

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 13

2:30 PM Dominoes

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM Baptists on Mission
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pickleball
10:30 AM Lessons in Carols Dress Reh.

Sunday, December 15

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Lessons in Carols
4:30 PM Jingle Jam
6:00 PM FSM Youth ~ Traveling
Progressive Dinner

Monday, December 16

10:30 AM FBC Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Rotary
4:00 PM Advanced Men's (65+) Pickleball

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM Harmony SS Class
Christmas Party
5:00 - 8:00 PM Pickleball

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 AM FBCM Chapel
5:15 PM Bring your own meal
6:00 PM Childrens Choir
6:00 PM Worship Team Reh.
6:30 PM Adult Choir Reh.
6:30 PM FBC Kids
6:30 PM Youth Devo & Fellowship
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting



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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Music is a key to memory for most of humanity; we can remember moments in time from long ago and are transported to the past based on a tune. Music not only brings nostalgia, for the believer it can remind us of the plan, promise, and provision of God. During the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 15, the adult choir and orchestra will present a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This service of scripture and song dates back to the Victorian Era and has been made popular over the last century by the Choir at King's College in Cambridge. The service strongly aligns with a biblical pattern for worship where we experience a rhythm of revelation (scripture lesson) and response (carol). The lessons and carols that we hear and sing will help us to remember the work of God through the redemption story. These lessons and carols reflect on "the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child [Jesus Christ]." The choir is excited to lead us in this time of worship again this year; they will be joined by an orchestra of ten members and guest vocalists. The congregation will also participate in the service singing beloved carols, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to come and join us for this beautiful service where we remember God's plan, promise, and provision.



POINSETTIAS

An array of poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas Season to represent memorials and honorariums. A list of names will be published in a special bulletin insert on Sunday, December 22. The suggested donation is \$10. Please submit your requests no later than Monday, **December 15.**



DEACON RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The Deacon Board joins the Disaster Relief Ad Hoc Committee in recommending that a \$20,000 expenditure be made to the South Fork Baptist Association (SFBA) for support to the "NC Mountains Christmas/SFBA Rebuild Challenge"

(2) The Deacon Board recommends moving the Lord's Supper and monthly Deacon meeting to January 12, 2025, and monthly Church Conference to Wednesday, January 22nd.

2024 CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To receive contribution credit for 2024, contributions must be received in the office by **Tuesday, December 31st**.

Please note, if you are mailing in contributions allow extra time so they are received by **December 31st**.

Plan to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.



Christmas Eve
CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 P.M.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,

Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, brought food, sent cards, made phone calls, or helped in any way, your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered.

Special thanks in gratitude to Dr. Spence

Betty Schuman, Sherry Schuman and family



TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who was graciously apart of our toilet paper collection this year for Christian Ministries. We ended up collecting way more than our goal and we are truly grateful for every roll you brought in to help the less fortunate.

Our goal was **700** rolls.

We collected **1,112** rolls.



Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM  8:00 AM
Cooking Meeting
BAPTISTS ON MISSION
NC BAPTIST MEN

All men and women are invited to attend.



What a gift we have to share!

Will you show grace and truth?
Will you give your time?

UPWARD PRAYER:

Pray for the parents of participants. Pray that their experience this season will be a positive one as their child learns new skills and learns about Jesus Christ.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 6:30 PM
December 11, 2024
FLC ~ Dining Hall

FBC DIRECTORY/HANDBOOK

We are currently updating the Directory/Committee handbook. Please email the church office with any address, phone number or email changes.

Disaster Relief Project Status



Our Church is truly blessed to be able to set aside \$75,000 for assistance to those in our North Carolina mountain areas that have been completely devastated with destruction created by Hurricane Helene. The church, at conference, approved a donation of \$15,000 to Baptists on Mission and up to \$10,000 to Brushy Fork Baptist Church near Boone. The church received significant damage from flooding. Deacon Vice Chairman, Tim Ward visited Brushy Fork recently, meeting with a number of staff and church members. This week, the Church will be sending checks to Baptists on Mission in the amount of \$15,000 and Brushy Fork Baptist Church for \$10,000.

The Church, at conference, created an Ad Hoc (temporary) committee to work with the remaining \$50,000. The committee includes Steve Gurley (Chair) Harry Brogden, Denise Girvin, Ronnie White and David Wilson. The Committee and the Deacons will present to the Church at conference on December 11 a recommendation to donate \$20,000 to the South Fork Baptist Association (SFBA) for the "NC Mountains Christmas SFBA Rebuild Challenge". SFBA will donate funds to Baptist associations in the mountains that show the most immediate needs. The donations will be used to buy gift cards for various building supply establishments. The cards will be distributed by churches within each association. Plan to attend Church conference at 6:30 p.m. on December 11 for more details.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to SuAnn, Ben and Amanda Guynn and their families in the passing of SuAnn's husband and Ben & Amanda's father, Bill Guynn on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Our condolences are with Mike and Linda Schultz in the passing of Mike's mother, Corene Newton on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$18,757.69
Actual Undesignated Contributions	18,899.00
<i>Weekly Surplus</i>	<i>141.31</i>
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement	187,576.90
YTD Actual Contributions	181,337.00
<i>YTD Deficit</i>	<i>6,239.90</i>

