

### Financial Report

| Receipts   | 11/24     | 2013       | Requirements |
|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Budget     | \$ 10,158 | \$ 265,273 | \$317,673    |
| Non-Budget | 995       | \$ 23,709  | N/A          |
| Totals     | \$ 11,153 | \$ 288,982 | N/A          |

Philippine Typhoon Relief – \$425, McCallister Scholarship – \$200

Mark your calendars! On **December 8** at 5pm, the children will present their Christmas program, entitled *The Reluctant Innkeeper*. The preschool children will sing at the beginning of the program, followed by the drama. After the children’s program, we’ll go to the Activity Building for our Annual Christmas Dinner.

Join us for worship on **Sunday, December 15**, as the choir presents the cantata *Celebrate the Child* by Tom Fettke. You can also come with us at 5pm as we go Christmas caroling, followed by the traditional Christmas salsa and chips at Mr. Juan’s.

The Community Chorus will present the 2013 Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. at Polk County High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults; students are free. See Bob or Judy Lair for tickets. Proceeds from the concert benefit the \$20,000 in scholarships to PCHS seniors given by Rotary each year.

Advent Devotional guides are available in the narthex and at the entrances to the sanctuary.

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#### Church Staff

The Reverend Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
 The Reverend Candace Wilson,  
 Minister of Music and Christian Formation  
 Kay Greene, Pianist  
 E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
 Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director  
 John Spinks, Sexton



## First Baptist Church

December 1, 2013

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

First Sunday in Advent

### The Worship of God

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|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| The Music for Gathering           |  | Kay Greene                |
| The Words of Preparation          |  | Jeff Harris               |
| The Choral Introit                | <i>When God is a Child</i>                                     | -Wren/Fogg                |
| The Prelude                       | <i>The Promised Savior (quoting “Picardy”/“Veni Emmanuel”)</i> | -R. Wilson                |
| The Old Testament Reading         | Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 601)  | Beth McCallister          |
| The Lighting of the Advent Candle |  | Jerry and Lorraine McAtee |
- On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle, a sign of hope in a world full of shadows. When all four candles are burning brightly, we will know that it is time to begin the Christmas feast of lights. We want to be ready to welcome the Light of the World into our lives.
- Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**  
 Let this light shine so that we may remember to bring the light of Jesus’ presence to all people. “While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” (*John 12:36*)
- Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**  
 Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
 Born to set thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us,  
 Let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel’s strength and consolation,  
 Hope of all the earth thou art;  
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. (*Charles Wesley*)
- Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!** (*Isaiah 2:5*)

The Blessing of the Greenery and the Prayer for Illumination Candace Wilson

†The Hymn of Praise 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Children’s Time ‘Skip’ Williams  
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children’s church after The Children’s Time.)

The Responsive Reading Psalm 122 Mary Smith  
I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’  
**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.  
**To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**  
For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.  
**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.’**  
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’  
**For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Dedication 103 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

†The Offertory Prayer Phil Scoggins

The Offertory and Meditation *The Father’s Love Blooming* -Ruth E. Schram

†The Doxology *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* GLORIA

The Epistle Reading Romans 13:11-14 (p.153) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *Holy Is the Lord* -Schubert/Fettke

The Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 31) Jeff Harris

The Sermon “The Welcomed Thief” Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 83 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

†The Benediction Jeff Harris

†The Congregational Response *How Great Our Joy* TRADITIONAL GERMAN  
(*Jesus, the gift from heav’n above fills all our hearts with joy and love. How great our joy!  
Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Glory to God who reigns on high!  
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The Postlude *An Advent Prayer* -Louise E. Stairs  
†Standing, if you are able, please.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|             |          |  |
|-------------|----------|--|
| Sunday      | 10:00 am | Sunday School  |
|             | 11:00 am | Worship – First Sunday of Advent                                     |
|             | 4:30 pm  | Children’s Choir (grades 1-5)  |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Refuge Christmas party   |
| Monday      | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting  |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Mission Team meeting   |
| Tuesday     | 10:00 am | WMU Group 1  |
| Wednesday   | 10:00 am | No Bible Study   |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Bell Rehearsal   |
|             | 7:00 am  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal  |
| December 8  | 10:00 am | Sunday School  |
|             | 11:00 am | Worship – Second Sunday of Advent                                    |
|             | 5:00 pm  | Children’s Christmas Drama,<br>“The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper” |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Annual Christmas Dinner  |
| December 9  | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting  |
| December 10 | 7:00 pm  | Sisterhood – at Judy Lair’s home                                     |
| December 11 | 10:30 am | No Bible Study   |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Bell Rehearsal   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal  |
| December 12 | 8:00 am  | Trip to Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA                                 |
| December 14 | 6:00 pm  | Lair SS Class party – Activity Building                              |

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If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you experience a meaningful time of worship. Please complete a welcome card from the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Acolytes for today’s service are Caitlin Britton and Harper Harris.

