



IN THE WINDOW

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Welcome (again), Jeremy!



Upon recommendation from the Minister to Youth Search Committee, the Deacons of First Baptist Church voted unanimously to call Jeremy Courtright as our Interim Minister to Youth. Jeremy will serve in this ministry from January through April 2012.

Jeremy, a senior at Chowan University, is currently completing an internship in Youth Ministry at our church and has made great strides in developing relationships and encouraging discipleship among our teenagers. Serving as Interim Minister to Youth will enable him not only to continue, but also to strengthen the good work he has done among us.

Please pray for Jeremy and our teenagers as they seek to grow closer to Christ and one another. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to share in this vital church ministry.

Sunday Worship at FBC

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4
11:00 am Worship

Waiting. . .with Peace

Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-11

Dr. Daniel Glaze


The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11
11:00 am Worship

Waiting. . .with Joy

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Dr. Daniel Glaze



*Voices
of
Christmas*

**December 11
7:00 pm**

**Presented by
The Christmas Choir,
Vocal Ensemble &
Children Choristers**

**Followed by
Christmas Cookie Fellowship**
Whip up a batch of your favorite cookies
and bring for all to enjoy.

From the Associate Pastor

For months our Children Choristers and Christmas Choir have been preparing music programs in celebration of the birth of Christ. On Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm, the Children Choristers will present **Christmas All Over the World**, a celebration of the Christian Christmas customs of Poland, Spain, Norway, and Liberia. You're invited to arrive at 6 pm with your covered dish and join us for our annual First Wednesday Christmas meal followed by the Children's presentation in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday evening, December 11 at 7:00, the Christmas Choir and

Drama Team will present **Voices of Christmas**. Through music and monologues, we'll hear the story of Christ's birth through the experiences of Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, a Shepherd, the Magi, Simeon, and Anna. Afterward we'll gather in the fellowship hall for a Christmas Cookie fellowship. You're invited to bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

It is our prayer that these programs will help to deepen our devotion to the Christ whose birth we celebrate. I hope you'll come to both and bring a neighbor, co

worker or friend.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, CANADA
Once again this year we are nurturing the relationship we have with our friends of the Rock Christian Church of Châteauguay in Quebec by sending a Christmas greeting from our congregation. Through December 11, at each Sanctuary entrance, there will be stationary on which we'd like you to write a Christmas greeting. Those pages will be mailed along with a greeting from our Pastor, and a DVD of **Voices of Christmas**.

Grace & peace,
Anita

From the Financial Secretary

Because the church office will be closed the last week of the year, 2011 year-end giving will require a bit more advanced planning. Here are your options to ensure that your gifts are credited properly for 2011.

1. **Hand-delivered gifts**—contributions must be brought to the church office by noon on December 23. If you need to discuss your gift with me, please come prior to 4 pm on December 21.
2. **Gifts given during Worship or Sunday School**—contributions must be made in Sunday

School or the offering plate by December 25.

3. **Mailed Contributions**—contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31 (regardless of when it is received by the church), per IRS regulations.

If you have any other questions about your gifts and contributions to the church, please don't hesitate to contact me in the church office.

All blessings of this holy season to you all,

Martie Tayloe

An Update from the Minister to Youth Search Committee

As our search for a permanent Minister to Youth continues, the Search Committee would like to update the church on a few items of business: The Committee has decided on the following job description for the next minister to youth:

1. Coordination of Sunday night discipleship.
2. Occasional (every other week) newsletter article on what is happening in the Youth Ministry.
3. Coordination of Sunday School leadership for youth.
4. Regular meetings with Youth Ministry Council for advice and assistance.
5. Plan occasional social outings.
6. Plan regular social outreach events.
7. Plan summer camp/mission ex-

- periences.
8. Children's Time on occasional basis.
9. Occasional reporting to the Deacons on the status of the ministry.
10. Assist Pastor and Associate with planning of Baccalaureate, Youth Sunday, or other youth-oriented services.

At the November 6 meeting our Committee voted unanimously to send the following proposal to the Deacons:

That the Deacons of First Baptist Church call Jeremy Courtright as Interim Minister to Youth, serving from January through April 2012.

This proposal has been approved

and the Committee and youth are very excited that Jeremy has agreed to continue serving at our church (see notice on page 1).

The Committee will continue to meet and look for future candidates that will best suite our youth and church. Please continue to keep our committee in your prayers, as this is a very delicate process.

Lyndsay Burns, Committee Chair

November 27, 2011	
Weekly Needs	\$ 8,782.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 6,717.00
(Under) Weekly Needs	(\$ 2,065.00)
YTD Needs	\$ 421,536.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 378,299.61
(Under) YTD Needs	(\$ 43,236.39)
BCH Offering to Date	\$ 1,083.50

OPPORTUNITIES DEC 4-17

Sunday December 4

- 9:00 Bible Study Group
- 9:20 Chair Rehearsal
- 9:40 Adult Assembly
- 9:45 Sunday School/Bess Leary to Guardian Care
- 10:00 Radio Bible Class-WQDK-FM
- 11:00 Morning Worship-WQDK-FM
- 4:00 Children Choristers Dress Rehearsal
- 6:30 Christmas Cantata Monologue Rehearsal
- 7:00 Christmas Choir

