

Financial Report

Receipts	12/15	2013	Requirements
Budget	\$ 10,486	\$ 291,099	\$337,950
Non-Budget	404	\$ 25,043	N/A
Totals	\$ 10,890	\$ 316,142	N/A

Food Pantry – 199, Lottie Moon – 125

Next Sunday is a Fifth Sunday. You may contribute with one of the pew envelopes marked “I Love My Church.”

Offering envelopes for 2014 are ready for pick-up. If they are not in your Sunday School room, you can pick them up in the parlor.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, at 10am. Bring a dish to share – we’ll meet in the Activity Building for study at 10am, and enjoy lunch together afterward.

Sunday Evening Ekklesia (SEE) will start again on Sunday, January 12, at 5pm. There will be activities for the children at 5pm. There will be two study groups starting at 5pm – one led by Stephen Brady in the Rock House, and one led by Jeff Harris in the Activity Building. Afterward, we’ll share a meal together.

The Deacon Ordination of Stephen Brady is January 12.

First Baptist Church

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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 22, 2013

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Prelude *Greensleeves* -Noel Rawsthorne

The Invocation Dick Wilson

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-17 (p. 609) Candace Wilson

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

The Lighting of the Advent Candles John & Laura Spinks, Malik & Olivia Miller, Cassie Rhodus
Today we will light all four Advent candles. Their brightness recalls God’s glory that shone around the shepherds when they heard the angel’s first Christmas greeting: “Do not be afraid.” We pray that God’s glory will reign on earth as it does in the highest heaven.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Shine on us, and the night will be bright as the day.

For once you lived in shadow, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of the light, enjoying all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” (Eph. 5:8-14)

Come, Lord Jesus.

Shine on us, and the night will be bright as the day.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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†The Hymn of Praise 94 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

†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 80:1-7, 17-19 Kay Greene
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
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The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Candace Wilson

†The Hymn of Dedication 88 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

†The Offertory Prayer Wilson Edwards

The Offertory and Meditation *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* –arr. Cindy Berry

†The Doxology 100 (refrain) *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* GLORIA

The Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7 (p. 144) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *Angels Sing and Celebrate* -Tom Fettke

The Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 7) Jeff Harris

The Sermon "The Birth of a Father" Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 87 *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come* ANTIOCH

†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! Glory to God who reigns on high!*)

The Postlude *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came/Rejoice! Rejoice Believers* Traditional
†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent
	6:00 pm	No Refuge
Monday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service and Communion
Wednesday	all day	Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
Thursday	all day	Office Closed
December 29	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	No Refuge
December 30	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
January 1	all day	New Year's Day – Office Closed
January 5	10:00 day	Sunday School
	11:00 day	Worship
	5:00 pm	Children's choir (grades 1-5)
	6:00 pm	No Refuge

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, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Our acolytes for today are Ashlyn Green and Jack Fox.

Please have all year-end contributions and unfinished business in to the church office by next Monday, December 30th.

Come and Worship Christ the Newborn King! Our Christmas Eve service will be on Tuesday, December 24, at 5pm. All are welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus and share communion. Bring your family and your friends, and come as you are!

If you purchased a poinsettia for decorating the sanctuary, please take it with you.



**The following have placed poinsettias in the sanctuary for the 2013
Christmas season:**

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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
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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
in loving memory of our daughter, Meredith
Charles and Lib McKeller, in memory of our parents
Linda Martin, in memory of Ramey, “Jock” Martin
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