



First Baptist News



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGEBURG SC
Building a community of faith that glorifies God
and reflects Jesus Christ

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**Christmas Shoeboxes
Collection Totals:
154 (FBCO)
867 (Community)
1,021 GRAND TOTAL**
*Many thanks to all who
participated!*

The Advent Season at First Baptist Church

December 1 - The First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

Hanging of the Greens, Combined Worship Service, 11:00am

December 7 - Cookies with Santa!

Family Life Center, 10:30am - 12:00pm

December 8 - The Second Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Combined Worship Service, 11:00am

Deacon & Trustee Banquet

Family Life Center, 6:00pm

December 11 - Children and Youth in Concert

*Sanctuary, 6:00pm
(last Family Night Supper)*

December 15 - The Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

*Chancel Choir Concert
Combined Worship Service, 11:00am*

December 18 - Church Wide Caroling

All carolers will meet at the FLC at 5:00pm for dinner.

Groups will depart for caroling at these locations:

*Youth & adults, The Oaks
1st - 5th grades & families, Morningside
4s & 5s & families, Longwood*

December 22 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent - PEACE

Combined Worship Service, 11:00am

Youth Progressive Dinner

Meet at the Family Life Center at 5:45pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve - CHRIST

*Candlelight Service
Sanctuary, 6:00pm*

*Note: Normal Sunday worship schedule resumes on Sun., December 29,
with services at 8:45am & 11:00am*

Wednesday night programs will resume on Wed., January 8

FLC News...

FBCO Upward Basketball League [5K - 6th Grade Boys & Girls]

Registration has closed for the 2019-2020 basketball league at the FLC.

- 1st Practice: Mon., Dec. 2, 2019
- 1st Game: Sat., Jan. 11, 2020
- [NO games on Sat., Jan. 18, 2020 (Holiday Wknd)]
- Awards Celebration: Sat., Feb. 22, 2020

For More Info. Contact:

Zeke Stephenson: zeke@fbcorangeburg.org or
Angie Carr: fic@fbcorangeburg.org

A Special Thank You...

The five beautiful Christmas trees that adorn Bryant Hall this holiday season have been given in memory of Karen Williams by her son & his family.

Blessings to:

Charlie, Blake, Cholly, Marshall, & Lilly Williams

Weekend Staff Member On Call

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 **Dec. 7-8**
Rev. Anna Kate Stephenson Rev. Ryan Tucker
C) 205-542-9839 C) 803-707-2132

Dec. 14-15 **Dec. 21-22**
Rev. Jane Williams Rev. Jerry French
C) 803-747-1221 C) 803-603-2642

Dec. 28-29
Rev. Zeke Stephenson
C) 828-305-2183

As always, the minister may be reached at the church office (803-536-1545) during business hours.

Church News...

A Note of Thanks...

The family of Harry Dunning would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, love, kindness, & encouragement that has been bestowed upon us during this time of bereavement. Thank you!

Dorothy & Juanita Dunning

CHRISMON ORNAMENTS

Volunteers are needed to make & decorate Chrismon ornaments for our Chrismon tree for 2020. If interested, please contact Gloria Garrison 534-4528 or email: dgarrison8@sc.rr.com. A brief meeting will be held early December to explain the process & needed supplies to be purchased. Classes on instruction of making & decorating the ornaments will be held after the Christmas holidays. Help add to our beautiful Chrismon tree & understand the meaning & significance of each ornament.

WEDNESDAY Suppers

Call in your Wednesday night supper reservation(s).

Reservations must be called in by 10 am each Monday!!

Adults (age 12 & up): \$6;

Family Night Supper
Reservation Line #:
803-531-4138

if you have standing reservations & are **NOT** going to be able to make it please call & let us know.

FN\$ Menu

Wed., Dec. 4
Lasagna
Wed., Dec. 11
Baked Ham
Wed., Dec. 18
NO FNS Caroling
Wed., Dec. 25
NO FNS
Christmas Break

Upcoming Calendar Events...

