

## FOREIGN MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**OUR 2019 GOAL - \$25,000**

### **Shoes for torn feet, hope for weary souls.**

As broken Venezuela empties its population across the continent, the poorest people walk across the Andes mountains to reach their varied and unknown destinations. Fleeing the economic crisis in their home country, they continue to travel on foot for even the slightest chance of finding food, work, shelter or hope for the future.

A missionary couple to South America, Paul and Robin, seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus and share His love with those who are displaced. They welcomed the help of a mission team from First Baptist Church Atlanta. Together they traveled up an 11,000 foot pass where they saw few overnight shelters along the route taken by the trekkers. At one shelter the FBC Atlanta team presented the gospel but were unable to give out the clothing and shoes that were greatly needed due to government regulations. The team was disappointed because the physical needs were so great. On the return trip, the team set out in the pouring rain. Once they headed down the mountain the clouds parted and the sun began to shine. Around a curve a glorious rainbow appeared above the mountain. A few curves later and the team spotted three travelers sitting on the side of the road. They were weary and worn. Their lack of good shoes caused their feet to be damaged and cut. The team cared for the men's feet with cleansers and cream and several pairs of socks. When looking in their supplies they were not surprised to find the exact shoe size needed for each travelers feet! The team gave the men warmer clothing, food and shared the gospel. The trekkers were stunned that these people just appeared and offered everything they so desperately needed. On of the Venezuelan men said as he walked under the rainbow he cried out to God that he needed shoes to keep going. No more than 10 minutes later the team appeared as an answer to his cry. These refugees now have no doubt that God still knows where they are and that they are not alone.

*Our giving to the Christmas Foreign Missions Offering enables these and many other missionary teams to continue to meet physical needs and share the gospel with people around the world.*

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-15-19)	\$	17,757.72
Year to Date Requirements	\$	720,206.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$	760,466.68
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Goal	\$	25,000.00
Foreign Missions Christmas Offering Receipts	\$	20,190.07



## MUSIC NOTES

What a glorious and joyful Advent season we have celebrated and enjoyed this year and there's a few more services yet to anticipate.

Children's Night at FBC was beautiful, inspiring, sweet, precious and worshipful as we all became a child again at Christmastime.

Sanctuary Choir your voices, faces and hearts wrapped us in the peace and love of Christmas – *Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel.*

Patrick Rice blessed us with his talent on the guitar as we felt the presence of our Savior's peace wrap around us in our sanctuary.

The variation of musical selections by our talented soloists' have been on target! Thank you all for sharing your talent.

Master's Ringers there is nothing like the sound of bells during Advent.

To each and every person involved in our music ministry a very sincere thanks for your devotion, patience and talent!! We were very blessed and are definitely in the Christmas spirit now as we await and anticipate the Birth of our Savior.

~ Patti

## TEACHING AT THE MAPLES

If you would be interested in teaching at The Maples or would like more information about what we are doing, please contact Randy Fagg before December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He can be reached by phone or text at 245-7416 or be email at crfatf@gmail.com

## END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Financial Office will post all contributions received by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the 2019 financial year. In addition, any gifts postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> will be included in this fiscal year.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:55 a.m.

Morning Worship

No Evening Activities

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closed

5:00 p.m.

Candle Light/Communion Service

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed – Merry Christmas

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:55 a.m.

Morning Worship

No Evening Activities

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed – Happy New Year!!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

AAMC

Jane Meeks – (Randy Fagg – deacon)

## SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to:

~ Rebecca Finley in the loss of her father, Mark Moseley

~ The family of Kevin LeCroy

## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Amy and I are so excited to get to know each of you better. In an effort to do so, we want to have all of you to our house for dinner and games. We will do this by grades on Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Seniors and Juniors – January 12

Sophomores and Freshman – January 26

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – February 2

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – February 9

God Bless,

Matt

**~ REMEMBER THE COAT DRIVE ~**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**

**Worship Service**      *Christmas Love*      T. Dale Lynch  
Matthew 1:18-21

**Offertory Prayer**      Jeremy Sauceman  
**Counting Committee**      Bill Pitts & Norman Phillips  
**Usher & Safety Team**      Brent Thomas, Travis Thomas  
Hal McDowell & Jeb Fisher

