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Let's Party!

As you may be aware, last Sunday evening the youth and parents of our church met with a prospective minister of youth and children. I am pleased to report the gathering went very well. I am hopeful that we will have this gifted and qualified person in place by the first of the new year. As I was walking to my car and she to hers, I said, "First Baptist is the church I've always wanted to serve. I hope you will find the church to be a great fit as well." Indeed, I sense that the quality of our first year together has provided us with a solid foundation upon which to build for the future. Please know that I find my daily work among you satisfying and rewarding.

So, let's party!

Lou Ann, Matty Grace, and I are delighted to welcome you to our home this Sunday, December 10, beginning at 3pm. We will serve desserts, tea, coffee, and a handful of other items. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to come. I have visions of people socializing upstairs, downstairs, and weather permitting outside on the deck. In preparation for our time together, allow me to offer a few words of direction.

1 – Our address is 620 Lakeview Drive, Murfreesboro. At the stop light on Union Street (the tennis courts, baseball field, and the Helms center are on this road), with the University House (you will see a sign) on your left, make a left onto High Street. You will then pass the main entrance to Chowan's campus on your left. Just after you pass the Jefcoat Museum on your left, you will turn left onto Lakeview Drive. You will pass the Jenkins Center on your left. Soon after, you will encounter a roundabout (yes—a roundabout!). Continue through the roundabout. At the stop sign, you will see our house on your left. It is a mid-century modern de-



Worshiping Together

December 10

11:00 am

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

While We Wait

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: Chairo

sign with a glass front and a deck. At the stop sign, make a left onto Woodridge Drive. The driveway will be on the left. The house sits on a corner lot.

2 – Feel free to drop by any time that works best for your schedule. However, we chose to start at 3pm in order to allow for those who do not drive at night plenty of time to visit and return home before nightfall.

If you need a ride, please let me know and we will work something out.

3 – As for parking, park where you can find a spot. There will be significant space in our driveway and along the street. There *may* be additional space nearby but I need to ask first!

4 – From the driveway side, you will enter the house on the second floor. The entrance is under the carport. Someone will greet you and help you navigate the two small steps at the door, if needed. Once inside, there are no steps on the main level. There is one bathroom upstairs and two bathrooms downstairs.

I am so looking forward to our Advent celebrations this Sunday!

In Christ,

Trey



Christmas at Main & West

December 10

Peace

Second Sunday of Advent

Chairo will be sharing their Christmas music during the 11:00 am worship service.

December 17

Joy

Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 pm

The Christmas Choir and Instrumentalists
present

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

by Hal H. Hopson

Christmas Cookie Fellowship to Follow

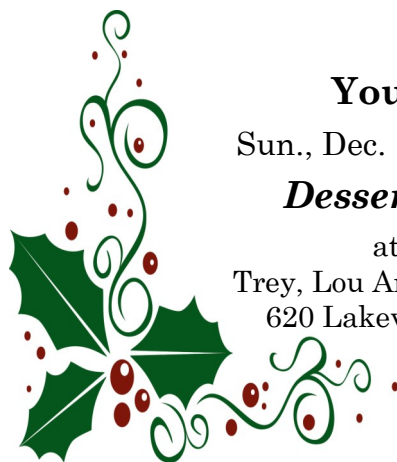
December 24

Love

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship



You're Invited

Sun., Dec. 10 • 3:00 pm until ...

Desserts and Coffee

at the home of

Trey, Lou Ann, & Matty Grace Gilliam
620 Lakeview Drive, Murfreesboro



Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

Wednesday, December 13

5:00 to 6:00 pm

For Ages 3 through Grade 6
Bible Lesson, Craft, and Cake
(We will not be serving supper this year.)

Christian Women's Job Corps Has Need Of The Following



- Clothes: Casual & Dress
- Pocketbooks
- Shoes
- Sets of Dishes
- Flatware/Utensils
- Any Household Items

As you clean out closets, storage areas, etc., please remember that someone else is in need of your unwanted or unneeded items. Thanks for your help with this ministry. Contact Pat Byrd, CWJC Director, for more information.