Sun. Dec. 1

First Sunday of Advent - HOPE
Hanging of the Greens
1 combined Worship Service @ 11am

CM Family Lunch & Missions Activity
after 11am worship in Davis Hall

SM Sun. Night Activities

Youth Choir @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm, FLC
Youth Group @ 6:00pm - 7:15pm, FLC

Tues. Dec. 3

Golden Singers Perform
11:00am @ Calhoun Conv. van leaves @ 10:15am

Wed. Dec. 4

Wednesday Night Activities
5:00pm, Family Night Supper
6:00pm, Prayer Mtg. CM & Praise Team
7:00pm, Chancel Choir

SM Wed. Night Activities

5:30pm - 7:15pm, FLC

Thurs. Dec. 5

Couples S.S. Class Christmas Social-
12pm, FLC

SM Middle School 1st Thursday
Dinner Out Event

5:30pm meet @ FLC {bring \$ for dinner}

Sat. Dec. 7

CM Cookies w/ Santa!
10:30am - 12:00pm - Bryant Hall, FLC

Sun. Dec. 8

Second Sunday of Advent - LOVE
1 combined Worship Service @ 11am
Deacon & Trustee Banquet
6:00pm, FLC

NO SM Sun. Night Activities

Mon. Dec. 9

WEM Prayer Grp - 4pm-A&C Rm, FLC

Tues. Dec. 10

Golden Singers Perform
11:00am @ Morningside van leaves @ 10:45am
TLC S.S. Class Christmas Social- 6pm, FLC

Wed. Dec. 11

Wednesday Night Activities
****Last FNS of the 2019 Year****

CM & Youth Choir Concert
6:00pm, Sanctuary

NO SM Wed. Night Activities

Youth Concert @ downtown campus

Thurs. Dec. 12

SM High School 3rd Thursday Event
5:30pm meet @ FLC
{**note, day change for JUST for Dec.**
other details TBA}

Sun. Dec. 15

Third Sunday of Advent - JOY
Chancel Choir Concert
1 combined Worship Service @ 11am

CM Birthday Celebration
during S.S. hour/ Tea Time, Pre-School Hall
1st Floor, Educ. Bldg.

CM Christmas Party!
4:00pm - 6:00pm, FLC

SM Sun. Night Activities

Harris Marshall S.S. Class
Christmas Social- 5pm, FLC

Tues. Dec. 17

Golden Singers Perform
11:00am @ Magnolia in Santee
van leaves @ 10:15am

Wed. Dec. 18

Churchwide Caroling
5:00pm, FLC

[meet @ FLC for dinner & then will
break up into groups to go caroling...
NO charge for dinner... other details TBA]
NO Wed. activities: {FNS, Prayer Mtg, CM,
SM, Praise Team, & Chancel Choir Rehearsals}

Sun. Dec. 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent - PEACE
1 combined Worship Service @ 11am
SM Christmas Party Progressive Dinner
5:45pm meet @ FLC

Tues. Dec. 24

Church Office & FLC will **CLOSE**
@ 12:00pm, NOON

Golden Singers resumes in Jan. 2020

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service &
Lord's Supper - CHRIST
6:00pm, Sanctuary

Wed. Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Church Office & FLC **CLOSED**

NO Wednesday Night Activities
**** CHRISTMAS BREAK ****

NO activities: {FNS, Prayer Mtg, CM, SM,
Praise Team, & Chancel Choir Rehearsals}

Thurs. Dec. 26

Church Office & FLC **CLOSED**
Soup Kitchen will be **Closed!**

Sun. Dec. 29

SM Sun. Night Activities

Children's Ministry News...

"We've have had a great end of October and start to November in the life of our Children's Ministry! Fall Festival was a blast for everyone! Thanks to all our volunteers who brought candy and worked the stations. Our 1st - 5th graders have been working hard with Mrs. Fran preparing for the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00pm. They have also been learning about *Operation Christmas Child* and have helped pack shoe boxes with Mrs. Mary. Our families went bowling and had a blast at Quaker Steak & Lube! We are looking forward to a busy, but heart filling Advent season."



Here are a few additional special CM dates to put on your calendar!

- 12.01 - First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Greens (children will play an important role, please be here!)
 - Family Lunch & Missions (after 11am Worship), Davis Hall
- 12.02 - Deadline to register for the CM Mountain Getaway trip in February 2020 !
Deposit of \$230 is required to reserve your family's spot. . .
- 12.07 - Cookies w/ Santa! 10:30am - 12:00pm, Bryant Hall, FLC (bring some cookies, help decorate, & take them out to our homebound members! All while enjoying the company of Santa Claus!)
- 12.11 - Children's & Youth Christmas Concert! 6:00pm, Sanctuary {Last FNS of 2019}
- 12.15 - Birthday Celebration (during S.S. hr/ Tea Time), Pre-School Hall (1st Floor), Educ. Bldg.
- CM Christmas Party! 4:00pm - 6:00pm @ FLC (parents do not have to stay, dinner will be served, crafts, games, karaoke, & fun!)
- 12.18 - Churchwide Caroling & dinner meet @ 5:00pm @ FLC
- 12.24 - Christmas Eve & Candlelight Service w/ Lord's Supper 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- 12.25 - NO Wed. Night Activities, because of the Christmas holiday {MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!} will resume on Wed., Jan. 8, 2020



Church News: Continue...



