



# First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC

## First Family

December 2018



### ***The Joyful Ending that This Year Really Needs!***

*— It's been a year of stresses and blessings. Thank God that long ago He sent us a Savior.*

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, the Unchanging One, the Solid Rock, our Redeemer, the Lord of Love, our Heavenly High Priest, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world...

We could go on all day reciting the names and roles our Savior fills in our lives. And we could go on for years more telling our stories of how Jesus has forgiven, restored, comforted, guided, and strengthened us in life.

The Christmas season gives us a very special opportunity to reflect on why the gift of God's son in Bethlehem's manger matters so much. Here are some ways you can reflect and celebrate with your church family, and ways you can invite others to discover and celebrate God's amazing gift for themselves:

#### **Sunday Worship: Good News, Charlie Brown!**

Every Sunday of Advent, we will be exploring God's blessings in Jesus through our worship series, "Good News, Charlie Brown." Just for fun, we'll begin each week's message with a short clip from "A

Charlie Brown Christmas" that presents one of the common needs or struggles of life. Then we will look into the Christmas story to see how Jesus is God's answer to that need. Look inside for more info.

#### **Christmas Music and Drama Sunday, December 9 @ 5:00 PM**

On December 9, at 5:00 p.m., be here for our annual Christmas program with choir and drama. This year's drama is a touching, humorous, and challenging look at the Christmas story and its message for our lives. Our adult choir has been working on some absolutely beautiful Christmas music for their part in that time of worship.

#### **Evening Candlelight Services**

We have two opportunities for evening candlelight services:



#### **Candlelight Family Celebration**

On December 20, we will have a new candlelight service for families who are just too busy on Christmas Eve to come to our traditional candlelight service. That Thursday night, we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with the worship band, casual dress, and the beauty of candlelight. This will be a child-friendly service, but very meaningful for adults, too.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols, and Communion**

On Christmas Eve (Monday night) at 5:00 PM, we will have our traditional Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary. This is a quiet, beautiful recounting of the Christmas story with music and candlelight. Bring your friends and family!

## **Worship**

### **Good News, Charlie Brown!**

We have been watching and enjoying the animated special “A Charlie Brown Christmas” for most of our lives. This classic TV special addresses the real meaning of Christmas, and the many obstacles that get in the way, with touching clarity.

So we’re going to let Charlie Brown and his friends help us introduce some of those issues for us this Christmas season. Each week, we’ll show a short clip from “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and then let the truth of God’s word, and the Christmas story in particular, show us God’s solutions and blessings.



#### **December 2**

When You’re Just Not “Feeling It”  
Matthew 1:18; 2:3

#### **December 9**

Moving from Price Tags to Priceless  
Isaiah 9:2-7

#### **December 16**

Letting Heaven Break Into Your Christmas  
Luke 2:8-20

#### **December 23**

Trading Your Expectations for God’s Surprises  
Luke 1:26-38

#### **December 30**

Jacob Capps preaches



## **Prayer Requests**



*Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Alex Boyette, Sherry Brown, Hatch Bryan, Joseph Bryant, Jaxie Cavender, Carol Hawkins, Fields, Michael Fields, Nancy Giordano, Novell Groves, Keeshia Herring, Lois Horrell, Eddie Jernigan, Cathy Liner, Cheryl Mussel, Barbara Rivenbark, Susan Rowe, David Sikes, John Sorenson, Peggy Stallings, Stephen Thompson, Sherry Wallace, Leroy Woodlief, Amy Teachey Worley, Law Enforcement and all service members deployed around the world, and those affected by the hurricane and all volunteers & workers.*

*Sympathy to: The family of Dot Baker  
The family of Gary Faircloth  
The family of Harrell Hall*



## **Christmas Events**

**Community Christmas Program**  
**First Baptist Church, Wallace**  
Sunday, December 9, 5:00 PM  
*Music & Drama*

**Christmas Candlelight Celebration**  
**First Baptist Church, Wallace**  
Thursday, December 20, 6:00 PM  
*Carols & Candlelight*

**Christmas Eve Celebration**  
**First Baptist Church, Wallace**  
Monday, December 24, 5:00 PM  
*Carols, Candlelight & Communion*

