

# MESSENGER

9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE

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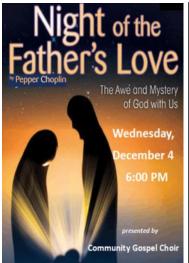
**DECEMBER 2024** 



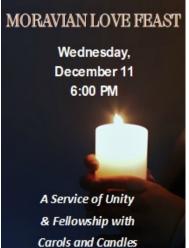




















Dear Barry,

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."



#### - Colossians 3:16

For 21 years, you have helped bring the message and wisdom of Christ to our congregation. Through thoughtful planning, you have carried forth the good news of each season through the music ministry of our church. Your musical direction has lifted the hearts of our people, inspired them to walk more closely with the Lord, and enhanced our weekly services.

Music has the power to heal, inspire, and uplift. Thank you for spreading joy and touching lives with your beautiful melodies led through music and lifestyle. You have served the Lord with gladness here for 21 years - tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for Christ's flock. Not only have you been our Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, but you have been much more. Your investment in the lives of others from senior adults to children has truly made a difference; you have given hope, laughter and encouragement to so many.

We congratulate you on this milestone of retirement and pray that God will continue to bless both you and your wife Yvonne as you enter this new chapter in your lives. Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you, may the God of peace grant you peace now and always.

The words of 1 Samuel 12:24 remind us to "be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." The Lord knows that you are faithful in service and your heart loves Him, so as you retire on December 31<sup>st</sup> from being our Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, be encouraged that the Lord will still use your heart, your willingness, and your spiritual gifts to serve Him in new ways that you might not have ever expected before now.

I am thankful for you, Barry, and I want you to know just how much I appreciate your faithful service to First Baptist Church of New Bern for the past twenty one years. And I believe I speak for many people.

In Christ's Love,

Dichard

Attention Please:

I will need all articles for the January newsletter no later than **December 9th.** This will give me time to get it out early before the Christmas Holidays.

Thank you, Loma

### Dear Church Family,

The talent in this church was on display November 8 & 9 and my heart is happy! Thank you, thank you, thank you for sharing your wonderful talent, untold hours of sewing, crafting, cooking and tireless support of our 1st intergenerational Holiday Bazaar. Some are already talking about the next one and what they will be making. That's exciting! Over \$8,000 was collected with \$413 designated for Western NC. The remaining unsold items will be taken to western NC for those without homes, businesses and/or income so they can choose gifts for themselves or others. May you be blessed for providing those gifts!

thanks, !

To God Be The Glory!

Love to you all!

**Judy Bills** 



**Fall Festival** – We raised \$500.00 for hurricane relief through the Cake Walk! For youth ministry, we raised \$904.52! Thank you everyone for your support in this very successful event!



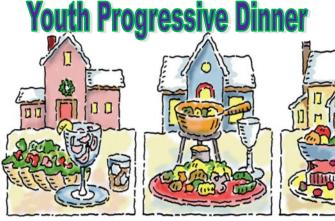


The first ever Intergenerational Pickleball Event took place on Sunday, November 10 at Creekside Park and this was very well received and attended. There was a doubles tournament which took place consisting of ten teams.

Intergenerational Family Game Night
Sunday, January 12, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Family Life Center
sponsored by Youth Ministry

There were about 150 students present as we worshipped together as one united church during New Bern Youth Worship Night on Sunday, November 10 over at Brice's Creek Bible Church.





**December 8, 2024** 

5:00 - 8:30 PM

**Drop Off at Becky Stewart's Home** 

Pick Up at Tammi Newton's Home



Page 4		Messenger		DEC	EMBER 2024
		WORSHI	P SERVICE VOLU	JNTEERS	
	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
DEACONS	Tracey Lorentzen Kelsie McBride	Amy Price Joey Holton	Don Brinkley Josh Bell	Cathy Chitty Pike Bobby West	Mona Quick Jennifer Emens
WATCHMEN	John Duff	Travis Blalock	Terry Hall	Mike Heiman	Dwayne Alligood
USHER TEAMS	Bobby West	Susan Williams	Todd Spear	Mike Seawell	Eddie Games
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Eddie Games	Wendy Karam	Charlotte Fuller	Kathy Swindell	Elaine Varley
GREETERS	Bunting	Hall	White	Garner	Wilkinson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jennifer Benton Sarah Moore Bella Bernabi Allison Bunting	Beth Wynn Westleigh Holton Mona Quick	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole hart Lori Meads	Sheree Bagley Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart Lori Meads
EXTENDED CARE 10:15	Sonya Thurman Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Rebecca Sanchez Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kelsie Ferguson Trey Ferguson Brian Swicegood Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Brenda Hall Terry Hall David Zink Thaih Zink Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kendal Strickland Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
Wednesday Night Supper	Dec 4 Terry Hall's Team Grilled Hamburgers Baked Beans Chips Dessert	Moravian Themed Meal Dec 11 Dwayne A.'s Team Chicken Pie Creamed Potatoes Marinated Vegetable Salad	* C	ME WIS YOU A HRISTMAS	ry*



