



# IN THE WINDOW

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*May the Hope . . .*

*Peace . . .*

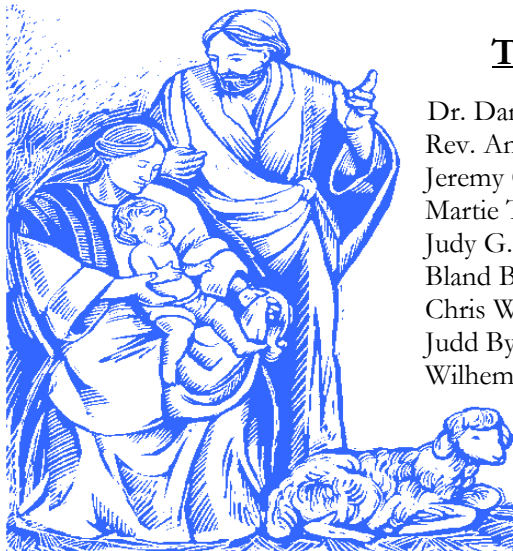
*Joy . . .*

*Love . . .*

*of the Savior's birth reside in your hearts throughout this holiday season and the coming year.*

### The Church Staff

Dr. Daniel Glaze, Pastor  
Rev. Anita Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jeremy Courtright, Interim Minister to Youth  
Martie Tayloe, Financial Secretary  
Judy G. Pierce, Church Secretary  
Bland Baker, Music Associate  
Chris Watkins, Interim Music Associate  
Judd Byrd, Custodian  
Wilhemina Sessoms, Custodian



### *About 2011 Contributions . . .*

Since the church office will be closed the last week of 2011, year-end giving will require 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 December 23.
2. **Gifts given during Worship**—contributions must be placed in the offering plate by December 25. (No Sunday School on Dec. 25.)
3. **Mailed Contributions**—contributions must be post-marked no later than December 31, per IRS regulations.

If you have any questions about your gifts and contributions to the church, please contact me in the church office.

Martie Tayloe, Financial Secretary

### **RADIO BROADCAST**

Since there will be no Sunday School on December 25, including Radio Bible Class, our radio audience is invited to tune in to WQDK-FM (99.3) from 10-11:00 am for the broadcast of *Voices of Christmas*, a cantata presented by the Christmas Choir, Vocal Ensemble and Children Choristers at FBC on December 11.

### **Sunday Worship at First Baptist Church**

Christmas Day—December 25  
11:00 am  
Dr. Daniel Glaze  
*The Gift*

New Year's Day—January 1  
11:00 am  
Dr. Dennis Bazemore  
Guest Preacher

**From the Pastor . . .**

As 2011 draws to a close, I have been reflecting on all we've accomplished together this year. We have so much for which to be grateful as we consider how God has blessed First Baptist Church.

I am grateful that we were able to call Mattea Pavlick as our Minister to Youth & Children. Though we said goodbye to her far too soon, we give thanks to God for what she meant to this congregation (and especially our youth) during her tenure. We hosted the 30-hour famine, where we raised money and awareness for world hunger. We again attended Passport Youth Camp and had a great week serving God and God's children in Macon, Georgia. Please pray for Mattea as she has begun a new ministry with children at Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

We were introduced to Jeremy Courtright, currently a ministerial student at Chowan University, and he has stepped into the void in our youth ministry leadership and continues to provide direction and relationship building during the interim. Please pray for Jeremy as he finishes his studies at Chowan and ministers among us here at First Baptist Church.

I am grateful that we have elected Mrs. Jamie Burns as our first fe-

male chair of Deacons (see below). This is the highest elected office within our church and I'm proud that we have continued to be faithful in our calling to proclaim in word and deed that God calls women and men to ministerial service. She begins her service in January 2012. Please pray for Jamie as she seeks to provide counsel and vision for our church's missions and ministry.

I am grateful I was able to complete my doctoral studies with my sanity somewhat intact. I am thankful that our church was liberal with granting time away to study and write. While I thoroughly enjoyed the process, I'm glad I'll never have to do that again.

As we step into 2012, let us be in prayer for our church as we seek to be faithful to God's mission for us in Ahoskie and beyond. I don't know yet what God has in store for us, but this I do know that the God who has been our help in ages past will be our hope for years to come!

Love,

*Daniel*

**2012 Deacons Officers**



*Please be in prayer for:*

Mrs. Jamie Burns, *chair*

Mr. Bill Magette, *vice-chair*

Mr. Chip Rose, *secretary*



**OPERATION INASMUCH  
CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

12:30—2:00 pm

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

The following FBC folks have volunteered to provide sweet potato casseroles for the meal:

Betty Myers	Jamie Burns
Christine McKeel	Claudia Morris
Susan Copeland	Mary Baker
Penny Rose	Linda Alexander
Virginia Chitty	Nancy Freeman
Jeanne Benthall	Pat Daniels
Dot Newsome	Ginger Greene
Mary Ann Umphlett	Jackie Baker
Claire Presley	Carolyn Arrington

Please put your casseroles in throw-away containers and take to St. Thomas' Episcopal Church between 10:00 am and 12:15 pm on Christmas Day.

Anyone in our church wishing to volunteer their time to help serve lunch and/or clean-up is asked to call Susan Copeland at 287-7851.

