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## This and That

I want to share a few words about this and that. So, here we go!

1 – The Gilliams’ annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm. All people, members and regular participants alike, who make up FBC Ahoskie are invited. Our address is 620 Lakeview Drive, Murfreesboro. Last year was a lot of fun. However, we did not know each other as well then as we do now. Therefore, I am hopeful that you will make yourselves even more at home than you did last year. Feel free to linger upstairs, to gather around the television downstairs, or hang out on the deck as you enjoy refreshments and one another!

2 – Several weeks ago, one of our deacons said to me, “Trey, I’d like to put someone on your radar.” She then informed me of an elderly couple in our congregation who she thought might be encouraged by a visit from the pastor. Please know how grateful I am for such helpful suggestions. If you know of someone, that you think may not be on my radar, who would be encouraged by a visit or phone call, I do hope you will make me aware of such persons. When you do, you enable me to become a better pastor!

3 – Our church leadership is now in discussion about participating in a cohort of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Churches dedicated to implementing strategies to engage young people in the life of the church. The project is called “Growing Young” based on a book by the same title. Here are a couple of sentences from the cohort of churches brochure: “Churches across the country are both shrinking and aging as more young people disengage. However, there are scores of congregations that are buck-

ing this trend and developing cultures that welcome, empower, and engage teenagers and young adults.” Based on a study of these churches that are bucking the trend of disengagement by young people, “Growing Young” offers six strategies that churches can use to assist young people to fall in love with the church.

4 – I encourage our church to finish 2018 strong. I am thrilled and humbled when I hear comments like, “Trey, we decided to wait until after worship to go out of town. This is not something we did before.” Or, “Pastor, we did our best to get back in town in time for worship this Sunday, and we did it!” Please, please continue to give Sunday morning worship high priority. Since we began our 12 Sundays challenge 14 weeks ago, we have averaged 188 people in Sunday morning worship. Over the last 14 weeks, the lowest we have had for worship is 152. Of course, whether the number is 152 or 253 (our highest over the past 14 weeks), God is present and worship is sweet. However, it is also true that a full sanctuary generates good energy within a congregation. Please continue to go the extra mile, when necessary, to have you and your family in worship each Sunday morning.

In Christ,  
Trey



**Worshiping Together**  
November 25, 2018

**Christ the King Sunday**  
*The Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*Laughter in the Air*

Psalm 126

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

## First Wednesday

December 5, 2018

6:00 pm



### A Christmas Concert

Presented By  
Leah Wiggins Stubbs, Piano  
&  
Fletcher Stubbs, Saxophone

#### Covered Dish Meal

Meat & bread will be provided.  
Please bring a favorite side dish  
or dessert that will feed 6.

## Appalachian Winter



### A Christmas Cantata

Presented by the Christmas Choir,  
Chairo, the Vocal Ensemble, and Instrumentalists

December 16 at 7:00 pm

December 23 at 11:00 am

On the evening of December 16, a Homemade Christmas Cookie reception will follow the cantata performance. Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share. It would be helpful if you would bring them on a serving tray.

### Christian Women's Job Corps Angel Tree



If you, your Sunday School class or family is looking for a way to help a family or individual in need during the Christmas holidays, you're invited to connect with our Christian Women's Job Corps ministry as they set up an Angel Tree on the first floor by the credenza.

On the tree will be paper angels on which are listed items for a particular person in need. For more information about this ministry opportunity, contact Pat Byrd, CWJC Director.

### Thank You

We offer our thanks to Melanie Byrum who served our church and community well as coordinator for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. All boxes are on their way!

### Stewardship Statement

November 18, 2018

Weekly Need	\$ 8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,181.60
Difference	\$ (-3,373.40)
YTD Needs	\$ 393,530.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 375,253.71
YTD Difference	\$ (-18,276.29)
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 150.00
Benevolence Offering	\$ 100.00

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*



### Christmas Open House at the Gilliams'

Sunday, December 9th  
3:00 pm—6:00 pm  
620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro

# DECEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45a: Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> 11a: Worship		<b>Every Monday</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 3p: Staff Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> 5:45p: Girl Scout Troops				1
2 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> •4p: Chairo •4:45p: Christmas Choir •5p: Youth Group (Grades 6-12) •6p: Youth Supper	3 •10a: Women on Mission, (WOM) Group 2	4 •10a: WOM 4 •7p: WOM 3	5 •5p: Children's Music & Missions •6p: First Wed. Christmas Meal & Program	6 •1p: WOM 5	7 •9a: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)	8
9 <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> •3-6p: Gilliams' Christmas Party	10 •5p: Ahoskie Woman's Club Christmas Party	11 •5:45p: Missions Committee Mtg.	12 •5p: Children's Christmas Party •5p: Women's Bible Study •6p: Adult Bible Study	13 •12p: JOY Fellowship	14 •9a: CWJC	15
16 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> •7p: Christmas Cantata •8p: Christmas Cookie Social	17	18	19 No Children's Activities or Any Rehearsals	20	21 •9a: CWJC	22
23 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Dedication of Adalyn Britt •11a: Christmas Cantata	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> •5p: Christmas Eve Worship	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> OIAM Lunch Church Office Closed	26 No Afternoon or Evening Activities	27	28	29
30 <b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b>	31					

## December Birthdays



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|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Nancy Outlaw     | 3 Chip Rose      | 9 Cecelia Bracy      | 20 Elizabeth Davis  |
| 1 Tim Frei         | 4 Monte Thompson | 9 Bland Baker        | 21 Jordan Martin    |
| 2 John Jones       | 4 Gayle Cross    | 12 Elizabeth Mizelle | 23 Tiffany Warren   |
| 2 Eunice Sellars   | 4 Barbara Earley | 15 Olivia Parker     | 29 Jimmy Bracy      |
| 2 Tara Fowler      | 6 Lisa Outlaw    | 16 Brenda Jones      | 29 Charles Freeman  |
| 2 Bea Harrison     | 7 Jamie Burns    | 17 Don Joyner        | 30 Bill Magette     |
| 3 Elizabeth Joyner | 8 Eddie Joyner   | 18 William Leary Sr. | 31 Georgia Copeland |
|                    | 8 Dempsey Pierce | 18 Judd Byrd         |                     |
|                    | 9 Lucy Pierce    | 19 Amanda Henderson  |                     |

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of November 25- December 1

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-9461

Brandon Zoch. 862-5767

### Extended Session - November 25

Babies: Lisa & Scott Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland

Ages 3-5: J.C. Doughtie. Billie Jo & Michael  
Harrell

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

### Ushers -November 25

Carolyn Arrington, Pike Harrington, Mollie Frei

Lamm, Nat Riddick, Chip Rose & Chloe Rose

Balcony— Keith Rawls & Isabella Woodard

### Sound System - November 25

Frank Britt

### Floral Offering - November 25

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - November 26

Frank & Penny Rose

### Food Pantry - November 30

Pansy & Robert Earl White

## The FBC Ministers

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## Week of November December 2-8

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Bill Arrington, 395-0937

Pat Byrd, 209-4301

### Sunday School at Creekside Care

Bess Leary

### Extended Session - December 2

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

### Ushers - December 2

Josh Brinkley, Heath Britt, Kay Byrd, Ed

Copeland Jr., Gloria Freeman & Charles

Hughes

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Brad Hauser

### Sound System - December 2

James Early

### Floral Offering - December 2

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - December 3

Charles & Gloria Freeman

### Food Pantry— December 7

Vicky Overman

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