

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Seniors...** There's still time to call and schedule a time for our Youth Group (Challengers) to rake your yard this Sunday, Nov. 19th!! Contact Melissa Long at 919-201-7502 and she'll find a time that works for you.

**Volunteers are needed** to help serve at "Serve the Need" Community Thanksgiving Dinner at FBCC on Wed., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event is from 5-7 pm but volunteers are asked to be here by 4:45 pm. We hope you will make plans to join us as we share a Thanksgiving Meal to our not so fortunate neighbors.

**NBC Luncheon** is Monday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**THIS LUNCHEON WILL BE A POT LUCK!!!**

Fried Chicken will be provided and everyone is asked to **bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share**. Our program will consist of approximately 45 minutes of piano music by **Kyle Stephenson**. If you're on the permanent list and cannot attend or if you'd like to attend, please call the Church Office **No Later Than Noon on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**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 can be found on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4BA4AA2BA6FA7-45864497-2023#/>

Sign up to purchase item(s) 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 the 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**

**November 5**

Worship – 155  
Sunday School – 138

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Sunday School – 167

**GENERAL FUND**

Giving Last Sunday ... \$ 16,077  
Weekly Needs...\$ 11,961

Giving to Date...\$ 648,396  
Expenses to Date...\$ 528,514

Surplus..... \$ 119,881



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO AN

*Appreciation Luncheon*

HOSTED BY THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

HONORING

DR. & MRS. CHARLES ROYAL

SUNDAY | DEC 17 | 11:30 am  
2023

First Baptist Church Clayton  
Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided

please RSVP to Terry at 919-553-4161 or  
tmccallum@fbccclaytonnc.org

**YOU MUST CALL NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DEC. 11<sup>th</sup> TO ATTEND**



**LIVE NATIVITY**

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
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.

**Youth Group  
Christmas Mail Delivery**



The Youth will be doing Christmas Mail Delivery to raise money for their Mission Trip next summer.

There will be drop boxes in each Sunday School Room as well as in the vestibule. You will drop your cards off in the Out Box and the Youth will deliver to the In Box (Label: Full Name and Sunday School Class if available). This will kick off Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and run through New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31. Donations can be made to the Youth Ministry Fund on REALM or Donations Given in the Church Office.

Any Questions contact  
Lauren Rasor (919)796-6197 or Vicky Andrews (919)291-6832

## **Memorials and Honorariums**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Harry Ketner by Emily LaJoye  
Harry Ketner by Jerry & Sharon Poole  
Harry Ketner by Martha Wall  
Percy Lee by Kent & Terri Haldeman  
Percy Lee by Southland Realty  
Joe Capps by JoAnn Norris  
Ron Hagwood by Kim & Jiles Harrell  
Percy Lee by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Harry Ketner by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Harry Ketner by Jim & Judy Nappier  
Percy Lee by Diane & Chris Pearce  
Percy Lee by David & Michele Grady  
Percy Lee by Gerald & Donna Hill  
Percy Lee by Jim & Judy Nappier

#### **In Honor of**

Sandy Stephenson by JoAnn Norris  
Stewart McLeod by JoAnn Norris  
Lou Woodard by JoAnn Norris  
Susan Parker by JoAnn Norris  
Deborah Lee by JoAnn Norris  
FBCC Staff by JoAnn Norris

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE LOTTIE MOON FUND**

#### **In Honor of**

Anne Abene by Ava Jean Spence

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE ORGAN FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Percy Lee by Tom & Emily Vinson  
Harry Ketner by Tom & Emily Vinson

#### **In Honor of**

Ron Earp by Dorothy & Lowell Harris  
Melissa Long by Dorothy & Lowell Harris

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST MEN'S FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Harry Ketner by Dorothy & Lowell Harris  
Percy Lee by Dorothy & Lowell Harris  
Kenneth Phillips by John & Dolores Bagley

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND**

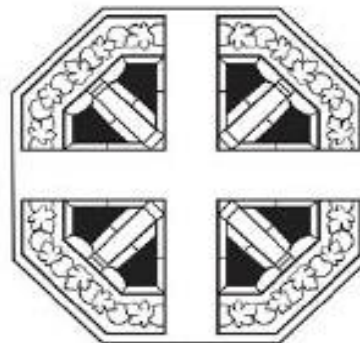
#### **In Memory of**

Harry Ketner by David & Nancy Turlington  
Percy Lee by David & Nancy Turlington  
Frank Price by David & Nancy Turlington  
Harry Ketner by The Salt Sunday School Class  
Harry Ketner by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Percy Lee by Jean Bryant  
Ron Hagwood by Jean Bryant  
Harry Ketner by Jean Bryant

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE MUSIC FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Percy Lee by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Harry Ketner by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Kenneth Phillips by Jackie & Jeff Tarkington



# *The Outlook*

## **First Baptist Church Clayton**

Show • Tell  
Grow • Serve

**November 19, 2023**

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### *Advent Season at First Baptist Clayton*

The Music, Children, and Youth Ministries are excited to lead in worship this Advent Season. We kick the season off on December 3 with the annual Hanging of the Greens service, a day filled with music, decorations, and readings.

On December 10, "Mix-It-Up" Handbells will play for the first time in Worship. A moment you will not want to miss!

On Friday, December 15, everyone is invited to join us to make a joyful noise as we travel to nearby neighborhoods to sing carols and Christmas songs for the Clayton community.

On December 17, the Adult Choir will lead us in worship as they sing and read the Christmas Cantata, "Little Lion, Little Lamb." The message of the cantata is simple and complex; God comes to us in our brokenness as both the mighty Lion of Judah and the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. The cantata will feature youth and adult soloists, musicians, the children's choir, and the youth choir.

On Christmas Eve, we will have two opportunities to worship. At the 9:30 a.m. worship service, Gerald Toler will sing "The Glory of Christmas" and the Adult Choir will share a FBCC favorite "Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem." At 5:00 p.m. we will share the Lord's Supper and fill the Sanctuary with candlelight.

We hope you will join us as we actively await the second coming of Christ by reflecting on his first coming and choosing to follow him in our daily lives here and now.

Blessings,

*Keeley Tarkington*

Keeley Tarkington  
Director of Music

You Are Invited To

## *Advent*

at  
First Baptist Church of Clayton  
411 N Fayetteville St. Clayton, NC  
(919) 553-4161 | www.fbccclaytonnc.org

12/3 Hanging of the Greens at 9:30am  
featuring FBC's Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Adult Handbell Choir  
and Adult Choir

12/10 Youth Handbells at 9:30am

12/15 Christmas Caroling Caravan at 6pm in parking lot

12/17 Christmas Cantata at 9:30am  
"Little Lion, Little Lamb"  
featuring FBC's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and  
instrumentalists

12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 9:30am and 5pm  
\*For unto us a child is born.\* - Isaiah 9:6