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# First Baptist

December 2, 2015 LAURENS

### In Need of Prayer

Bobby O'Rear	Debbie Campbell	Jimmy Chandler
Tom Reid	Pat Leopard	Frances Sumerel
Marion Lynch	Paul & Betty Thomas	Bill Ramey
Gwen Brocklehurst	Cromer & Sally Thompson	
Richard Kinney		

If you would like to order a poinsettia to be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, **please call the church office by Monday, December 7.** Poinsettias are \$12 and will be in our sanctuary on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service.



### Senior Adult Drop-In at Alex & Adair Rogers' Home

Thursday, December 17  
5:30-7:30

### Wednesday, December 9 - Zaxby's Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

Please make reservations by Noon on Monday

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00)

# of Children (3 yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.00)

# of Children 2 years and under \_\_\_\_\_ (free)

Standing Reservation \_\_\_\_\_

This Week Only \_\_\_\_\_

## LIGHT

### Out of The Darkness

The first words spoken by God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures were, "LET THERE BE LIGHT".

**Join us for our Christmas Music on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 in our Sanctuary and at 3:00 at the Chapel at Martha Franks**

The Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choir, Children, Dancers, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Angels, Shepherds and Wisemen will ALL help re-tell the old, old story in a new, fresh way to help us remember that Jesus IS the Light of the world!

## WMU News

### Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 7, 2015

2:30 PM at Razor Chapel at Martha Franks

Guest Speaker: Nancy Thompson

### FBC Budget Discussion/Motion to Purchase Property

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

We encourage you to join us on Wednesday evening December 9th at 7pm in Bobo Hall for an overview and discussion of the 2016 First Baptist Church Budget. On the 9th, we will answer any questions that you might have as we prepare to vote to adopt the budget at the beginning of Morning Worship on December 13th.

Also on December 9th, we will hear about a motion to purchase the piece of property that Jim Bryan owns immediately behind the FLC. Jim will be retiring at the end of 2015 and has made a very generous offer for the church to have the first chance to purchase the property. The Deacons are unanimously recommending that we do so. On the 9th, full details will be offered of the purchase and any questions will be answered. We will also vote on the motion regarding the Bryan property on December 13th.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In December, we will be collecting our annual offering for International Baptist Missions to support both SBC and CBF work. Envelopes are in your December packet and we would encourage you to give in a prayerful and generous way. Gifts may be given throughout the month. This is also a perfect time to pray for and be in touch with our missionaries including Tim & Anna Norton who grew up at FBC. Consider sending them a note at [timandannanorton@gmail.com](mailto:timandannanorton@gmail.com).

## FBC Holiday Events

### Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

### Wednesday, December 9

6:00pm

"Santa's Missing Mail" for all Preschoolers & Children

6:00pm

Regular Youth & Adult Activities

### Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am

Christmas Cantata

3:00pm

Christmas Cantata at Martha Franks

### Wednesday, December 16

6:00pm

Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Preschoolers, Christmas Caroling for Children

6:00pm

Regular Youth & Adult Activities

### Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Wednesday, December 23

No Wednesday Activities

### Thursday, December 24

5:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship



We have **Advent devotional guides** available for you and your family! These are located on the table outside the main office and on the round table in the Rotunda. The guide, entitled "Advent-A Calendar of Devotions", is an excellent tool for you to use as we celebrate the Advent season. The guides are free, but we ask that you only take one per family. Pick up your copy today!