01	Xander McBride	80	Gretchen Overby	13	Kate Amerson	15	Jensen Rocham	20	Ava Brinson	29	Teresa Allen
02	Steve Lambert		Cathy Satterley		Susie Games	16	Brian Swicegood	21	Wayne Brown		Susan Heiman
03	Debbie Lotridge		Duh Hmung	14	Sheila Austin	17	Chris Bagley	23	Chuck White		Byun Serchom
	Kenneth Collins	09	H'Tiffany Ya Ksor		Mallory Hamilton	18	Ruby Franks		Whitney Denton	30	Laura Russell
	Holly Thornton	10	Kevin Rock		Kit Emmerich	18	Mary Jo Roberts		H'Kailey Ya Ksor		Faye Willingham
	Alec Newton		Colin Phinney	15	Julia Hudson		Rieko Evans	25	Selma Piner	31	Kenny Brownell
	Lily Marsh		John Crawley		Chelsea McLamb		Ed Stinson		Mary-Catherine Gray		Anna Pearson
	Alicia Wilson	11	Wayne Barrow		Matt Kaylor	19	Chris Daniels	28	Charlotte Antry		Henry Gerock
04	Carolyn Fulcher		Reagan Ferguson		Donald Geiling	20	Sharon Ward		Greyson Tucker		Honesty Spillers



- 02 Steve & Kim Wynn 22 David & Gwyn Page 09 Joe & Cathy Chitty Pike Edward & Cathy Satterley 15 Harrison & Lauren Ferebee Patrick & Beth Wynn 17 Travis & Allyson Blalock 31 Todd & Sonya Thurman
- 19 Phil & Debbie Kaylor
  - We had so much fun at our 1st Lego Event. The boys learned how to use Lego's and the Wordless **Book to share the Gospel** with others.

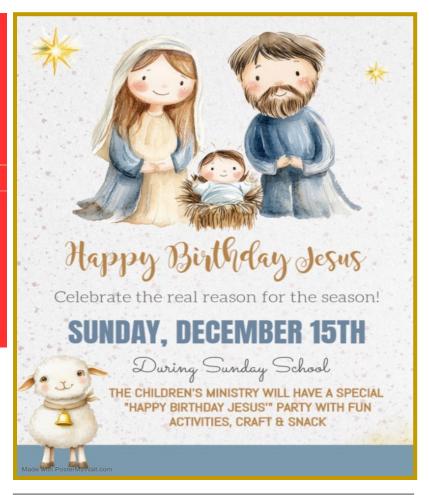














First Baptist Church of New Bern:

On behalf of the congregation of Glen Alpine United Methodist Church (GAUMC), the Burke County community and the many victims of Hurricane Helene, we would like to extend the deepest of appreciation to the members of First Baptist Church of New Bern for their generosity, time and overall outpouring of love expressed to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which struck during the night of September 26th.

Your first delivery on Tuesday, October 15th, consisted of over seven huge pallets of food, blankets, bedding, paper products, adult and baby hygiene supplies, water, and so much more, and was coordinated by FBC's Brant Bills, and delivered by a couple also representing Baptists on Mission from Enterprise Baptist Church of Littleton, NC.

The second delivery received on Monday, October 21st, was the FBC van packed to the gills consisting of clean, warm clothes (jeans, pants, tops, sweaters, jackets, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks) of all sizes and of nice quality, a large tote of brand new work gloves, boots and tennis shoes, bedding, countless blankets and sleeping bags, tents and cleaning supplies. We are not sure how Cathy and Reid Chitty squeezed into the van to make this delivery! GAUMC members further sorted and labeled your clothes with regard to size, gender and type (jeans/tops/etc) to facilitate the process of identifying and matching the needed clothing item with the appropriate person in need.

Serving as a collection and distribution hub, we distributed your gifts to local community persons in need, and as of last week, we are coordinating our efforts with Morganton First Church of God to deliver the supplies and clothes directly to Spruce Pine where the need is greater.

We realize that there are so many individuals behind all of these gifts, so thank you ALL for your generosity, gifts, time, abundant love and prayers. We are grateful for our Christian brothers and sisters in this time of crisis. Please keep Western North Carolina and all those affected by the storm in your prayers.

With sincere appreciation,

Susan Chitty Pitts Glen Alpine United Methodist Church







### FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE DESK ~ SANDY O'BRIEN

### 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The counting team and I would like to THANK YOU for using your offering envelopes. 2025 offering envelopes will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 22, 2024. The offering envelope boxes will be on the credenza in the breezeway between building A & B. Please note that some envelope numbers have changed; please do not use 2025 offering envelopes until January 1, 2025. If you are enclosing cash in your envelope, make sure your name and the amount is on the outside of the envelope, so your account can be credited correctly. If you do not receive envelopes and would like a box, please sign your name, address and phone number to the "DO NOT HAVE ENVELOPES" sheet on the credenza with 2025 offering envelope boxes, or call the church office.

