CALENDAR OF EVENTS							
Sunday, December 27	10:00	am	Sunday School				
	11:00	am	Worship				
Monday, December 28	All	day	Church office closed				
Tuesday, December 29	All	day	Church office closed				
Wednesday, December 30	6:00	pm	No bell or choir rehearsal				
Sunday, January 3	10:00	am	Sunday School				
	11:00	am	Worship				
	5:00	pm	Children's choir (grades 1-5)				
Monday, January 4	All	day	Church office closed				

Coat Drive – We are collecting coats, sweaters, and hoodies – new or used. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School classroom. Each time the box is full, we will take the coats to Thermal Belt Outreach. Give the gift of warmth this year!

Ministry Teams--You may sign up in the Sunday School fover, or you may mark your choice on the green half-sheet and place it in the offering plate.

2016 Giving--If you have prayerfully considered your 2016 giving, please sign the blue slip of paper and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Choir (grades 1-5) resume rehearsals on January 3rd at 5:00pm.

Baptism on January 10 - Please join us in celebrating the baptisms of Malik Miller and Wilson Edwards January 10.

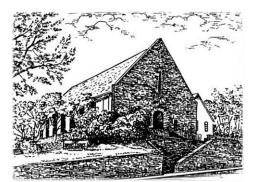
January schedule - S.E.E. resumes Sunday, January 10, at 5:00pm. Bible Study will start Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00am (in the Activity Building), and we'll continue to study The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard. Bring a light dish to share for lunch after the study.

Thanks for the great offering on December 20!

December 20, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 19,263	Choir	\$ 54	School Supplies	\$20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	CBF Global	\$ 50	I Love My Church	\$20
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 342,800	Lottie Moon	\$ 25	Christmas Food Boxes	\$60
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 338,640	Food Pantry	\$505		

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First Baptist Church

December 27, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning First Sunday of Christmas

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Prelude The Promised Savior -James Southbridge

Congregational Call to Worship Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

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Invocation

StorieLane Whiteside

† Hymn of Praise 94

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

† Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Candace Wilson

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (p. 241)

Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 148 Robert Carter

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 191) Jeff Harris

Prayers of the People

Jeff Harris

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Our Creator in heaven all praise to Your Name! Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same by mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone. Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day: As we forgive others, our sins take away; In times of temptation, to lead us be near, from evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign and yours is the power, all things You sustain. To you be the glory, resounding again. From all of creation, forever! Amen.

WALTHAM

Offertory Prayer Sadie McKaig Offertory and Meditation Sweet Little Jesus Boy -arr. Bober †Doxology 253 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th Gospel Reading **Jeff Harris** John 1:1-18 (p. 89) The Christmas Story in Song How Great Our Jou Carol 108 JUENGST Carol 102 The Birthday of a King **NEIDLINGER** Carol 101 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM We Three Kings Carol 113 KINGS OF ORIENT Jeff Harris Meditation **Carol Requests** †Hymn of Response 117 As With Gladness Men of Old DIX †Benediction **Jeff Harris**

[†]Congregational Response Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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†Postlude The Rose Tree Carol -arr. Joseph Martin

If you are a guest, we are grateful that you are here. Please complete a welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today's service are StorieLane Whiteside and Hattie Jolly.

Offering Envelopes – 2016 Offering Envelopes may be found in your Sunday School rooms. All other offering envelopes are in the Sunday School fover.

Christmas Food Boxes Given in Honor or Memory 2015

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In Memory of Ken Carter
In Memory of Holland Brady
In Honor and Memory of our Family and our Parents
In Honor of our Staff at First Baptist Church
In Memory of Earl and Ken Carter
In Honor of Sally Jo Carter
In Memory of Ned Covil
In Memory of Ned Covil, Frances Henson, Ann and Ellis Fincher,Sr. and Herman and Erie Justice
In Honor of our Church Family
In Memory of Bill and Dot McFarland
In Memory of CT and Anniebelle Hudson
In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman and Erie Justice
In Memory of 1st Lt. Timothy Cunningham
In Memory of Ramey J. Martin
In Memory of Vailon and Louvenia Shytle
In Memory of Dean and Elizabeth Richardson and Shelley R. McKeller
In Memory of Helen and Grady Wyatt
In Honor of their Grandchildren
In Memory of Sheila Miller
In Memory of our Grandmothers – Julia, June, Elsie, and Shirley
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Evans, Jr.
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Turner, Jr.
In Memory of Mr. Colin Tennant
In Honor of our Parents
In Honor of those who served the Armed Forces

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<u>Christmas Food</u>	<u>l Boxes Given in Honor or Memory 20</u>
Carroll and June Brady	In Memory of Ken Carter
Carroll and June Brady	In Memory of Holland Brady
Ed and Nancy Britton	In Honor and Memory of our Family and our Parents
Elizabeth Burrell	In Honor of our Staff at First Baptist Church
The Robert Carter Family and William Carter	In Memory of Earl and Ken Carter
The Robert Carter Family and William Carter	In Honor of Sally Jo Carter
Keith and Debbie Collins	In Memory of Ned Covil
Trey Fincher Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Frances Henson, Ann and Ellis Fincher,Sr. and Herman and Erie Justice
Kay Greene	In Honor of our Church Family
Ray and Becky Hudson	In Memory of Bill and Dot McFarland
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Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman and Erie Justice
Dean and Marilyn Kimbrell	In Memory of 1st Lt. Timothy Cunningham
Linda Martin	In Memory of Ramey J. Martin
Billy and Kim McFarland	In Memory of Vailon and Louvenia Shytle
Charles and Lib McKeller	In Memory of Dean and Elizabeth Richardson and Shelley R. McKeller
Charles and Lib McKeller	In Memory of Helen and Grady Wyatt
Franklin and Sadie McKaig	In Honor of their Grandchildren
The Miller Family	In Memory of Sheila Miller
Ken and Leslie Raymond	In Memory of our Grandmothers – Julia, June, Elsie, and Shirley
Geoff and Alice Tennant	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Evans, Jr.
Geoff and Alice Tennant	In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Turner, Jr.
Geoff and Alice Tennant	In Memory of Mr. Colin Tennant
Joey and Olivia Whiteside	In Honor of our Parents
Skip and Reva Williams	In Honor of those who served the Armed Forces