Monday, December 5

- 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702

Tuesday, December 6

- 10:00 WOM Groups 2 and 4
- 7:00 WOM Groups 3 and 5

Wednesday, December 7

- 5:00 Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 First Wednesday Covered Dish Dinner
- 7:00 Children Choristers present "**Christmas All Over the World**"
- 7:40 Christmas Choir

Thursday, December 8

- pm Hannah Brown Class Party

Friday, December 9

- 11:30 Sarah Raynor Class Lunch

Saturday, December 10

- 10:00 Senior Adult Trip departs from Ahoskie Inn

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- 9:00 Bible Study Group
- 9:20 Children Choristers Rehearsal
- 9:40 Adult Assembly
- 9:45 Sunday School/Youth Dept. to Guardian Care
- 10:00 Radio Bible Class-WQDK-FM
- 11:00 Morning Worship-WQDK-FM
- 5:00 Christmas Choir Rehearsal and Snack Supper
- 7:00 Cantata — *Voices of Christmas*, Cookie Fellowship follows

Monday, December 12

- 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702
- 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 244

Tuesday, December 13

- 12:00 Keenagers' Lunch

Wednesday, December 14

- 5:00 Children's Birthday Party for Jesus



The Chowan University Music Department will present the following two concerts for your enjoyment:

- Sunday, Dec. 4—**Christmas at Chowan** in Turner Auditorium, 3:30 pm, featuring the Chowan Winds, Chowan Singers, Cantare, and the Jazz Combo. Other student and faculty soloists will sing and play music of the season, and children present can join the Mystery Guest on stage for the reading of "The Night before Christmas". The public is invited to this free concert.
- Monday, Dec. 5—**Christmas Choral Concert** in Turner Auditorium, 7:30 pm, featuring performances by the Chowan Chorus, Chowan Singers, and Cantare, plus an array of instrumentalists. Admission is free.

A big *"THANK YOU"* goes to Nancy Neal and Rosa Swain for their time and talents in coordinating the collection center for the Operation Christmas Child project at our church, and to all who helped in any way during the week. A total of 416 shoeboxes (including 115 from FBC) were delivered to the regional collection center in Rocky Mount on Nov. 21st by Mike and Nancy Neal.



December First Wednesday Covered Dish Dinner

December 7 6:00 pm

Our Hostess Committee will provide the meats—you are asked to bring the following:

- Last name beginning A-E: a dessert
- Last name beginning F-P: a vegetable
- Last name beginning Q-Z: a salad

No charge for meal, but **sign-up is required** and space is limited.

7:00 pm

Children Choristers present
Christmas All Over the World
in the FBC Sanctuary

Christmas Concert



Dr. Charles Hulin

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

*Lasker Baptist Church
Lasker, NC*

The public is invited to attend.

CBF Offering for
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

INGATHERING WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
FBC'S GOAL — \$14,750

CHURCH SERVANTS DEC 4-10

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Minister on Call: Dr. Daniel Glaze, 862-5108
Deacons on Call: Jim Wiggins and Louis Mizelle
Sun. School @ Guardian Care: Bess Leary
Extended Session:
Babies— Rosa Swain & Lou Wilson
1s & 2s— TBA
3s-5s— Jayne Frei

Ushers:
 Roxie Daniels, Larry Freeman-balcony, Debbie Greene, Spencer Matthews, Leroy Pierce, Keith Rawls-balcony, Carroll Thompson

Sound System: Henry Joyner
Floral Offering: Sandra & Stuart Pierce
Home Delivered Meals 12/5 : Rachael Modlin & Penny Rose
Food Pantry 12/9: Al Newsome & William Leary

Minister on Call: Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061
Deacons on Call: Chip Rose and Bill Magette
Sun. School @ Guardian Care: Youth Department
Extended Session:
Babies— Mary Page Pierce & Stephanie Rose
1s & 2s— Elizabeth Harrell
3s-5s— Ginger & Eve Greene

Ushers:
11:00 Service: Daryl Allen, Tim Frei, Billy Greene-balcony, Bill Magette, Blake Outlaw-balcony, Edgar Swain, Lee Wilson
7:00 Service: Youth

Sound System (AM & PM Services): Louis Mizelle
Floral Offering: Billy Greene & Lee Merrit Families
Home Delivered Meals 12/12: Dot Newsome & Rosa Swain
Food Pantry 12/16: Ruth Overman & Bonnie Revelle

FAREWELL & GOOD WISHES

Several of our folks have moved away from the area and have united with churches in their new locations.

We wish them well and rejoice that they have found church homes. Letters of transfer of membership have been issued this year for:

- Rebecca Barket to University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill;
- John & Chr  Parnell to Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX;
- Nicholas Wilson to Oakmont

- Baptist Church, Greenville;
- Christopher Mizelle to North Clinton Ave. Baptist Church, Dunn;
- Rachel Revelle to Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham; and
- Tim & Angie Britton to Oakmont Baptist Church, Greenville.

Also these folks have united with other denominations:

- Stephen C. Leary to North Raleigh United Methodist Church,
- Betsy Overman Lane to Mace-

donia Christian Church, Williamston.



The Church Family extends Christian sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Burkette in her death on November 20th in Maryland. Mrs. Burkette was a long-time member of First Baptist and had been living away from Ahoskie for several years.



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