

## Life of the Church December 6



### Year End Giving

It is the time of year when generosity takes center stage in our nation. Over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons, people will be looking to express their gratitude with generous giving. Your generous giving through our church by year-end will help us make a vital step toward meeting our budget. All gifts received in the church office before 5 pm on December 30 or postmarked December 31 or earlier will count toward your 2016 charitable giving deduction.

### Senior Adult Christmas Lunch

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

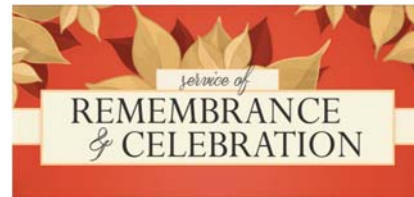
Senior Adults will celebrate Christmas together on Thursday, December 8, at 11:30 am in Trentham Hall. We'll have a Christmas meal and lots of Christmas fun. Be sure to join us.



### 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. You are invited to bring a favorite memory or story and a picture of your loved one to the service. 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).



### Go Sing it on the Mountain

Wednesday, December 14, 6pm, Sanctuary

For months, the outstanding musicians of the Golden Notes have been preparing *Go Sing it on the Mountain*, a fun-filled musical celebration of Jesus you won't want to miss! Come early at 5 pm for dinner, then head up to the sanctuary to enjoy this exciting and beautiful telling of the Christmas story at 6 pm.



### West of Bethlehem

Sunday, December 18, 6pm, Trentham Hall

First Baptist is honored to host the touring Cast of the Word Players in their production of *West of Bethlehem*, starring our own, Mark Palmer. The original script and music score were written by Knoxville native Ethan Norman. *West of Bethlehem* contrasts the shepherd as an idealized honored leader and the reality of their place of dirty drudgery in society. Set in the old west, this 40-minute one-act play will bring laughter as well as poignancy. This production is general admission with a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the First Baptist Drama Ministry. Doors open at 5:30 pm.



### 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 from 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 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	

**Weekly Operating Budget Need**

Weekly Operating Budget Need	\$35,130
Offering on December 4, 2016	\$55,384
Budget Need, FYTD	\$807,990
Offering Receipts, FYTD	\$627,463
Excess (Deficit)	<b>(\$180,527)</b>

**October 2016**      **FY 2016/17 YTD**

Unified Expenses	\$143,945	\$649,756
Unified Receipts	\$156,914	\$711,081
Offering	\$130,750	\$482,619
Transfer from Designated	\$14,686	\$41,323
Kitchen	\$4,878	\$14,121
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$26,400
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$146,618
Total Receipts	<u>\$156,914</u>	<u>\$711,081</u>
Excess/Deficit	\$12,969	\$61,325

**In Service - Week of December 11**

**First Community Greeters:**  
Nancy Roberts, Betty Chandler

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
Beth Nagel, Mary Nelle Robbins

**Preschool Extended Care:**  
Camille Jones, Liz Coffield,  
Jonathan Coffield

**TV Ministry Team:**  
Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley,  
Betty Vawter, Vince Vawter,  
Peyton Johnson, Reba Green,  
Seva Ball, John Heslop

**Hospital Ministry Team:**  
Pam & Cliff Shirley

**New Member Ministry:**  
Spencer Hudson, Julia Ann Sink

**Outreach Deacon:**

Susan Higdon

**TeleCare Ministry:**

Susan Higdon



**Minister On Call**  
**(865) 546-9661**  
**Press 9**

**Attendance – December 4**

Sunday School	341
First Community	64
11:00 am	523
Deaf	27
Passage	9
Worship Total	623

**Menus – December 14**

**Bridge**  
Ham, Chicken & Rice, Scalloped  
Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
Roast, Carrots, Potatoes, Salad

**PRAYER LIST**

**Prayer List – 12/7/2016**  
**Church Family**

**Hospital**

Elizabeth Permenter Dryburgh – Physicians  
Regional 477

**Discharged**

Sarah Reynolds

**In Memoriam**

Maxine Masingill  
August 1, 1928 – November 29, 2016  
Date Joined: July 23, 1961

**Other Requests**

Virginia Griffin, hospice care  
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, health 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:**

Scott and Joy Claybrook upon the birth of their son,  
Griffin “Griff” Kayser Claybrook.

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.

**Our church extends sympathies to:**

Mona Wylie and family upon the death of her sister,  
Claudine Davis

**Nursing Home of the Week**

**Clarity Point 901 Concord Rd (37934)**  
Nancy Siler: Room C-17

**Friends and Families**

**Other Prayer Requests**

**Week of December 5, 2016**

Rita England, successful brain surgery – Carol  
McEntyer’s mother  
Hannah Zapata, brain tumor – Sandy Hope’s  
cousin

**Week of November 28, 2016**

Jaquita Duncan, cancer diagnosis

**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 Request for school in Puerto Rico**  
**Final step in 4 step process in getting**  
**school licensed by Department of**  
**Education on December 19th**

**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