Christmas Cards
This Christmas season, please take a minute to remember our FBCO resident & non-resident members that are Homebound & in Nursing Care Facilities with a card, call, or visit. They will be blessed & you will be as well.

Michael Crawford
155 Scoville Street NW
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Tony Drawdy
1385 Gue Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Carolyn Farr
1475 Sunset Street NE
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Eudell Gray
3141 Market Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Elinor Leedecke
303 Egret Lane
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Carmen Platt
2354 Northview Drive
2a Condo
Orangeburg, SC 29118

**Nursing Facility
Non-Resident Members**
Golden Pond Community
406 Lakeview Rd. Apt. 1
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Gloria Furches / Apt 1

Carroll Campbell Place
802 Cherokee Road
Lexington, SC 29072
Margree Love

Ranson Ridge Asst. Living
13910 Hunton Lane
Huntersville, NC 28078
Pauline Richardson / Rm 200

Veteran's Victory House
2461 Sidney Road
Walterboro, SC 29488
Tom Harrison

Education Ministry News...



The Christmas 2019 Advent Devotionals are available & located on the information tables & in the vestibule. Please take 1 per family unit.

Student Ministry News...

MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST THURSDAY EVENT
Thurs., Dec. 5 meet @ FLC @ 5:30pm
(bring \$ money \$ for dinner)

HIGH SCHOOL 3RD THURSDAY EVENT
Thurs., Dec. 12 meet @ FLC @ 5:30pm
(details to be announced) **2ND Thurs. for Dec.**

SM Christmas Party & Progressive Dinner
Sun., Dec. 22 meet @ FLC @ 5:45pm
(other details to be announced)

****Please bring a White Elephant gift that does not exceed \$15****

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Youth Group @ 5:30pm - 7:15pm, FLC
Dinner, Bible Study, & Fellowship

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Youth Choir @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm, FLC
Youth Group @ 6:00pm - 7:15pm, FLC
Dinner, Bible Study/ Activities, & Fellowship

FBCO YOUTH FAMILY

SKI TRIP

Winterplace, WV
MARCH 6-8, 2020
\$185 PER PERSON

\$185 pp Cost: includes transportation cost, room & board, ski/ snowboard rentals, lift ticket, & 2 meal vouchers.

There are 40 spots available, so this will be on a 1st come, 1st serve basis.

Families are invited to take part on this trip!
Deadline to register & pay is December 29, 2019!

Nursing Facility Resident Members

Calhoun Convalescent Cntr
601 Dantzler St
St Matthews 29135
803-655-7101

Helen Smoak

Jolley Acres HealthCare
1180 Wolfe Trail 29115
803-534-1001

Geneva Dean / Rm 309A
Cynthia Smoak / Rm 303B

Longwood Plantation
1687 Longwood Rd. 29118
803-535-0250

Evelyn Antley
Elizabeth Yarborough / Rm 19

Morningside
2306 Riverbank Dr. 29118
803-539-2911

Dot Bethune / Rm 102
Mary McCarter / Rm 140
Deanna Shippey
Eris Wannamaker / Rm 126

Riverside Rehab & Healthcare Cntr
(formerly Laurel Baye Healthcare)
575 Stonewall Jackson Blvd. 29115
803-534-7771
Frances Inabinet/West Wing Rm 23

The Oaks
P.O. Box 9005 29116-9005
803-534-1212
Mary Felkel, Nell Fogle,
Barbara Mitchum, Mary Reese,
Lynnette Rhoad

**Non-Resident
Homebound**
Edith Dawkins
1908 Davant Circle
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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**Welcome New Members!****Addison Brooke Barr**

112 Retreat Lane Orangeburg, SC 29118

Addison Brooke Barr joined FBCO on Sun., November 3, 2019. She plans to be baptized at a later date (TBA). Addison is 13 years old & in the 8th grade @ OCA. She is the daughter of Glenn & Shelley Barr & big sister of Ashlyn & Abigail. Addison helps with the extended care nursery on Sundays.

Dr. Brian T. & Elizabeth "Grace" Kirkland

1975 Middleton Street Orangeburg, SC 29115

Dr. Brian T. & Elizabeth "Grace" Kirkland joined FBCO on Sun., November 10, 2019 from King's Cross Church of Charleston, SC. Brian is a dentist in St. Matthews in practice with Dr. Lake. Grace works from home. Both Brian & Grace are members of the Beacon's Sunday School Class.