Backpack Ministry	\$140.00	
Christian Ministry	\$100.00	
Disaster Relief-local	\$200.00	
Flowers	\$260.00	
Foreign Missions	\$1,915.00	YTD \$5,529.00
Memorials	\$180.00	
Music Ministry	\$140.00	
State Missions	\$50.00	
Upward Ministry	\$1,910.00	

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

8:30 AM Worship	73
10:30 AM Worship	164
Total in Worship	237

Sunday School	198
Nursing Home	22
Total in Sunday School	220

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CHURCH MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Abernathy	Linda Segrest
Pat Ballard	Wayne Schrum
Joan Bangle	Betty Schuman
Donna Beasley	Vel Souders
Sharon Bondurant	Jim Thackston
Mary Bridges	Norris Thornburg
Doris Brown	Sandra Ward
Linda Buff	
Derrick Canipe	Dr. & Mrs. Hagaman during their transition
Shelby Coffey	
Vickie Gilbert	
Jane Hester	
William McCollough	
Jerry Payseur	
Sara Peek	

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please say a special prayer for the following committees as they seek God's will in searching for a new leaders.

- Organist
- Youth Director Committee
- Upward Program



FBC STAFF

Rev. David Clippard	<i>Interim Pastor</i>
Dr. Aaron Rice	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Alisha Hinson	<i>Director of Children's Ministry</i>
Kathryn Rulapaugh	<i>Church Nursery Worker</i>
Libby Wilson ~ Harriet Dobbins	<i>10:30 Pianists</i>
Anna Bowman	<i>Business Manager & Financial Secretary</i>
Vicki Moore	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Layla Sawyer	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Patrick King	<i>Facility Manager</i>
April Jackson	<i>Custodian</i>

2024 READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

December 11	Joel 1-3	Revelation 2
December 12	Amos 1-2	Revelation 3
December 13	Amos 3-4	Revelation 4
December 14	Amos 5-7	Revelation 5
December 15	Amos 8-9	Revelation 6
December 16	Obadiah	Revelation 7
December 17	Jonah 1-4	Revelation 8
December 18	Micah 1-2	Revelation 9
December 19	Micah 3-4	Revelation 10
December 20	Micah 5-7	Revelation 11
December 21	Nahum 1-3	Revelation 12
December 22	Habakkuk 1-3	Revelation 13
December 23	Zephaniah 1-3	Revelation 14
December 24	Haggai 1-2	Revelation 15

WEEKDAY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Doreen Melton	<i>Exec. Director</i>
Chasity Reid	<i>Director</i>

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- DECEMBER 11** - Brittany Gunter
DECEMBER 13 - Harry Brogden, Cora Schmidt
DECEMBER 15 - Harriet Dobbins, Becca Vassey
DECEMBER 16 - Dwight Drum, David Ballard, Renee Noles
DECEMBER 17 - Tana Boggs, Samuel Bridges, Kaye Deland, Emily Hartsell, Brigman Campbell
DECEMBER 19 - Eleanor Matthews, Steve Bennett, Donna Turner, Kevin Ingle, Darian Perkins, Jayden Guynn
DECEMBER 20 - Alex Kale, Tyson Berg
DECEMBER 21 - Sharon Bondurant, Gary Reynolds, Luis Zapata, Katie Vega
DECEMBER 22 - Cordell Scott II, Travis Sinclair, Tate Mullen
DECEMBER 23 - Judy High, Ashley Duncan, Liermay Carillo
DECEMBER 24 - Kiera Hughey, Ada Melton

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS ~ DECEMBER 15, 2024

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Richard Greene

SURVEILLANCE & SECURITY: Kraig Hubner

NURSING HOME: Harry Brogden, Jane Spangler and Gary & Trudy Hoffman

Greeters ~ December 15 & 22

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| Hodges, Bob/Vivian | (1) |
| Wilson, Dr. David/Libby | (2) |
| Carpenter, Scott/Diana | (3) |
| Boggs, Wendell/Tana | (4) |

Greeters ~ Dec 29 & Jan 5

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| Gurley, Steve/Sue | (1) |
| Brogden, Harry | (2) |
| Rudisill, Ken/Linda Harrill- | (3) |
| Schuman, S./Harrill, Ann | (4) |

YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Youth Director Search Committee is currently accepting resumes for the Director of Youth Ministry position.

If you know someone who might be interested, please have them send any questions and/or their resume to youth.ministry@fbclinton.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are willing to help the audio/video team on Sunday mornings, please call the church office @ 704-732-1101. **No experience needed**, training will be provided. This is a great opportunity to serve our church and our Lord.

