

We rejoice Malik Miller and Wilson Edwards, who made decisions of faith last Sunday. We look forward to their baptisms.

Please remember the "I Love My Church Offering" today (a Fifth Sunday). This is a great opportunity to practice generosity and thanksgiving.

First Baptist Church is having an outside clean-up day on **Saturday, December 5**, starting at 8:00am. We welcome anyone who would like to help tidy up the grounds.

The Security team will meet briefly in the parlor after worship next **Sunday, December 6**.

**Give the Gift of Food** – Because we are no longer using live poinsettias in the sanctuary due to allergy concerns, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are provided for this and may be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**There are still a few cards on the Angel Tree in the narthex.** On the back of the Angel card, you will find an ID#, child's or senior's first name, and wished-for items. Please enter your name and telephone number beside the number of the Angel you selected on the sheet below the tree. Gifts should be a minimum of \$25.00. Wrap your gifts, put the Angel ID# and recipient's name on each one. Please take all gifts to the 4-H Center on **Wednesday, December 2**, between the hours of 9am and 4pm, or bring them to the church and leave in the narthex closet.

Don't miss the Community Chorus Christmas concert! The date is **Sunday, December 13**, at 3:00pm, at the Polk County High School auditorium. The cost of a ticket is \$10, and you may get them from any Rotary Club member or Bob and Judy Lair. The proceeds from the concert go to fund Rotary Club scholarships for music students.

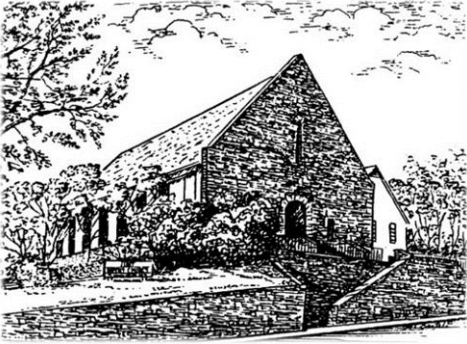
If you enjoyed hearing Pepper Choplin, and want to hear more, please visit our church library. We have copies of three of his CDs. Check out something from our Christmas display. Remember that our library is self-service - please leave the signed check-out card in the wooden tray.

**Coat Drive** – we are still collecting coats, sweaters, and hoodies – new or used. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School room. Each time the box is full, we will take the coats to Thermal Belt Outreach. Give the gift of warmth this year!

**November 15, 2015**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 8,027	YTD Budget Giving	\$ 300,197
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 312,080

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*First Baptist Church*

November 29, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

First Sunday of Advent

*The Worship of God*

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* -Robert Thygerson

Choral Call to Worship *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* - Haugen

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Whiteside Family

This is the day we begin our journey to the Child, his Mother, and the manger.

**May we kindle God's light as we journey together.**

It is a journey shrouded in a fading sun and a growing uncertainty as the world turns cold. And we journey anyway.

**May we kindle God's light as we journey together.**

We journey because we are drawn to God's light at the end: it is God's promise, borne into our lives.

**May we kindle God's light as we journey together.**

This is the day we begin our journey.

**May we kindle God's light within us, as we journey together. Amen.**

Sung Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;  
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.



## **Thank you, First Baptist!**

Dear Tryon First Baptist Church – Thank you so much for the money that you gave us to help with Randy’s medical expenses and the remodeling of our house. Words can never express how thankful we are for the many friends during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers as Randy continues with his rehab at the Shepherd Center and we prepare for him to come home. May God Bless each of you. Love, Randy & Anita Hudson

To Our Tryon First Baptist Family – We will miss everyone greatly, and want to thank the congregation for all of your friendship over the years at TFBC. We also appreciate the support and care for Keaton and Kanah as we welcomed them into our family. We will all miss this church! Love, the McCall Family – Christy, Kevin, Keaton, and Kanah.

Tryon First Baptist has shown me the meaning of church “family.” Although many church members did not have the chance to meet my Dad, it did not stop you from sending cards, and more importantly, prayers our way. You cannot know how much your thoughtfulness has meant to our family. To have a pastor, and church members travel all the way to Tabor City in a monsoon, to show their kindness, is overwhelming. With appreciation, Lora Baker and family.

Thanks for the beautification project! I want to thank the six hard-working folks, and the thoughtful kindness that was shown to us of keeping our residence in order. It brings joy to my heart to see such an unselfish, Christian act of kindness that each of you did for us. May God richly bless you for your hard work and generosity.

–Ruth and Harold Taylor

# You’re Invited!



**What: The Annual Christmas Dinner**

**When: Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm**

**Where: The Activity Building**

**Please join us for our Christmas Dinner in the Activity Building on December 6, at 5:00pm. The Social Committee will provide ham, chicken tenders, rolls, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. The children’s choir will sing, we’ll play some silly games – it will be a great time of fellowship and fun.**