

### Financial Report

Receipts	12/8	2013	Requirements
Budget	\$ 8,153	\$ 280,613	\$331,191
Non-Budget	652	\$ 24,639	N/A
Totals	\$ 8,805	\$ 305,252	N/A

Acolytes for today's service are Katie Cothran and Jonathon Edwards.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship – Third Sunday of Advent
	3:00	pm	Community Chorus Concert at Polk County High School
Monday	4:00	pm	Christmas Caroling, El Sureno afterward
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	6:30	pm	No Brotherhood
Tuesday	7:00	pm	Deacons meet at Phil Feagan's home
Wednesday	10:00	am	No Bible Study
	6:00	pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
December 22	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	6:00	pm	No Refuge
December 23	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
December 24	5:00	pm	Christmas Eve service with Communion
December 25	all	day	Merry Christmas! Office Closed
December 26	all	day	Office Closed
December 29	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	6:00	pm	No Refuge

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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 15, 2013

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Third Sunday in Advent

### *The Worship of God*

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Prelude *Away in a Manger* -Lloyd Larson

The Opening Prayer Cassidy Campbell

Leader: People, look east!

**People: Love like a star is on the way.**

Leader: A star shall rise out of Jacob.

**People: A light to all people, a hope to the nations.**

Women: Star light,

Men: Star bright,

**All: Brightest star that was seen that night. Come and rise within our hearts, rise and never set, O Bright and Morning Star. Amen.**

The Choral Introit *When God is a Child* -Wren/Fogg

The Lighting of the Advent Candles Pam and Emily McFalls

On the third Sunday of Advent, we light three candles. Our hope grows stronger, and our joy grows brighter as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming. We remember also in this time of shadows those whose tears still water the ground with sadness, and we pray that God will bring all people home with shouts of joy.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**In your light we will trust and not be afraid.**

In God's promised new heaven and new earth:

"The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it." (*Revelation 21:23-24*)

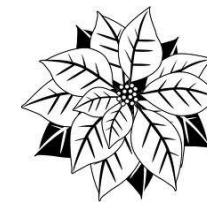
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