December 3 , 2017

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| Weekly Need | \$ 8,778.00 |
| Weekly Offering | \$ 12,061.17 |
| Difference | \$ 3,283.17 |
| YTD Needs | \$ 430,122.00 |
| YTD Offerings | \$ 397,592.32 |
| YTD Difference | \$ -32,529.32 |
| Bapt. Children's Homes to Date | \$ 448.00 |
| YTD Global Missions Offering | \$ 220.00 |

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**Global Missions Offering
Ingathering
at FBC will be
Sunday, December 10**

**FBC's 2017 Goal:
\$8,000.00**

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COMMUNITY
starts with you!**

The Week Ahead



Sunday, December 10

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00pm 'til Open House at the Gilliams'
- 4:30 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal —
Christmas Choir, Vocal Ensemble, &
Christmas Handbells

Monday, December 11

- 2:00 pm Church Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

- 5:00 pm Children's Birthday Party for Jesus
- 6:00 pm Reformation Study, FH
- 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal—
Christmas Choir, Vocal Ensemble, &
Christmas Handbells

Friday, December 15

- 11:00 am FH Reserved
- 3:00 pm CWJC Graduation
- 4:00 pm Daniels/Thompson Wed. Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16

- 4:00 pm Daniels/Thompson Wedding

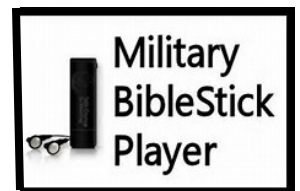
Sunday, December 17

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Instrumental Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Christmas Cantata Run-Through
- 6:15 pm Musicians' Snack Supper
- 7:00 pm Christmas Choir & Musicians present
A Festival of Lessons and Carols
- 8:00 pm Christmas Cookie Reception, FH

WCBA WMU Project

Military BibleStick Ministry

The Military BibleStick is designed to bring God's Word to the men and women deployed in the U.S. Military. It represents hope for our heroes!



It's a digital player, the size of a pack of chewing gum, pre-loaded with the New Testament plus Psalms specifically selected for our Troops. It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances. Cost is \$25 per BibleStick.

Monetary Gifts are Due by January 15, 2018

Send to: Myra Northcott, 153 Blowe Road,
Ahoskie NC 27910

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of December 10—16

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Penny Rose, 287-8531
Bill Arrington, 395-0937

Extended Session—December 10

Birth-Age 2: Sandra Pierce, Stephanie Rose,
& Taylor F. Rose
Ages 3-5: Anna Pierce

Ushers—December 10

J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Patricia Hughes,
Mollee Frei Lamm, Frank Rose, Reagan Zoch ;
Balcony— Pate Pierce & Colby Hauser

Sound System—December 10

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering—December 10

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—December 11

Susan & Bill Earley

Food Pantry—December 15

JoAn Downs, Patrice Godwin & Shirley
Stephenson

Week of December 17—23

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Andy Woodard, 396-1599
Debbie Magette, 209-7021

Extended Session—December 17

Birth-Age 2: Jessica Brinkley, Melanie Byrum,
& Debbie Magette
Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum & Kari Pierce

Ushers—December 17

Jameson Brown, Kay Byrd, Alan Myers,
Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Edgar Swain,
Taylor Rose;
Balcony— Dawson Rose & Wally McKeel

Sound System (11 am & 7 pm)—December 17

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering—December 17

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—December 18

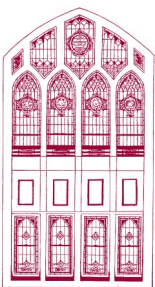
Bess & William Leary Sr.

Food Pantry—December 22

Vicky Overman

Sunday School at Creekside—December 17

Adult II Co-Ed Class



The Window

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