Donald "Kyle" & Nikki Rutland Williams

1153 Moore Road Orangeburg, SC 29118

Donald "Kyle" & Nikki Rutland Williams joined FBCO on Sun., Nov. 10, 2019 from Cameron Baptist Church of Cameron, SC. Kyle originally was baptized @ FBCO back in 1996 & moved his membership for a brief time shortly after getting married (welcome back). Kyle & Nikki are both members of the Beacon's S.S. Class. They have two children: a daughter, Mills Elizabeth Williams (3 yrs old), & a son, Bates Hampton Williams, (9 months old). Bates was just dedicated on Sun., Nov. 17.

Welcome everyone to First Baptist Church!

We are so excited to have each of you to be a part of our church family

Gifts Received In Memory Of...

Betty Jane Crider Black: Freddy & Dianne Lee, Shirley Maddox

"Bob" Bobby Larouse Garrick: Freddy & Dianne Lee

Melcie M. Metts, Jr.: Freddy & Dianne Lee

Janiece Collins Sanford: Shirley Maddox

Rev. & Mrs. E. Lloyd Till: Rev. David & Dr. Sharon White, III



**Poinsettias
may be
picked up
after the
Christmas Eve
Worship Service**

**Gifts Received In Honor Of...**

Angie Carr, Ed Hinshaw, Harold Mims, & Clarence Myers: Dr. Bert & Jeanne Gué

From the FBCO Staff

Merry Christmas

The Record Speaks

Date:	10/27/19	11/03/19	11/10/19	11/17/19
SS Attendance:	159	202	190	198
Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 23,691.12	\$ 23,691.12	\$ 23,691.12	\$ 23,691.12
Weekly Budget Received:	\$ 20,220.00	\$ 27,598.00	\$ 19,996.80	\$ 15,128.25
Building Fund Gifts YTD:	\$ 10,460.00	\$ 10,615.00	\$ 10,740.00	\$ 10,895.00
Global Missions Goal:	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Global Mission Received:	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,279.00
Capital Campaign Goal:	\$ 1,950,000.00	\$ 1,950,000.00	\$ 1,950,000.00	\$ 1,950,000.00
CC Rec'd & Outstanding Pledges:	\$ 1,364,425.25	\$ 1,364,575.25	\$ 1,364,575.25	\$ 1,364,695.25
Capital Campaign Gifts Rec'd:	\$ 1,109,178.89	\$ 1,110,688.89	\$ 1,111,348.89	\$ 1,112,788.89
Designated Gifts:	\$ 252.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 895.00
Year to Date Received:	\$ 991,134.33	\$ 1,018,732.33	\$ 1,038,729.21	\$ 1,053,857.46
Year to Date Expended:	\$ 896,397.66	\$ 927,581.02	\$ 965,155.21	\$ 973,395.94
Year to Date Balance:	\$ 94,736.67	\$ 91,151.31	\$ 73,574.00	\$ 80,461.52

STEWARDSHIP'S CORNER:

The envelope company made an error in printing our envelopes for Nov. 2019 - Jan. 2020. Please be sure when you use these envelopes that you mark them, so we know how to disburse your funds. They have corrected the error & your envelopes for February 2020 will have the correct information.

Holiday Hours

Church Office & FLC
will be **CLOSED**
Tues., Dec. 24 @ Noon;
Wed., Dec. 25; &
Thurs., Dec. 26
for Christmas
& Wed., Jan. 1
for New Year's Day!



The **Angel Tree** is a meaningful & compassionate ministry of FBC. The gifts from this ministry will be used to minister to children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. We ask that you follow the following steps if you desire to participate in this ministry of Sharing the Joy of Christ:

- Remove one of the paper angels from the tree.
- Find the number by the child's name in the ledger book by the tree & record your name.
- Because your gift may be the only one that child receives, we are asking that it have a value of \$15 or more if God has so blessed you.
- Return the wrapped gift to the tree with the paper angel taped securely to the package **by NOON Wednesday, December 11.**

Our **Angel Tree** is located outside of Davis Hall. Thank you in advance for your gifts and prayers!

*Thank you for your donations to
Capital Campaign.
Please be sure you label your gifts as
~ Capital Campaign ~
when filling out your envelope.*

FBC - Newly Elected Deacons & Trustees...

Deacons: Cynthia Blanchard,
Kathy Hardison, Marty Journey,
Darryl Kennerly, Ryan Phillips, Lori Salley,
Jennifer Smith, Xennie Weeks
Trustees: Ray Hartzog, Mike Pooser,
Chip Summers
Those elected will begin serving Jan. 2020

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