

Dec 10	Building & Grounds
Dec 11	Prayer Walk @ 5:00 CHS
Dec 12	Prayer Walk @ FBC 5:00
	Children's Choirs Music @ 6:45
Dec 14	Youth Dinner Theater
Dec 16	Chancel Choir Music
	Children's Christmas Party @ 3:00
	Caroling & Soup Supper @ 4:00
Dec 18	Children's Kindergarten Presentation @ 7:00 pm
Dec 19	Candlelight Service 6:45

Nov 28 Fried Chicken, Brown Rice, Green Beans

Dec 5 To Be Announced



In response to several requests, we will again sponsor a workshop to make **Christmas Light Balls** on Sunday, **December 2, at 2:00 pm**. The cost is \$10 and includes supplies to make one light ball. All you need to bring is needle nose pliers---and work gloves to protect your hands if you like. Registration for the workshop must be made by Wednesday, November 28 so supplies can be purchased (you can select white or multicolored lights). Registration forms are available in the library, the church office, and Sunday School class notebooks. If paying by check, make it payable to FBC Library Fund. Questions? Call Sylvia Strange at 377-3841.

#### Joys of Thanksgiving With the Sounds of Christmas

We have the privilege of hosting our Joys of Thanksgiving with the Sounds of Christmas Community Worship Service on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 6:30 PM. During this time of worship we will give thanks for the blessings that the Lord has given to us as we prepare for the Christmas season. There will be choirs from various churches and scripture reading that will help us to worship the Lord together. Plan to be here as we gather with Christians from across our community to give God thanks and to look toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who binds all Christians together. It is good to gather with our brothers and sisters from other churches as we all work together to be share the love of Jesus in this community.



#### Nativity Scene Set-up

The men of the church will meet on Sunday afternoon November 25, 2018, at 3:00 PM to set up the nativity scene on the front lawn of the church. All are invited to come and help with this annual project.

The **Annual Children's Christmas Party**, for children through grade 6, will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 in the Social Hall. Children are asked to call the church office to sign up. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child your age to help make a needy child's Christmas brighter.



Christmas Party

#### Tithes & Offerings November 11

Worship Service	180
Sunday School Attendance	109
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	7,630.51
Security	100.00
Music	75.00
Hand Bell	25.00
Flower Fund	46.00
Thanksgiving Offering	25.00
Total	7,901.51

#### Memorials

Doris Whitesides	George Whitesides
Louise Faulk	Holt Earnheart
Scotty Earnheart	Reba Hoopagh

#### Honorariums

#### November 18

Worship Service	206
Sunday School Attendance	118
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	7,103.01
Thanksgiving Offering	215.00
Youth Special	225.00
Total	7,543.01

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#### New Deacons

Five individuals were chosen to serve as deacons for the next four years. The new deacons are Phil Hard-ee, Adam Shannon, Doug Shannon, Kerry Stowe, and Jody Thomas. Thank you to these and all those who agreed to serve as deacons. Pray for these individuals as they prepare to begin their service as deacons in January.

#### Nursery and Children Volunteers Meeting

There will be an important meeting of all nursery and preschool teachers and volunteers on **Sunday, December 9, at 2:30 PM** in the chapel. We will discuss changes in policies and procedure for these areas. Please try to be present as we seek to provide opportunities for children to learn and experience a peaceful and loving Christian environment.



We had a great time delivering meals to our shut-ins yesterday as part of our churchwide Thanksgiving celebration. We delivered 20 meals to 13 different locations, and couldn't have done it without our volunteer drivers and cooks! Thanks Kerry and Amy Stowe, Kristi and Jody Thomas, Judi Edwards, Missy Hartis, Clay Waldrip and Michael Wade!! You all rock!!

Our youth choir is busy preparing a Christmas musical called "Code Red: An E.R. Christmas". It will be presented as a dinner theater on Friday, December 14th. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, November 25th in the church office. The last day to buy tickets is Sunday, December 9th. We hope you will join us for some good laughs, some great food, and a reminder of what Christmas is all about.

Just a reminder: There will be no activities at church this Wednesday, November 21st, and no afternoon/evening youth activities on Sunday, November 25th.

Have a great Thanksgiving! -David



#### Candlelight Service

The annual Candlelight Service and Christmas Pageant is one of the most meaningful services our church family experiences during the Christmas season. The story of Christ's birth is portrayed through scripture, music, and the children's pageant. This worship opportunity will take place on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:45 PM in the sanctuary.

**Children who wish to participate in the pageant should meet in the Children's Activity Room at 5:00 PM to practice.** There will be **no school pickups** and no children's choirs on that date. We will give the children participating in the pageant pizza for supper.

Bring your family and friends as we join together to celebrate the coming of light and hope into the world through the birth of our Savior.

#### Children's Choirs Christmas Music

The Children will present their Christmas Music, "Sing a Song of Christmas," on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:45 PM. Please come out and support the children as they share the story of Christmas through music.



When we talk with our daughter Rebecca on the phone, she usually puts us on speaker so that our granddaughters can hear us. Our oldest granddaughter Ellie usually has something that she wants to tell us. She gets excited and has so much that she wants to say. The problem for us is that we have a hard time understanding exactly what a three year old is saying when we are hearing it over the phone. And so Rebecca has to translate what Ellie is saying for us to be able to understand what she is telling us. We may understand a few words but Rebecca usually has to help us know what she is saying.

As people of faith we have a language that we who have been in church for a long time like to use. There are words like salvation and redemption and grace and trinity and many other words that we use. When we talk with people who have not been around the church, often the words that we use do not hold much meaning. We have to be able to translate our religious jargon into words that people understand. As we share our faith with others, let's make sure that we talk about God in language people can understand.

And one of the most important ways that we help people understand what it means to follow the Lord is by living in a way that people can see and experience God's love. When we show love to others, it helps them to see God's love. When we model forgiveness, it will help them to see God forgiveness. When we are willing to help others unconditionally, it will help people to understand God's grace.

We have the greatest news in all the world. Let us share it in ways and with words that people can understand. With whom do you need to share the gospel?

#### Youth Choir



#### Youth Choir Dinner

The Youth Choir will present a Christmas Musical, "Code Red" on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Code Red is described as "an unpredictable and unforgettable collision of humor and truth that delivers a strong evangelistic message to young and old alike. The storyline follows a group of teens who spend a night in the emergency room trying to see a friend who has just had an accident. Their venturesome and crazy experiences in the E.R. take a serious turn when they realize that they have been more concerned about their friend's physical health than her spiritual condition." Come out and support the Youth Choir as they share the meaning of Christmas through music and drama. The cost of the tickets are \$8.00 and will be available on Sundays and Wednesdays and in the church office beginning Sunday, November 25. The last day to buy tickets is Sunday, December 9.