## Senior Adults



Our Christmas Myrtle Beach trip to the Carolina Opry for their Christmas show is filled up! We will head off on Tuesday, December 11 @ 9:30 a.m. Our first stop will be at Chick-fil-a in Myrtle Beach to get a snack before the 1:00 p.m. show. After a delightful, fun-filled show, we will go to The Original Benjamin's

Calabash Seafood restaurant to have dinner together. We should be back in Wallace by 7:30 p.m. or so. If you didn't get to sign up, but would like to go, we can add you to our waiting list in case we have any cancellations. And if you find that you are unable to go, please let us know so we can include anyone who might be on that waiting list. We are looking forward to a fun filled day!

Mark your calendars now for our next covered dish lunch scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, and our Valentine's party scheduled for Tuesday, February 12. You won't want to miss either of these fun times!

Have you made your reservation for our Ark trip yet? We have been **taking reservations for our 2019 trip to the Ark and Creation museum** for months now, but there are still a few spots left. If you haven't already made your reservation a **\$75 deposit** per person will hold your spot for this trip **scheduled for May 13-17, 2019**. The total cost for the trip is \$650, double occupancy but



First Baptist members receive a \$25 discount. Single rooms are available but are priced higher. Please ask for price information if you

wish to book a single room. Cost includes travel and hotels, entrance to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, breakfast each morning, 2 dinners, including a riverboat cruise, and a tour of Cincinnati before we depart for home. Extra money will be needed to cover meals not included in the price. Snap up one of the few remaining spots quickly! They won't last!



## Music Ministry

It's December and Christmas is coming quickly! How will you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus? First Baptist has several opportunities for you and your family to pause, take a breath, and worship at the feet of the Savior.

First up is our annual Christmas program scheduled for Sunday evening, December 9 @ 5:00 p.m. We will begin this evening with a mini-concert of some beautiful Christmas songs sung by our Chancel choir, followed by our play entitled Casting Call. This play is 7 vignettes of auditions for a live Nativity scene. We will see actors auditioning for parts as the shepherd, wise man, Mary, Joseph, even King Herod! As entertaining as it is meaningful, this evening will help you and your family usher in the Christmas season in an exciting and unusual way! We hope you will invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join you, and fill our sanctuary!

This year we will be adding to our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service! We are offering an earlier day for families for whom Christmas eve is too busy and hectic or who are traveling and can't get to the service in the usual time slot. So if this describes you and your family, please plan to join us on Thursday evening, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall. There will be plenty of music in this service led by our Life Cafe Worship band and many of the elements of the Christmas Eve service we all love so much. So mark your calendars to join us either Thursday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m. or on Christmas Eve, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m. Both services will bless you and enhance your Christmas celebrations.



**Our choirs will be taking a small break during the holidays!** Our **SonShine choir** will rehearse on Tuesday morning, December 4, but will not practice again until Tuesday, January 15 following our covered dish lunch meeting. However, we will be going to Day-Spring nursing home on Thursday, December 13 @ 10:00 a.m. to sing with the residents there. We will be singing Christmas favorites and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. You don't have to be a member of the choir! Our **Chancel choir** will have Wednesday night rehearsals through Wednesday December 19 and will take a 2 week break coming back on Wednesday, January 9. Our **Worship Band** will rehearse through Sunday, December 16, then take a break until Sunday January 6.

Let our choir members and Worship Band members know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication to learning the music and leading in worship. Our services are made so much better by their participation!



## Kids Café Begins Tuesday, January 8

Looking for a way to make a difference? Do you want to be the hands and feet that Jesus calls us to be? Do you have just a few hours a week or a month to volunteer? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then REJOICE! We have just the thing for you...

Volunteer at Kids Café. You will meet kids that just melt your heart. You will offer some help with homework, be there for arts/crafts/devotions/playtime. If your calling is to help with food prep and clean-up, then we will plug you in there.

You can help children in OUR community to succeed, and to SHOW them the love of Jesus. Believe me (ask any of our volunteers), you will be blessed by your participation more than you know.

We are here on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Call or email Donna Marshburn at 285-6341 or 289-8392 or donnamars@hotmail.com. You can also call the church office at 285-2534. Be a positive role model for a child today!

