



# The Outlook

## First Baptist Church Clayton

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*Please join us for the Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 1 as we worship God and celebrate the start of the Christmas season through song.*

*Our worship will feature the Adult Choir, church musicians, Elegant Ensembles, solos by Melissa and Blake Long, narration by Ken and Diane Dillo, and music by the FBC3M Children's Choirs! Come and remember that our living hope is not only spiritual, but a physical presence in Jesus Christ who was born, lived, died and rose again!*

### Join us for Advent

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLAYTON  
411 N. FAYETTEVILLE STREET, CLAYTON, NC 27520

**Sunday, December 1** - First Sunday of Advent - "Hope Has Hands"  
Cantata - featuring the Adult Choir, church musicians, Elegant  
Ensembles, and FBC Children's Choirs at 9:30am

**Thursday, December 5** - Live Nativity Downtown Clayton at 5:00pm

**Sunday, December 8** - Second Sunday of Advent - featuring the Adult  
Handbell Choir at 9:30am

**Sunday, December 15** - Third Sunday of Advent at 9:30am

**Wednesday, December 18** - Churchwide Christmas Caroling at 5:30pm

**Sunday, December 22** - Fourth Sunday of Advent at 9:30am and  
Celebrate Christmas Joint Sunday School Program at 10:45am

**Tuesday, December 24** - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm



## Shoebox Blessings

Last Sunday, the children of First Baptist, led by Rev. Stephanie Parker, layed their hands on shoeboxes bound for shipment around the world by Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. They prayed that the shoeboxes would bless the lives of needy children. First Baptist Church Clayton packed approximately 150 shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene products, school supplies and Christian books.

### Note of Thanks

Thank you for your support during my son, Kevin's sickness and death. Your prayers, cards, food, phone calls, texts and memorials meant more to me than you will ever know. I realized just how much your presence and guidance have helped me through this tough time. Thank you all again for being there for me when I needed it most!



Love, Shirley Ussery



Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and enable them to leave their present position. Pray that God would make His will known to the next pastor.



### ***Thanksgiving Celebration at First Baptist***

This past Wednesday night, over 270 church members, families, friends and guests packed the Fellowship Hall for a true Thanksgiving feast. Cook team members prepared golden brown roast turkeys, dressing and members brought covered dishes and desserts to round out the faire. Above, Donnie Pollard, Joe Hester, Jerry and Sharon Poole, Ronald Mooneyham and Keith Blackley take a break from food prep. Steve Sowah, lower left handles clean-up duties while Linda Blackley, Ricky Blackmon and Doug Phillips enjoy a fun moment in the kitchen.





The Mix It Up Handbell Choir performed to the delight of the First Baptist congregation Sunday morning.

## *Memorials and Honorariums*

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

#### **In Memory of**

Denny Sutton by Ken and Diane Dillo  
 Kevin McKenzie and Donald Eason by Judy Wood  
 Kevin McKenzie by the Faith Sunday School Class  
 John Zullo by Cecil and Donna Lee

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE HECK JONES FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Kevin McKenzie by Gerald and Glenda Toler

## 2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....14	New Members.....26
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Sunday, November 17.....220	Sunday, November 10.....165
<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
Sunday, November 17.....147	Sunday, November 10.....127
<b>General Fund Giving</b>	
Sunday, November 17.....\$12,477	Sunday, November 10.....\$27,269
Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	