Please turn in all your 2024 receipts for financial payment as soon as possible, so I can make sure you are reimbursed out of 2024 budget. Also remember all contributions must be in the office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to be credited to your 2024 contribution statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.



#### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Alan Ashe Valeria Barrow Reid Chitty Tommy Daniels Rieko Evans Breanna Gray Barbara Gwaltney Mary Lou Harrell Mary Ann Jones Howard Mathews David Page Gwyn Page Greg Pearson Cathy Pike

Ty Smith
James Warren, Sr.
Jewel Watson
Kimsey Welch
Kathy White
Faye Willingham
Ken Wooten
Ellen Young

Lynn Rausch Bobby Reece

Selma Piner

### What's Praying the Scriptures?

Using God's Words to Effect Change in All of Life's Situations

December 29, 2024 9:00 AM Adults meet in the FLC

Let's Celebrate the Holidays with Games, Bible Study.

Donuts, Juice & Coffee

Learn more about how to "Pray the Scriptures" as we adopt this as our Sunday School emphasis during the Winter and Spring for 2025. We will share our prayers on the 5th Sunday in March.



Look for the daily Advent Devotion Cards from the Christian Education Committee for December 1—31!

## offering for GLOBAL MISSIONS

2024 - 2025 Offering for Global Missions Behold...A New Thing Isaiah 43:19

100% of your gifts for the Offering will support the long-term presence of CBF Field personnel serving in the United States and around the world.

December has been a traditional time for Baptists to collect an offering for the work of missionaries serving around the world. We encourage you to make a special gift this December to support our field personnel serving to share the Good News. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate or be sent/brought to the church office and designated for the Offering for Global Missions.

### **CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT\* RESIDENTS**

<u>Cypress Glen—GVL</u> Elizabeth Brinkley NC Veterans Home - KIN Mary Ellen Kirschner

Champions-WIL Doris Dyson <u>Merrill Gardens - NBN</u> Sylvia Pina

Riverpoint Crest - NBN

Homeplace Christine Peedin Rudy Rowe

Jewel Watson

Spring Arbor - KIN
David & Gwyn Page

McCarthy Court Dot Smith

Woodland Terr - CARY Louise Blizzard\*

#### **CHURCH FRIENDS**

Jerry Ashley (L.B. Pope) Jo Ann Banks (Wanda, Chris, & Donna) Jennifer Bernabi (nephew) Judy Blythe (Fran Eaves) Jan Burke (Neal Cobb) Lisa Chitty (parents, friend Sherry & family) Sandra J. Dail (Tommy Gaskins) Janet Doughty (mother) Eddie Games (cousin) Anita Gray (Breanna Gray, Jim Baldridge) Phil Kaylor (William & Peggy; John & Martha) Karen Killingsworth (father) Lori Hale (brother in law) Brandy Holton (father) Matt Kaylor (friend Alicia) Emma Little Jim/Claudia McManamey (niece)

BIL Jerry Hardin) Anna Pearson (Granddaughter Blythe, cousin) Keith Russell (dad Archie Russell) Melodie Seagle (mother) Richard Seagle (cousin Andrew Kathy Swindell (Linda Lupton) Jeremy Tavares (Dennis Dowdv's mother) Beth Wagner (Marian Elmore, John Wiltrout) Kathy White (Buddy Kirschner) Jane Wooten (friend) Ken Wooten (mother) Beth Wynn (Lori Saunders, Lori M.S. Marx) Persecuted relatives of our church families Pray for our country

Sandy O'Brien (Wayne O'Brien,

FINANCIAL RECORD JAN - OCT 2024

Needed YTD: \$969,040 Received YTD: \$958,949



Ladies,

A new Bible Study will start in January.

Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter!

## First Baptist Church

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### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out-none over the phone or verbally, please.

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### Save the Dates for Seasonal Happenings

Sunday, December 01 - 10:15 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

with Preschool & Children, Youth/Parent Ensemble, and Instrumental Ensemble

> Wednesday, December 04 - 6:00 PM Community Gospel Choir presents

Night of the Father's Love by Pepper Choplin

Friday, December 06 - 11:30 AM Sunshine Friends Luncheon

Sunday, December 08 - 10:15 AM

Sunday of Adver

Sanctuary Choir presents

THIS IS CHRISTMAS by Mary McDonald

Wednesday, December 11 - 6:00 PM Moravian Love Feast

Friday, December 13 - 6:00 & 7:00 PM Children's Nativity Service in the Memorial Garden

Sunday, December 15 - 10:15 AM

3rd Sunday of Advent

Praise Team and Chancel Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 18 - 10:00 AM Staff Caroling at Shut-ins

Sunday, December 22 - 10:15 AM 4th Sunday of Advent

Adult Ensemble

Tuesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM – Family Service with Live Nativity 6:00 PM – Candlelight & Carols with Communion (Prelude begins at 5:30 PM)

