

## Life of the Church December 21



### 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.

### Missional Giving

December is the month 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 rack that will help you designate which of these two vital offerings you wish to support. We have valued mission partners serving through both organizations. Through December 18 our giving numbers are: \$5,860.50 for Lottie Moon and \$3,482 for the CBF Offering for Global Missions. You have also given \$8,475 for response efforts in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. May our missional giving empower the work of those who share Christ across the globe and help us touch the lives of our neighbors.

### Christmas Eve Service

*Saturday, December 24, 5 pm, Sanctuary*

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. The Christmas hymns and traditional candlelight guide us into a celebration of the coming of the Christ child. Child care is available for children three and under by reservation to Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) by Friday, December 23.



### Christmas Day Fellowship & Worship

*Sunday, December 25; Fellowship, 10 am, Blue Room & Worship, 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 child care 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.

### Wednesday Evening Schedule

There will be no Wednesday evening dinner, Adult Bible Study, youth or children activities Wednesday, December 21, December 28, and January 4. Regular Wednesday evening schedule resumes Wednesday, January 11.

### New Year's Day—Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

*Sunday, January 1*

New Year's Day is on a Sunday, and we do not want to miss the opportunity to begin our year in worship and Bible study together. We will honor our traditional Sunday schedule with all three worship services and Sunday school at their regular times. We will also share in the Lord's Supper together in both the First Community and the 11 am services. Come and join us as we ring in the New Year together.

### Family Promise at First Baptist

*January 1 - 8, Mezzanine*

Beginning January 1, we are hosting families from Family Promise for one week. Family Promise, one of our mission partners, is a ministry which provides temporary housing for homeless families by allowing them to stay in the buildings of participating congregations. If you want to learn more about how you can assist us as we host these families by staying overnight, providing a meal, or serving in another way, please contact Jim Plemmons at [jimilyp@comcast.net](mailto:jimilyp@comcast.net).



### Women On Mission (WOM)

*No meeting until February 7, 2017*

As we begin 2017, we welcome you to Women On Mission. We will not meet January 3, 2017. 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 7, 2017, and hope you will make plans to join us as we continue to learn more about missions and how we can be involved in the mission work of our church.




## Save the Date

<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>5 pm</b>
<b>December 25</b>	Christmas Day Worship Service	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>December 26-27</b>	Church Office Closed	
<b>January 1</b>	Regular Sunday Schedule	
<b>January 2</b>	Church Office Closed	

<u>Weekly Operating Budget Need</u>	
Weekly Operating Budget Need	\$35,130
Offering on December 18, 2016	\$49,778
Budget Need, FYTD	\$878,250
Offering Receipts, FYTD	\$716,029
Excess (Deficit)	(\$162,221)

	<u>November 2016</u>	<u>FY 2016/ 17 YTD</u>
Unified Expenses	\$157,386	\$807,142
Unified Receipts	\$116,883	\$827,964
Offering	\$101,054	\$583,673
Transfer from Designated	\$4,679	\$46,002
Kitchen	\$4,549	\$18,670
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$33,000
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$146,618
Total Receipts	<u>\$116,883</u>	<u>\$827,964</u>
Excess/Deficit	(\$40,503)	\$20,821

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<b>In Service - Week of December 25</b>	<b>Outreach Deacon:</b> Bill Christenberry	<b>Attendance – December 18</b>
<b>Greeters:</b> Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson	<b>TeleCare Ministry:</b> Becky Hudson	Sunday School 299 First Community 78 11:00 am 353 Deaf 33 Passage 12 Worship Total 476
<b>Preschool Extended Care:</b> Merry Christmas! No Extended Care		-----
<b>TV Ministry Team:</b> Merry Christmas! No TV Ministry		
<b>Hospital Ministry Team:</b> Sharon & Steve Bowman		
<b>New Member Ministry:</b> Jama Mosher, Lacy Wallace	<b>Minister On Call</b> <b>(865) 546-9661</b> <b>Press 9</b>	<b>Menus – December 28</b>  <b>Due to the Holidays there are no meals scheduled.</b>

PRAYER LIST

<b>Prayer List – 12/20/2016</b>
<b>Church Family</b>
<b>Hospital</b> Abby Weigel, Children's 204
<b>Discharged</b> Lorraine Coffey Elizabeth Dryburgh Gary Norvell Monroe Wynn (deaf)
<b>In Memoriam</b> Virginia Griffin March 1, 1944 – December 19, 2016 Date Joined: July 13, 1975
 Maxine Masingill August 1, 1928 – November 29, 2016 Date Joined: July 23, 1961
<b>Other Requests</b> 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
<b>Our church extends congratulations to:</b> Paul and Gail Ivie up on the birth of their granddaughter, Ivy Layla Maa. Proud parents are Ted Maa and Kristin Ivie.
<b>Nursing Home of the Week</b> <u>Clarity Point 901 Concord Rd (37934)</u> Nancy Siler: Room C-17

<b>Friends and Families</b>
<b>Other Prayer Requests</b> <b>Weed of December 12, 2016</b> Willia Dean Johnson, hip surgery recovery – Mike Johnson's mother Cotton Kelly - Stephanie Dunn's father <b>Week of December 5, 2016</b> Michael Cutshall, (deaf) diabetes issues – UT 1208 Margaret Winsauer, acute leukemia in Miama – John's sister Rita England, stage four brain cancer – Carol McEntyre's mother Hannah Zapata, brain tumor – Sandy Hope's cousin
<b>Serving in the Military</b> Paul Kirby, US Navy – Donna Kirby's son Dan Vandegriff, Navy Flight School – Carolyn Nelson's nephew
<b>Missions Prayer Requests</b>
<b>Prayer Request for school in Puerto Rico</b> <b>Final step in 4 step process in getting school licensed by Department of Education on December 19th</b> <b>Prayer Requests from the Black Sea Ministries</b> Political situation, terror incidents and regional instability <b>Prayer Requests from Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Advocates for Internationals, Research Triangle, NC</b> 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. <b>Prayer for Missy Ward-Angalla in Uganda</b> 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. <b>Frank and Sheri Moran, West Africa</b> Pray for God to change the hearts of the people they are working with Pray for planted seeds to produce harvest