**Audio Visual**      David Vaughn & Harold McDowell

**Deacon Greeters for December 22, 2019**

Brent Thomas      Patrick O'Dell      Randy Fagg  
Polly Gilreath      Jay Blake

**Deacon Offertory Team for December 22, 2019**

Jeremy Sauceman      Elizabeth Stone  
Mac Horton      Greg Tysl

**Extended Session for Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Nursery:      Jane Green & Martha Pitts  
2's & 3's:      Jeremy & Katy Sauceman  
4's & 5's:      April & Madeline Knight  
Ext. Session Coordinator: Tara Brice (353-8272)

**Children's Sermon:**      Harrienne Lynch

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**Worship Service**      *Family*      Nick Kirby  
(Eph. 5:22-6:4)

**Offertory Prayer**      Randy Fagg  
**Counting Committee**      Bill Pitts & Norman Phillips  
**Usher & Safety Team**      Brent Thomas, Travis Thomas  
Hal McDowell & Jeb Fisher

**Audio Visual**      Jimmy Ouzts & Tommy Norris

**Deacon Greeters for December 29, 2019**

Brent Thomas      Patrick O'Dell      Randy Fagg  
Polly Gilreath      Jay Blake

**Deacon Offertory Team for December 29, 2019**

Randy Fagg      Chris Mumblow

**Extended Session for Sunday, December 29, 2019**

Nursery:      Mitzi Scarborough & Kim McCoy  
2's & 3's:      Stokes & Anna Rogers  
4's & 5's:      Caroline & Emily Brown  
Ext. Session Coordinator: Carrie Branyon (940-3418)

First Baptist Church      Periodical Postage  
#USPS 003905      Paid at Belton, S.C.  
Published weekly except July 4 and Christmas

Postmaster: Send address changes to:  
**First Baptist Church PO Box 366 Belton, SC 29627**  
(864)338-7776 [www.beltonfirstbaptistchurch.org](http://www.beltonfirstbaptistchurch.org)

**LOVE IS OF GOD**

Love is not something you say or feel, but something you do.

*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions in truth.*      1 John 3:18

Is it hypocritical to act loving if we don't feel loving? I can choose to respond to the flesh or to the Spirit. If I choose to act in response to the Spirit, I am not being hypocritical.

"We say, "When I feel loving, I'll act loving", but God's solution is to start acting in love, and our feelings will catch up. It's hard to act loving very long without feeling loving.

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.*      1 John 4:7

*Max McGee Rice, 1988 FBC Devotional Book*



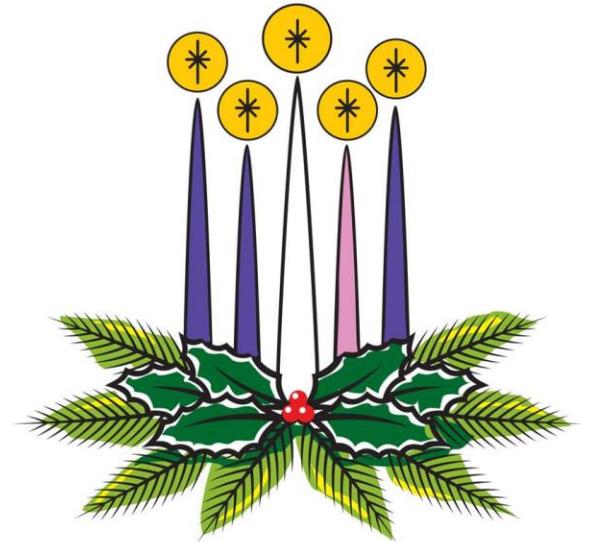
*From the staff of First Baptist Church*  
*Dale      Nick      Joel*  
*Matt      Katie      Kim*  
*Becky      Scott      Mandy*



**Vol. 13**

**December 18, 2019**

**No. 49**



*Christmas Eve*

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sunday, December 24, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m.**