## Help Needed to Decorate the Chrismon Tree-Saturday, December 1

Please come to the church for fun and fellowship time to decorate our beautiful Chrismon Tree on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

## Church Fall Business Meeting Sunday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.

We are having our Church Fall Business Meeting on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary to present the 2019 budget and nominations for 2019 leaders.



**Birth:** *Cohen Rhodes Spell, 11-12-2018 @ 9:30 am*  
*7 lbs., 8 oz., 20 inches long*  
**Parents:** *Meredith & Darrell Spell*  
**Grandparents:** *Pat & Ray Spell*



**Births:** *Lindsay Eleanor, 11-16-2018, 6 lbs., 9 oz.*  
*Sage Nicolle, 11-16-2018, 6 lbs., 11 oz.*  
**Parents:** *Ronnie & Tarren Pruitt*  
**Grandparent:** *Joyce Pruitt*

# Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Leroy and I want to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during his hospitalization and continuing rehab.

Love in Christ,

Reba Stone and Leroy Woodlief





## Compassion: Caring Enough To Do Something About Someone Else's Need

SERIES DESCRIPTION: God's compassion for the people He created led to the greatest act of love the world has ever seen. God sent His only Son to make us right with Him. We reflect that compassion when we care about others and show them how much God loves them.

WEEK ONE: God Loves the World — John 3:16  
KEY QUESTION: Why do we need to be rescued?

WEEK TWO: Gabriel Appears to Mary — Luke 1:26-38  
KEY QUESTION: What are you willing to do to meet others needs?

WEEK THREE: Jesus is Born — Luke 2:1-7  
KEY QUESTION: What are some ways you can give?

WEEK FOUR: Shepherds Visit — Luke 2:8-20  
KEY QUESTION: Who needs to hear the good news?

WEEK FIVE: God Showed his Love — 1 John 4:9-12  
KEY QUESTION: How will you love others?

“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIrV



## Wallace Students Upcoming Schedule

2018  
Dec. 9: Student Christmas Party : (Following the Christmas play)

2019  
Mar. 22: Winter Jam Tour – Raleigh, NC  
April 22-27: Wallace Students Mission Trip to Sunbury, PA, Sunbury City Church  
June 17-21: Beach Retreat 2019 – Garden City Chapel, SC



## Wallace Kids Christmas Party

December 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in serving with our Kids, please let us know. We are looking to help out our current Kids volunteers with giving them more help on Sunday mornings. Our goal is to have 3 volunteer teams of 3-4 people. This will allow a team to serve every 3rd month. Please pray about this and let Jacob know if you are interested in serving.



**Merry Christmas  
From the First Baptist  
Church Office Staff!**

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
(Closed 12-1 p.m. CHURCH LOCKED)  
Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

# Free Yard Sale Pics



## FREE Yard Sale

Clothing, furniture, housewares, bed linens, blankets, kitchen items, toys and more were provided free of charge to the community at First Baptist Church to help those affected by the storm.



## Just for Laughs:

Christmas Jokes —  
Try these on your children, grandchildren, or co-workers!



Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
A: Frostbite.

Q: What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?  
A: A Christmas Quacker.

Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?  
A: In a snow bank.

Q: How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?  
A: Nothing, it was on the house!

Q: What do you get when you deep fry Santa Claus?  
A: Crisp Kringle.

Q: Why is Santa so good at karate?  
A: Because he has a black belt!

Q: What kind of bug hates Christmas?  
A: A humbug.

Q: Which elf was the best singer?  
A: ELFiS Presley.

Q: How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?  
A: Fleece Navidad!

Q: Why do Mummies like Christmas so much?  
A: Because of all the wrapping!

# Volunteers

## December Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Life Café Worship Nursery

12/2-G. Andrews 12/9-B. Benton 12/16-L. Blanchard  
12/23-A. Gurganus 12/30-S. Register

### 10:00 a.m. Sunday Life Groups Nursery

Help Needed

### 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery:

Samantha Tucker



### Sunday Ushers:

Connections Class

**Tellers:** Tammy Patram & Sharon Teachey

# On the Record

## Attendance

### Life Groups

11-4	11-11	11-18	11-25
89	74	77	80

### Worship

188	188	182	176
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## Budget and Receipts

2018 Budget \$449,385.00

Offering Receipts To Date 11-25-2018 **\$362,207.54**



### January Newsletter Submission Deadline: December 15, 2018

Please email articles to  
office.fbcw@gmail.com  
Please make articles brief !

