

The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

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Newsletter

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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Can you believe it's almost Christmas? These holidays seem to come faster and faster each year. So many wonderful things happen during these last few weeks of the year. As I write, we are in the midst of our Operation Christmas Child collection week. This is the 22nd year we have taken on that awesome responsibility! Bobby and Nancy Hudler are the driving forces behind this, but it also takes a lot of helpers to make it work. We expect to collect around 2,500 shoe boxes again this year.



Children singing during OCC Dedication Sunday

We also are planning to take a group to work in the regional processing center in Baltimore. Chrissy Norton is organizing that for three different times: Monday, December 2 from 3pm-7pm; Monday, December 9 from 1pm-5pm; and Saturday, December 21 from 6pm to 10pm. Let me encourage you to help if you can, but please pray. This endeavor has become what may well be the greatest evangelistic missionary outreach in the history of Christianity. Over 168 million shoe boxes have been shared with boys and girls from over 100 countries! An estimated 8.9 million children have trusted Christ as their personal Savior after hearing and reading *The Greatest Journey*, the 12 week Bible study that now goes out wherever the boxes are distributed. All of us can have a part in this amazing outreach opportunity.



December 1-8 is our Week of Prayer for International Missions. The theme verse is Revelation 7:9; "I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes..."

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Our *Women On Mission* annual Christmas party is fast approaching! It will be held at Sylvia Hobson's home, on Saturday, December 14th at 1pm. Sylvia makes a big pot of delicious soup, and every one else brings salads, side dishes, etc. We all bring cookies to eat and exchange with one another. Instead of exchanging gifts, we ask that each woman brings \$10 to combine together and gift it to a special woman. The recipient is always a surprise, so I can't mention who she is. Please make plans to attend; we always have a wonderful time.

Brenda Sommers
(Secretary)





December Anniversaries

5	Greg & Danita Walker
6	Everett & Lucille Goins
9	Brad & Jessica Holland
10	Larry & Linda Thornton
21	Mike & Cheryl Marvel
29	Andy & Jess Wagner

January Anniversaries

7	Peter & Terri Keyes
8	Dave & Ellen Van Sice
10	Darrell & Connie Hamilton
13	Andre & Judy Wahlgren
16	Duke & Joy Grant



December Birthdays

1	Wendy Clough
1	Ellen Van Sice
2	Jesonnie Wright
3	Ronald Johnson
4	Dave Van Sice
7	Olivia Blades
9	Darrell Hamilton
9	Ken Hodanics, Jr.
9	Grace Shores
10	Eden Marvel
14	Peggy Clough
15	Rebecca Bibey
18	Samantha Johnston
19	Laura Bayer
19	David Naggie
21	Sylvia Hobson
27	Sharon Hodanics
28	Craig Hulder
28	Eric Jackson
28	Kayla Lewis

January Birthdays

4	Ben Hokuf
4	Ed Evans
4	Charles Poff
5	Amanda Hobson
10	Lucille Goins
11	Sandy Jackson
12	Brad Holland
14	Wanda Hollerman
14	Fola Johnson-Aremu
14	Jess Wagner
15	Abigail Hilaman
20	Sophie Hodanics
28	Linda Gocolinski
29	Adam Marvel
30	Judy Wahlgren
31	Judy Veasey

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Our offering goal this year is \$2,500. Let me encourage you to pray each day for our international missionaries serving in over one hundred countries around the world. We give 15% of all offerings we receive throughout the year to support missions. One hundred percent of the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* goes to missions. It is truly one of the best ways to be sure that our donation actually gets to those we are praying for and giving it to.

One thing I would ask you to pray for all of our missionaries is their struggle with being so far away from their home church, country and family members. Pray that they would have peace in knowing that they are not forgotten by us. I know this is one of the biggest struggles that my daughter Laura and her family wrestles with. Let's all work and pray together this Christmas season.

May God's richest blessings be yours,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



LOTTIE
MOON

OFFERING
give generously this christmas season

CHURCH GOAL: \$2,500



Our youth will once again be attending reBoot winter camp at Skycroft Conference Center. They will leave Fri, January 3rd and return Sun, January 5th. See Tim Bayer for details.

Staff appreciation month

Here at FBCNE, we will be celebrating staff appreciate month during the month of December. If you wish to thanks a staff member, please place all cards, gifts, etc. in the appropriately labeled gift bag, at the front of the sanctuary. Any checks should be written out to the appropriate staff member, not to the church. (Please do not place staff appreciation checks in the offering plates.)

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Planning the Budget

There will be a special business meeting after both services on Sunday, December 1, to vote on the 2020 Budget Proposal. (There will not be a discussion during this meeting.)



Angel Tree sponsored
by FBCNE Women
On Mission

We have
adopted 6
children, from 4
families in our
childcare center.

Please take a tag
(s), and follow
the instructions.
Then return the
gifts here to the
church, and
place them
under the tree.

Gifts are
due Sun,
Dec 15th.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Special 2020 Budget Business Meeting after both services 9:20am: Breakfast 6pm: Youth	2 3pm-7pm: OCC Processing Center	3 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Calvary Baptist Church in R. S.	4 6:30pm: Defibrillator training 6:30pm: Kids Klub	5	6	7 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church. 12:30pm (leave)-7pm (return): LBC Christmas Concert
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and Week of Prayer						
8 6pm: Youth	9 1pm-5pm: OCC Processing Center	10	11 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study w/ Business Mtg, 6:30pm: Kids Klub	12 7pm: The Living Christmas Tree @ Oak Grove	13	14 1pm: WOM Christmas Party
15 Angel Tree Gifts due! 6pm: JLMCC Christmas Program NO Youth	16 6am-9am: COFFEE Connection @ JLMCC	17	18 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm: Kids Klub	19	20	21 6pm-10pm: OCC Processing Center
22 10:30am: Children's Christmas program NO Youth 	23	24 7:30pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 	25 	26	27	28
29 YOUTH SUNDAY (Tim Bayer preaching) 6pm: Youth	30	31				



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
29 	30	31	1  New Year's Day NO PM Services!	2	3 4pm: Youth leave for ReBoot @ Skycroft	4 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church.
5 9:20am: Breakfast 1pm (approx.): Youth return from Skycroft NO Youth	6	7 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Towne Baptist Church	8 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study w/ Business Mtg, 6:30pm: Kids Klub	9	10	11
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19 February Lamplighter articles due! 6pm: Youth	20 Martin Luther King , Jr. Day	21	22 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm: Kids Klub	23	24	25
26 6pm: Youth	27	28	29 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm: Kids Klub	30 10am: Fold February <i>Lamplighter</i>	31	1 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church.
See page 6 for regular events/services						

Candlelight Service



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us here at First Baptist Church of North East for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service, @ 7:30pm.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am	WORSHIP
9:20am	Breakfast (<i>1st Sun, monthly</i>)
9:30am	📖 Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30am	WORSHIP/Children's Worship
6pm	Youth
6pm	WORSHIP (<i>Last Sunday of the month only</i>)

Tuesday

6pm	🎵 Praise & Worship Team Practice
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Wednesday

6:30pm	Kids' Klub
6:30-7:30pm	📖 Prayer/Bible Study
	BUSINESS Mtg (<i>2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg</i>)

Thursday

10am	Choir practice
10am	Fold Lamplighter (<i>Last Thurs of the month</i>)
11am	Ladies' Prayer Time

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 10/27/19
(46 weeks): **\$3,631.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,802.**

Budget Status: **-\$7,864.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$3,315.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
Received to date: **\$43,550.**
Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning worship
attendance:
10/27/19-11/17/19: **79**