**CALENDAR DEC 25-30**

**Sunday December 25**

11:00 Morning Worship-WQDK-FM

12:30-2:00 OIAM Christmas

Lunch @ St. Thomas'

Episcopal Church

**Monday, Dec 26-Friday, Dec 30**

Church Offices Closed



**Don't Forget!!!**

To sign up for the  
January 4<sup>th</sup>

*First Wednesday*

*Epiphany Party*

Sign-up deadline is 5:00 pm

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Call the Church office.



**STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

**December 18, 2011**

Weekly Needs	\$ 8,782.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 16,247.00
Over Weekly Needs	\$ 7,465.00

YTD Needs	\$ 447,882.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 412,501.86
(Under) YTD Needs	(\$ 35,380.14)

BCH Offering to Date \$ 1,268.50

GMO Offering to Date \$ 10,216.87

# JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	2 5:30 Girl Scout Tp 1702	3 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 WOM Grps 2 & 4 7:00 WOM Grps 3 & 5	4 6:00 First Wednesday Fellowship Meal 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	5	6	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Chairo Music Ensl. 6:00 Youth Activities	9 10:00 CWJC Bd. Meets 5:30 GS Tp 1702 6:30 GS Tp 244	10 9:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Keenagers' Lunch 5:00 RCCHC Bd Meets, FH	11 5:00 Children's Music & Missions 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	12	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Chairo Music Ensl. 6:00 Youth Activities	16 5:30 GS Tp 1702 7:00 Bldg & Grounds Committee	17 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Missions Comm. 7:30 Deacons' Meeting	18 5:00 Children's Music & Missions 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	19	20	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Chairo Music Ensl. 6:00 Youth Activities	23 5:30 GS Tp 1702 6:30 GS Tp 244	24 9:00 Staff Meeting	25 5:00 Children's Music & Missions 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	26	27 28 -Tentative- Youth Lock-in	
29 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Chairo Music Ensl.	30 5:30 GS Tp 1702	31 9:00 Staff Meeting				

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Jeanne Benthall  
Virginia Chitty  
Joyce Umphlett  
Mary Myers  
Lauren Pridgen

-2-  
Oliver Fleming

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Lauren Harrell

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Ray West  
Dave Simons

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John Boyd

-7-  
Rosa Swain

-8-  
Lou Wilson

-13-  
Ella Thompson

-16-  
Henry Byrd

-17-  
Bonnie Revelle  
Bryan Harrell

-18-  
Billy Presley

-20-  
Debbie Rawls

-21-  
Linda Minton  
Tony Bracy

-23-  
Kendell Harrell

-24-  
Bess Leary  
Hannah Early

-26-  
Beverly Bazemore  
Dana Wiggins  
Jason Harrell

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Malcolm Copeland  
Isabella Woodard

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Jackie Baker

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Lauren Baker

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Jean Hudson



**Minister on Call:** Dr. Daniel Glaze, 862-5108  
**Deacons on Call:** Oliver Fleming and Jamie Burns  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Austine & Ernie Evans, Bess Leary  
**1s & 2s**— Lisa & Kathryn Outlaw  
**3s-5s**— James & Eva Early

**Ushers:**

Carolyn Arrington, Ernie Evans, Kay Byrd, Lee Byrum, Gloria Freeman, Wally McKeel-balcony, Pate Pierce-balcony

**Sound System:** Henry Joyner

**Floral Offering:** Bill & Debbie Magette

**Home Delivered Meals 12/26 :** Closed

**Food Pantry 12/30:** Shirley Pennington/Barbara Piland/JoAn Downs

**Minister on Call:** Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061  
**Deacons on Call:** Betty Joyner and Paul Helfrich  
**Sun. School @ Guardian Care:** Bess Leary  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Rosa Swain & Lou Wilson  
**1s & 2s**— Sandra Pierce & Susan Earley  
**3s-5s**— Mary Baker & Ella Thompson

**Ushers:**

Jamie Burns, Billy Greene-balcony, Eve Greene-balcony, Bill Magette, Chip Rose, Frank Rose, Peggy Springfield

**Sound System:** Louis Mizelle

**Floral Offering:** Nell Vaughan

**Home Delivered Meals 1/2:** Bess Leary

**Food Pantry 1/6:** Sandra Pierce

*Items of Interest*

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- Congratulations to Mary Page & Walt Pierce on the birth of a son, Dempsey Walters, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The proud FB grandparents are Sandra & Stuart Pierce; FB extended family include Pate, Anna, Fletcher, Camille, & Liza Pierce and Brent, Kari, & Henry Buck Pierce.
- This issue of *The Window* is the final one of 2011. The first issue of 2012 will be mailed January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Choirs will resume rehearsals as follows:
  - ♫ Sanctuary Choir & Vocal Ensemble—Jan. 4
  - ♫ Chair Music Ensemble (Gr. 5-adult)—Jan. 8
  - ♫ Children's Music & Missions (children ages 3-Gr. 6)—Jan. 11.
 It's a great time to join a choir!

Beginning Wednesday, January 11, and continuing each Wednesday (except First Wednesday) of January, February, and March—we'll provide a meal from 5:15-6:15 pm at a cost of \$4.00 per person. These meals are for seniors and others wishing to be a part of this fellowship time, or needing a quick meal between scheduled events that night. Please call the church office by noon Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to come for dinner. Transportation will be provided for those needing that service but you must let us know in advance. The menu will vary from week to week.

January 11 Menu: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Bread, Beverage



*The Window*

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 8:00 am-12:00 noon Friday