# Church Staff

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## December Birthdays

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|------------------------|--|
| 1 Nancy Jenkins        |  |
| 1 Rick Donnelly        |  |
| 1 John Cavanaugh       |  |
| 2 Harold Simpson       |  |
| 2 Ann Paul             |  |
| 2 Dave Witter          |  |
| 3 Tripp Perry          |  |
| 4 Clayton Davis        |  |
| 4 Mark Myers           |  |
| 4 Mason Christopher    |  |
| 5 Sandra Rogers        |  |
| 6 Nikki Mendes         |  |
| 8 Sharron Batchelor    |  |
| 8 Jon Marsh            |  |
| 9 Clay Davis           |  |
| 9 Carrie Gurganious    |  |
| 9 Kirsten Griffin      |  |
| 10 Brianna Davis       |  |
| 10 Caroline Farrior    |  |
| 10 Edith Merritt       |  |
| 11 Joseph Wescott      |  |
| 11 Joanne Lasseter     |  |
| 12 Emily Bunch         |  |
| 13 Savannah Gurganus   |  |
| 14 Sharon Teachey      |  |
| 15 Mary Hart Blackburn |  |
| 16 Dixon Lefler        |  |
| 18 Justin Hines        |  |
| 18 Louise Brinson      |  |
| 20 John Stallings, Jr. |  |
| 20 Marcelle McGowen    |  |
| 21 Preston Russ        |  |
| 22 Gloria Seaborn      |  |
| 23 Caitlin Rich        |  |
| 23 Jocelyn Jones       |  |
| 23 Lendell Kenon       |  |
| 23 Khaylah Kenon       |  |
| 26 William Brooks      |  |
| 26 Devon Register      |  |
| 27 Jon Gurganus        |  |
| 27 Daniel Padgett      |  |
| 27 Caitlin Hale        |  |
| 28 Nicholas English    |  |
| 29 Chenara Cavanaugh   |  |
| 29 Irvin Graham        |  |
| 29 Noel McGowen        |  |
| 30 Helen Brinkley      |  |
| 30 Abby Evans          |  |
| 31 Babs Paul           |  |



# First Baptist Events

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 9-11 am-Decorate Tree Decorate Church Poinsettias Delivered Set Up for Program</p>
<p>2 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Worship Band 5:00 pm-Armor of God 6:00 pm-Wallace Students 6:00 pm-Conference</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH 6:30 pm-Properties Cmte.</p>	<p>4 10:30 am-SonShine Choir 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>5 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Prayer 6:00 pm-Financial Peace 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 11:45 am-WMU III @ Rose Hill Restaurant  6:30 pm-Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 5:00 pm-Christmas Program 6:00 pm-Students Party</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm-WMU V, Wallace Gardens 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH</p>	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED  9:30 am-Senior Adults' Carolina Opry Christmas Show Trip to Myrtle Beach  7:00 pm-Stewardship</p>	<p>12 10:30 am-Bible Study 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 10:00 am-SonShine Choir @ Dayspring</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>16 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 am-Life Café 10:00 am-WallaceKids Party 10:00 am-Life Groups 10:35 am-Chancel Choir 11:00 am-Worship 4-6 pm-Choir @ Thompson's 5:00 pm-Worship Band 5:00 pm-Armor of God 6:00 pm-Wallace Students</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm-Scouts, FH</p>	<p>18 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19 9:00 am-11:00 am- Salvation Army, FH  10:30 am-Bible Study 6:15 pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 9:00 am-11:00 am- Salvation Army, FH  6:00 pm-Candlelight Service in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Regular Activities No Wallace Students No Worship Band Practice  30 Regular Activities No Worship Band Practice</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve 5:00 pm-Candlelight Comm. 6:00 pm-FH Reserved  31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED Merry Christmas! FH Reserved</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 