The Good News





First Baptist Church of Tryon

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December 2018

Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

December 2 First Sunday of Advent, Hope, 11am

Annual Christmas Dinner, Activity Building, 5pm

"Cookies for a Cause" (gift ideas) in Rock House, 12pm & 4pm

December 9 Second Sunday of Advent, Peace, 11am

Refuge Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's, 4pm

December 10 Staff Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's, 5pm

December 16 Third Sunday of Advent, Joy, 11am

December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Love, 11am

December 23 Christmas Caroling, 3pm, Dinner at

El Sureño to follow

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm

December 25 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!

December 30 First Sunday of Christmas, I Love My Church Offering, 11am

January 1 Office Closed—Happy New Year!

January 6 Epiphany, 11am

ALUMINUM CAN MINISTRY



Cans for Guatemala. When bringing donations of aluminum cans to church, please place them by the storage shed in the back parking lot. Carl Rosenblad reported \$1,100 was sent Guatemala this past year so parents could buy cloth with which to make their children clothes. Our church family has been saving aluminum cans which are collected and sold to raise this donation. For every small pickup truck load that Carl Rosenblad drives to Spartanburg, he receives about \$50. Thank you for helping in this ministry to children in another part of our world. Carl is a member of the Columbus Presbyterian Church who has collected aluminum can for 15 years. His truck goes out every morning at sunrise and he collects cans along the roads in our county. He also collects from Tryon Estates every two weeks. Carl is in his 80's and is still making a difference with his deeds.

ONGOING CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are collecting personal toiletries and amenities, located in the church kitchen. You can bring small bottles of lotion, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, etc. For over ten years, church members have been donating extra lotions, shampoos, and soaps which they saved when traveling. These donations are collected and taken to Steps to Hope and also to the Polk County Jail by Di Greene. Thank you for participating in this outreach. Sisterhood sees that these items are distributed to Steps of Hope women's shelter, and the Polk County prison.

YOUTH NEWS



December 2: Cookies for a Cause- The youth group has a Sunday School tradition of raising money during the Christmas season for Heifer International to buy an animal or other necessity for a family in need somewhere in the world. This year, we need your help. December 2, the youth will be selling Cookies for a Cause to help buy an animal. There are several ways you can help—purchase cookies for a donation on December 2 before Sunday School, after worship, or after the Annual Christmas dinner, bake cookies for the event, or simply make a donation in worship during the month of December and mark it for Heifer International. Youth will bake cookies at the church, December 1, 1-4pm. If you can help by baking cookies, please contact Jaime or sign up on the bulletin board.

December 2, 5:00pm: Annual Christmas Dinner. There will be no regular Refuge this night, but there will be a church wide program at 5pm by the Furman University Tones with a dinner to follow in the activity building. I need a few youth to help sell cookies after the event is over. If you can help, let Jaime know.



December 9, 4:00pm: Refuge Christmas Party- Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's house, sign-up by December 7. Wear your tacky Christmas sweaters!

ADVENT EVENT AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING

On Sunday, November 25, lots of folks came out to help decorate the sanctuary and the Christmas tree. Snacks and hot chocolate were served, and the children were given the special task of making an Advent wreath for themselves and their families. They were able to have a complete 'hands-on' experience, from using a drill press for cutting holes, to dipping candles for the colors of Advent. Advent guides were sent home with the wreaths so families could celebrate together. Many thanks to those who coordinated and supervised this family event!

-Photos courtesy of Jaime Fitzgerald

















2018 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays Sunday School, 10am

Worship, 11am

Refuge (grades 6-12), 5pm

Wednesdays Bible Study, 10am

Women's Bible Study, Rock House, 6pm

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1st Monday of each month Mission Team, 5:30pm

1st Tuesday of each month:WMU, 10am2nd Tuesday of every other month:Sisterhood, 7pm3rd Monday of each month:Brotherhood, 6:30pm3rd Tuesday of each month:Deacons, 6pm

3-4 Saturdays a year:: Firewood Ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am, dates dictated by TBOM

This is the current schedule for the year. Please note some things may be re-scheduled, added, or changed as needed. If changes occur, you will be notified by email, worship bulletin, newsletter, or announcement in worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tree

Sun, Dec 2 Advent I, Hope,; Annual Christmas Dinner

Sun, Dec 9 Advent II, Peace Sun, Dec 16 Advent III, Joy

Sun, Dec 23 Advent IV, Love; Christmas Caroling 3pm

Mon, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm Sun, Dec 30 I Love My Church Offering

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULES

December Anniversaries

DECEMBER MILESTONES

Deacons for November

*Shelvie Foust

Keith Collins

Ed Justice

Jeff Miller

Phil Pleasants

Ushers for December

Phil Scoggins, Joyce Scoggins—Front

Renae Waldman—Hall

Brian Jones—Side

Acolytes for December

Dec 2 Harper Harris, Ellie Baughman

Dec 9 ScottLynn Whiteside, Oliviah Miller

Dec 16 Oakley Whiteside, Hatty Jolly Crawford

Dec 23 Ellie Baughman, Jonathon Edwards

Dec 30 Lainey Littlefield, McClain Koistinen

Children's Church Workers for December

Dec 2 JT & Cathy Johnson

Dec 9 Anthony & Emily Pereira

Dec 16 Susan Smith

Dec 23 Keith & Debbie Collins

Dec 30 Ellis & Linda Fincher

- 4 Don & Jan Ponder
- 17 Dan & Mona Kimble
- 22 Mike & Di Greene, Ray & Becky Hudson, Garland & Fran Goodwin
- 30 Tim & Christie Morrow

December Birthdays

- 5 T.J. Fincher
- 7 Pam McFalls, Meri Lynch
- 10 Ellie Baughman ('07)
- 11 Hadley Mae Pereira ('12)
- 13 Linda Fincher, Mike Greene, Andrew McKaig, Beth McCallister
- 14 Dee Huneycutt
- 15 Katie Cothran ('04), Denise Britton
- 17 Ella Sap ('12), Brad Crawford, Becky Hudson, Jennifer Jones, Louis Rossi
- 19 Joey Whiteside
- 22 David Graham, Ella Waldman ('04)
- 25 Renae Waldman
- 31 Haley Dusenbury