Refuge Christmas Party tonight at 6pm. Bring a ‘gag’ gift (the funnier the better). Do not spend more than \$5 on the gift.

## Christmas Mission Opportunities

**The Stocking Tree** (sponsored by Sisterhood) will be in the narthex/vestibule on Sunday, December 1 and Sunday, December 8. Fifty names of needy children (*Kathy's Kids*) from Tryon Elementary School will be on the tree. ***Please sign the list when you take a name.*** The clothes and gifts for the children need to be at the Tryon Elementary School office by 2pm Monday, December 16.

**Angel Tree** - Our Church is participating in the Angel Tree mission again this year, and the Angel Tree is in the narthex. On the back of the Angel card, you will find the ID# with child's or senior's first name and wished for items. Gifts should be a minimum of \$25. Please enter on the sheet beneath the tree your name and telephone number beside the number of the Angel you selected. Wrap your gift(s), put the Angel ID# and recipient's name on each one. Please turn in all gifts at the 4-H Center Saturday, December 7, between 9am and 4pm, or bring them to the Church and leave in the narthex closet.

**Heifer International** – The youth are raising money to buy animals for communities in need. You may donate to Heifer International during the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 8.

**Christmas Missions Offering** – Even though we collected money for CBF Global Missions and Lottie Moon during *Christmas in July*, you may still contribute to those missions during Advent. Envelopes are available upon request.

**Coat Drive** - Brotherhood will continue to collect coats, sweaters, and hoodies throughout the cold months. A large box for coats is in the downstairs hallway closet, across from the Lair SS Room.

**Recycled Shopping Bags** - Thermal Belt Outreach has an ongoing need for plastic shopping bags, especially during this holiday season. We will continue to collect bags in the recycle container by the Lair SS Room.



### Advent and Christmas 2013

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| <b>December 1</b><br>11:00am<br>6:00pm                   | First Sunday of Advent<br>Worship<br>Refuge Christmas party   |
| <b>December 8</b><br>11:00am<br>5:00pm<br>6:00pm (appx.) | Second Sunday of Advent<br>Worship<br>Children's Program – <i>The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper</i> , TFBC Sanctuary<br>Christmas Dinner, Activity Building. Please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts   |
| <b>December 12</b><br>8:00am                             | Trip to Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA, to see 2pm matinee of <i>A Christmas Story</i>  |
| <b>December 15</b><br>11:00am<br>3:00pm<br>5:00pm        | Third Sunday of Advent<br>Worship, with the Chancel Choir presenting the cantata <i>Celebrate the Child</i> by Tom Fettke<br>Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School<br>Christmas Caroling – meet at church, end caroling with a meal at Mr. Juan's |
| <b>December 22</b><br>11:00am                            | Fourth Sunday of Advent<br>Worship  |
| <b>December 24</b><br>5:00pm                             | <b>Christmas Eve Worship</b><br>(with candlelight and communion)  |
| <b>December 25</b>                                       | <b>Merry Christmas!</b> (Office closed 12/25 and 12/26)   |



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Christmas season:**

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**Robert and Ruth Ann Arledge**, in loving memory of Mr./Mrs. James Littlefield,  
Jay Littlefield, and Mr./Mrs. Birch Arledge  
**Carroll and June Brady**, in memory of R. Holland Brady, Jr.  
**Chuck, Denise, Brandon, and Caitlin Britton**, in memory of Denise’s mom,  
Sue Blackwell  
**Keith and Debbie Collins**, in memory of Ned Covil  
**Fred and Shirley Edwards**, in memory of Mr./Mrs. Jesse Phillips and Mr./Mrs.  
Clarence Edwards  
**Mary Goodwin**, in loving memory of Bill, Steven, and Loren Goodwin.  
**Howard and Mary Greene**, in memory of Thurston and Margaret Arledge  
**Howard and Mary Greene**, in memory of Charles and Edith Lankford  
**Mike, Di, Carrie, and Jamie Greene**, in honor of Mr./Mrs. James Chambers  
**Jerry and Lorraine McAtee**, in memory of Al and Lib Hawkins  
**Rick and Beth McCallister**, in honor of our granddaughter, Lucy Meredith; and  
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and the Annual Christmas Dinner

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