


**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**



The Moor Family
*(Bill, Stacie &
Christopher)*
October 22, 2023

Cooper Academy Student Christmas Gifts

The Frances Carroll WMU group has partnered with Cooper Academy again this year to provide Christmas gifts to students in need as a mission focus. This will look the same as the last few years. Rather than have a "Christmas for Cooper" tree, wish list items from Cooper students are linked [here](#). Please use [this link](#) to sign up to purchase items for these families. We will be collecting the gifts in a variety of ways again this year. You can: Place unwrapped gift(s) in the box outside the church office, Ship gifts to Lauren Rasor (745 Maggie Way, Wendell, NC 27591), or we can arrange a pick up of your items no later than Saturday, December 9. *You can also donate towards a larger item or make a donation towards unpurchased gifts with an online contribution. Please mark donations:*

 **COOPER TREE.** We need all gifts no later than **Sunday, December 10**, in order to get them to Cooper the following week before students leave for holiday break. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lauren Rasor (919-796-6197) or Audrey Harrell (919-673-0965). It's likely to be another season of high need for our community, and we appreciate your continued support of this project! Thank you for helping us **SHOW** God's love.

2023 WEEKLY REPORTS

New Members This Year: 11

Baptisms: 4

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday

Worship – 166
Sunday School – 125

October 22

Worship – 160
Sunday School – 167

GENERAL FUND

Giving Last Sunday ... \$ 18,382
Weekly Needs...\$ 11,961

Giving to Date...\$ 632,566
Expenses to Date...\$ 515,995

Surplus..... \$ 116,571

DO YOU NEED HELP RAKING LEAVES????

Do you need help raking leaves or know of a Homebound or Senior Church Member that does? The Challengers, a group of Youth guys on a mission for our Church Families would like to help! The Challengers are planning to be out on Sunday afternoon, November 19th to do just that!! Contact Melissa Long by text or phone at 919-201-7502 and she will get a time that works for you. We look forward to hearing from you!!!



SERVE THE NEED

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd

A Thanksgiving Community Meal will be served from 11 am-2 pm in the main hall of Clayton Civitan Club and from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church Clayton. Volunteers are needed to help serve at First Baptist Church. If you are willing to help, please call the church office and let Terry know. Volunteers are asked to be at the church by 4:45 pm. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and love to others.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

LIVE NATIVITY

***Thursday, November 30th
5:00-7:30 pm***

First Baptist Church is excited to once again provide a LIVE NATIVITY for the Downtown Clayton Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Thursday evening, November 30th from 5:00 -7:30 pm across from the Yellow House on Main Street. There are opportunities for families to participate with their children, as well as for individuals and couples to portray characters. There are also opportunities to help with costumes, set-up, serve hot chocolate and invite people to our Christmas services. If you are interested in being a part, please contact Terry McCallum in the church office or Gwen Canady, to put your name on the list.

October Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of

Frank Price by Joe & Linda Hester
Frank Price by Bucky Coats
Belle Allen by Linda P. Lassiter
Ron Hagwood by Jim & Judy Nappier
Frank Price by Gloria & Andy Pleasant
Frank Price by Jiles & Kim Harrell
Ron Hagwood by Jo & Emory Howard
Percy Lee by Bucky Coats
Harry Ketner by Ricky & Elizabeth Waddell
Harry Ketner by Elaine & Curtis Moore
Harry Ketner by David & Pam Outlaw
Harry Ketner by Bucky Coats
Harry Ketner by Stephen & Paula Medlin
Harry Ketner by Linda & Joe Hester
Ron Hagwood by Andy & Gloria Pleasant
Percy Lee by Andy & Gloria Pleasant
Harry Ketner by Andy & Gloria Pleasant
Bill Brooks, III by Frank Gunter
Joe Capps by Jocky & Kit Creasy
Ernest Blackley by Jocky & Kit Creasy
Duba Coats by Jocky & Kit Creasy
Harry Ketner by Durwood Hatcher & Peggy Morgan
Harry Ketner by Donna Brown
Percy Lee by Gerald & Glenda Toler
Harry Ketner by Lexene Lee
Frank Price by Jo & David Earp
Harry Ketner by Jo & David Earp
Percy Lee by Jo & David Earp
Percy Lee by Billy Parrish
Harry Ketner by Carol Gilbert
Percy Lee by Carol Gilbert

In Honor of

Judy Coats' Birthday by Brad & Samantha Coats
Lexene Lee & The Homebound Team by Randolph & Pat Tart

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST MISSIONS FUND

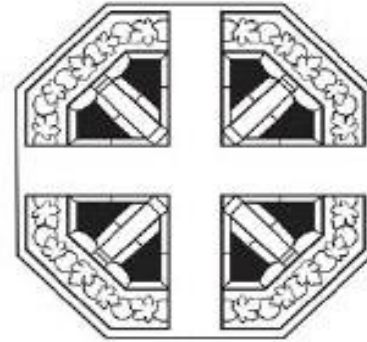
In Memory of

Frank Price by John & Cathy Paschal
Harry Ketner by John & Cathy Paschal

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE ORGAN FUND

In Memory of

Frank Price by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson
Ron Hagwood by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson
Herman Vinson's 92nd Birthday by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson



The Outlook

First Baptist Church Clayton

Show • Tell
Grow • Serve

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A Common Life

When folks neglect a common life, a life in community, I believe they move to conflict against one another. Loving your neighbor and loving your enemy become little more than lovely impractical thoughts. There is little opportunity to practice and apply the command of Jesus if we plan to live much of our lives in private. The gospels reveal Jesus as one who had very little privacy. I'm thinking to follow Jesus means a life in the community. It is where the Kingdom of God abounds.

I ask you, can a private life offer protection for anyone from the height of lawlessness to the dying out of the smallest relational courtesies? These courtesies might include asking, listening, noticing, complimenting, thanking, holding and other things that lead to interpersonal relationships. It would certainly make very difficult the acts of love like giving, forgiving and serving. Rather, it more likely spawns fear, complaint, disagreement and blame shifting. What do you think? Is living a private life good for a community like Clayton that wants to be the premier community for family living?

The FBC Clayton vision includes community outreach. That's right, a common life with Clayton residents. Our mayor shared some months ago in our sanctuary that there are five new folks a day moving into the Clayton city limits. There are lots of opportunities for FBC to be involved in the common life of the church as well as with the church in the common life of our community. The calendar is full this time of year with activities in the Clayton community and in the church. I hope you will take time to come and invite others come with you to these opportunities as we all seek to realize the vision of the church and be a follower of Jesus Christ, a disciples. Oh yes, discipleship is another one of our vision objectives.

Matthew 13:47 "...the kingdom of heaven (Kingdom of God) is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish."

Dr. Royal

Dr. Charles Royal
Intentional Interim Pastor