

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Children ages 4 and up will be singing in the morning worship service this Sunday, December 6. Please meet in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. to practice before Sunday School.

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. – Family Night at Christmas

Our church family is invited to drop in during this time as we enjoy a meaningful Christmas experience together preparing our hearts for the Christmas Season. From 6:00 – 6:15 p.m. our Senior Adults are encouraged to come. We will explore some of our favorite traditions in small group settings and hear some beautiful Christmas music. This is for all ages!



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Live Nativity begins at 7:00 p.m.

One of the most heart-warming expressions of Christmas is the Nativity. The Nativity speaks of the mystery of God’s wisdom. Why God chose to send his son into our world as a baby of humble birth, born in common surroundings, we do not know. What we do know is that God reached out to all people including the poor and the wealthy, the simple and the wise, the powerless and the powerful. All who found him knelt in humility before him. Knowing God is possible because he came to us, at our level. Whenever we see a Nativity we find ourselves with Mary and Joseph; with the shepherds; and with the Wise Men; bowing before the Manger, overwhelmed by God’s expression of love in coming to us.

You will not want to miss this special night as the birth of Christ is played out in a Live Nativity at the Gilreath Farm. There will be real shepherds, angels, animals and wisemen acting out the Christmas Story straight from the pages of the Bible. All ages will enjoy a ride through the nativity in a small group hayride experience! Dress warm!! Come as you can.

CONGRATULATIONS

FBC family sends “Congratulations” to Phillip and Kayla Cothran Hanks on the birth of a son on November 24, 2020. Henry Daniel Hanks arrived weighing 5 lbs. Best wishes to all of the family. Danny & Dawn Cothran are the proud grandparents and Dean & Wendell Bannister are the great grandparents!!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (11-29-20)	\$	10,854.73
Year to Date Requirements	\$	690,108.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$	689,279.80
Christmas Missions Goal	\$	35,000.00
Christmas Missions Receipts	\$	6,775.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Punky Rice – 633 (Ray Thomas, deacon)

SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Virginia Lawrence in the loss of her sister, Barbara Bush.

SALVATION ARMY – TOYS FOR TOTS

If you are purchasing gifts for the Angel Tree is in the Welcome Center, we ask that you have your gifts back to the church by December 9. Put the # for your angel on as many gifts as you can. Place all gifts in a bag with the number tied to the bag. Please don’t wrap the gifts, but feel free to include gift wrap and such in the bag.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sunday Dec 6</u>	Second Sunday of Advent
Children will be singing during morning worship	
Family Night at Christmas @ 6 pm	
<u>Wednesday Dec 9</u>	
Ride Through Nativity at the Gilreaths	
<u>Sunday Dec 13</u>	Third Sunday of Advent
<u>Sunday Dec 20</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent
<u>Thursday Dec 24</u>	
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

By now, church members should have received their Christmas Missions Offering envelopes. We encourage you to give to the offering of your choice and return your envelope to the church in person or via mail. You are also welcome to complete the honorarium/memorial form if you choose to do so. We will display an international flag for each \$1000 we receive. Thanks again for continued support of our international missionaries.

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Sun. Safety Team	Rex Maynard, Buddy Dempsey Scott Jones & Thomas Bell
Wed. Safety Team	<u>No activities at the church</u>
Deacon Worship Service Team	Jennifer Wilson, Harold McDowell Jay Blake & Elizabeth Stone
Counting Committee	Dawn Cothran, Becky Lowe & Terrie Lollis
Extended Session	
<u>Nursery</u>	Jeremy & Katy Sauceman
<u>2’s - 5’s</u>	Mykael Bibb & Kennedy Cobb

Sign Up Genius used by Extended Session:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AA8A823A7FF2-fall> Please click on this link to sign up to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. We will begin a new rotation in January. Parents please sign up at least 3 times and we are asking our other members to come alongside our young families in any way you can to help serve our youngest members. It is such a blessing to get to know these sweet children and their families!

THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>Sunday, December 6</u>	
8:45 a.m.	Children’s Choir meets in the sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.	Family Night @ Christmas
<u>Monday, December 7</u>	
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
<u>Tuesday, December 8</u>	
5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
<u>Wednesday, December 9</u>	
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
7:00 p.m.	Live Nativity at the Gilreath Farm
<u>Thursday, December 10</u>	
5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
<u>Friday, December 11</u>	
8:30 a.m.	WEE School

SUNDAY SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Pre-Service Music

Matt Limbaugh

Processional

Advent Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Lighting of the Advent Candle *PEACE*

Dodd & Jennifer Wilson

Welcome

T. Dale Lynch

Invocation

Nick Kirby

Worship Medley

Silent Night
Let There be Peace on Earth

Children's Choirs and Christmas Songs

Children's Message

Jennifer Wilson

Anthem

Do You Hear What I Hear

Sermon

Restored Peace
Luke 2:8-20

T. Dale Lynch

Departing Carol

Emmanuel

Benediction

T. Dale Lynch

Postlude

(Our worship is live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. so you can worship with us from any place and at any time.)

The links for the worship service are below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwPN9FRkGBzGNJFvMEFiug>

<https://www.facebook.com/BeltonFirstBaptistSC/>

<https://vimeo.com/event/112562>

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

It is about getting presents.

Santa Claus is coming to town. You better behave yourself so you don't get on his naughty list. You write a note to Santa, leave Santa something to eat and drink, and go to bed early so he will come. One of the truest statements I have ever made is telling people I have never had a bad Christmas. They have all been good.

However, I do remember waking up one Christmas morning about 5:00 a.m. and I went into the room where our tree was set up. When I opened the door there wasn't one gift under the tree. Boy, I knew I must have messed up. I asked Dad about it and he said Santa had a lot of gifts to deliver and just hadn't arrived at our house yet. I thought to myself, "I sure hope Dad is right." I went back to bed and sure enough when I awoke again presents were everywhere and my stocking was overflowing.

I still go to bed early, but it is because I am old and can't stay awake as long as I could when I was young. I still wake up anticipating to see gifts under the tree and my stocking filled with some goodies.

There wasn't a tree nor a stocking at that first Christmas, but there were angels, stars, music and a manger filled with the greatest gift the world would ever receive, Jesus Christ.

~ Randy Fagg



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