ward-Angalla in Uganda  
As she and her husband, Francis, are stateside pray for rest and focus. For strengthened relationships and support allowing them to return to Uganda with a strong system in place for Kingdom impact.

Frank and Sheri Moran, West Africa  
Pray for God to change the hearts of the people they are working with  
Pray for planted seeds to produce harvest

Weekly Operating Budget Need		October 2016	FY 2016/ 17 YTD
Weekly Operating Budget Need	\$35,130	Unified Expenses	\$143,945
Offering on November 27, 2016	\$16,390	Unified Receipts	\$156,914
		Offering	\$130,750
		Transfer from Designated	\$14,686
		Kitchen	\$4,878
		Parking Lot	\$6,600
		Estate Gifts	\$0
Budget Need, FYTD	\$772,860	Total Receipts	\$156,914
Offering Receipts, FYTD	\$572,079	Excess/Deficit	\$12,969
Excess (Deficit)	(\$200,781)		\$61,325

In Service - Week of November 27	Outreach Deacon: Gary Nunley	Attendance – November 27
First Community Greeters: Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams	TeleCare Ministry: Dianne Rairdon	Sunday School 266
Welcome Center Greeters: Anne Scrivner, Virginia Bounds		First Community 102
Preschool Extended Care: Myra Nunley, Amy Evans, Isabel Evans		11:00 am 289
TV Ministry Team: Paul Ivie, Pat Shope, Julia Stark, Elaine Rhodes, Charles Brooks, Tiffany Brooks, Seva Ball, John Heslop		Deaf 32
Hospital Ministry Team: Spencer Hudson, Emily Plemmons		Passage 8
New Member Ministry: Mark Palmer, Carol Linger		Worship Total 431
		
	Minister On Call (865) 546-9661 Press 9	Menus – December 7
		Bridge Breakfast for Lunch
		Wednesday Night Supper Petros, Baked Potatoes, Salad