

# First Baptist Church of Knoxville

## Life of the Church

### December 18, 2013



#### Thank You!

To everyone that helped make Christmas Brunch a wonderful day, thank you! We served at least 760 folks! A special thank you to Emily Plemmons, Laura Beth Winder, Dan Andrews, Gracie Bishop, Tere Atwater, and Emagene Reagan who were this year's Christmas Brunch Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators. It was a great day of serving and showing God's love to our community.

#### Annual Christmas Eve Service

*Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm; Pre-service Concert at 4:40 pm; Doors and childcare open at 4 pm*

On Christmas Eve, our church family -- with families, friends, and neighbors -- will join together to celebrate the birth of Christ. This special service of worship will include an interweaving of congregational carols with Scriptures, the singing of the Sanctuary Choir, the reading of the Christmas story, and the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. The Christmas Eve Service is one of the best-loved services of the year as we celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas. Come make this time of worship a centerpiece of your family tradition at Christmas. The pre-service concert by Brian and Debby Daniel will begin at 4:40 pm.



#### Fellowship Brunch

The Fellowship and Discipleship Councils invite you to a brunch during the "Sunday School Hour" on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am in Trentham Hall. Join us as we celebrate as a church family the blessings of 2013 and look forward to a new discipleship initiative coming in 2014 from the Discipleship Council!

#### End of Year Giving

All year-end gifts for 2013 need to be in the finance office by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure gifts are dated December 31<sup>st</sup>, and note on the memo line "2013 gift." All year-end gifts received by mail must be postmarked no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> to be posted for 2013.

#### Young Adult Winter Fellowship

*Saturday, January 11, 5 pm*

Mark your calendars! We're having an all-Young-Adult gathering on Saturday, January 11 at the home of Megan and Monte Miller. Come spend an evening with people you know and get to know those you don't. This evening is open to all young adults -- college-age and young professionals to young families. We'll also hear briefly from Scott as he outlines some hopes and plans for the New Year. Make sure you're there and start 2014 off right. For more details or to RSVP for childcare, please contact Scott Claybrook ([scclaybrook@fbcknox.org](mailto:scclaybrook@fbcknox.org)). Folks are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks and 'main course' will be provided!



#### Please Welcome Dr. Chad Hartsock, December 1, 8, 15, and 22

Dr. Hartsock is an Assistant Professor of Religion at Carson-Newman University. He holds a B.A., Carson-Newman College (1999), M.Div., George W. Truett Theological Seminary (2002), and Ph.D., Baylor University (2007).

Dr. Hartsock joined the faculty at Carson-Newman in 2008. He teaches primarily New Testament courses including the Parables of Jesus and Luke-Acts, along with Greek and Theological Research. Dr. Hartsock has served as a youth minister in various churches for ten years and has served numerous churches in East

Tennessee as a supply preacher. His wife, Ami, is also a Carson-Newman graduate and works in the C-N library. Their daughter, Kaylin, was born in March of 2011. Dr. Hartsock also officiates high school athletics in the East Tennessee region.

#### January is National Mentoring Month



There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville Elementary School. Will you consider using one hour per week to dedicate it to a child in need? Mentors are positive, fun, faithful, encouraging, a listener, a helper, and a friend. Anyone who has the love of God in their heart can fulfill these attributes of a mentor. We have boys and girls on the list who need a mentor very soon. We will have a training class as soon as possible so that the new mentors can begin when school starts back in January. See Carol Linger or contact her at 963-9993 or [rlinger185@aol.com](mailto:rlinger185@aol.com) to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.

#### DNOW 2014

This year's Disciple NOW weekend will be January 31-February 2 and costs \$40 per person. Stop by the Youth Suite to sign up and pick up the yellow form. Those interested in hosting a home can also sign up in the Youth Suite.



#### WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)

Welcome to 2014 and Women on Mission. We will not meet on January 7, 2014, at the church. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home, and around the world. We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. We hope you will plan to join us. Joy Claybrook will be our speaker on February 4.

#### SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE

We are receiving contributions for decorations for our beautiful church for the Advent and Christmas season. This includes the poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, and ribbons for inside and outside. You may contribute as individuals, families, classes, or departments. Please designate "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" for gifts of \$20 or more. Please give your contribution to the attention of Kim Pieratt. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 22, to be included in the Christmas Eve Order of Worship.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: In Memory of OR In Honor of

Name(s) of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance & Giving – December 15**

Sunday School	335
First Community	92
11:00 am	330
Deaf	30
Passage	9
Combined	461

**Giving**

Weekly	49,908.51
MTD Giving	140,637.04
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,560,604.63
YTD Need	1,682,728.59

**NO Menus – December 25**

**Wednesday Supper**  
Church Office Closed

**Kid's Hut Cafe**  
Church Office Closed

**Sanctuary Flowers for December 22**

The crèche on the Communion Table is a gift from the Shiell Family to First Baptist Church.

**Minister On Call (865) 246-4650**

Scott Claybrook, December 20  
Ben Winder, December 27

**In Service - Week of December 22****First Community Hospitality**

Dickie and Fred Kaserman

**First Community Greeters**

Ethel Powell, John and Lanita Rorrer

**Welcome Center Greeters**

Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson

**Preschool Extended Care**

Betty Mulkey, Laurel Durham

**Monitor:** Josh Durham

**TV Ministry Team**

Ned Russell, Judy Cox, Sarah Bittle, Brad Bittle, Marion Carter, Reba Green, Seva Ball

**Hospital Ministry Team**

Kay and Greg Reed

**New Member Ministry**

Scott Moore, Lacy Wallace

**Outreach Deacon**

Jim Plemmons

**TeleCare Ministry**

Susan Higdon

**PRAYER LIST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013****MEMBERS****DISCHARGED**

Melanie Feathers

Katherine "Katie" Padgett

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO**

- The family of Anne Winsauer, upon the death of David Hodge of New Mexico, on December 15. Please continue to pray for his wife, Pat Hodge.
- The family of Doug & Susan Wilt, upon the death of their grandson, Colter Huff.

**NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK****Homewood Residence at Deane Hill**

401

Catherine McAuley Way (37919)

Jean Moore Room 5112 Ona Powers Room 5106

Charles Gaut Room 209

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pastor Search Committee

Pulpit Supply Committee

Al Blakley

Hannah Riseden, ear surgery 12/18 @ ETCH

Jon Burnett

Bill Brewer

Nancy Egerton-Ross

Otha Winningham

Rusty Phillips

Ann Buchanan

Carl Reischling

Betty Smith

Greg Johannsen

Maxine Masingill

Shirley Irwin

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES****HOSPITAL**

Amber Edmondson, UT (back surgery today)

Shirley Hurst, NHC Farragut 333 - Joel Maples' aunt

**DISCHARGED**

Gene Hale

Hilda Archer – Rhonda Ward's mother

Margaret Langford, Oak Pavilion Nursing Facility, Cincinnati –

Amy Pickle's sister

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Elaine Brown, health concerns – Gerry Jack's daughter  
Brian, Vicki & Taylor Bennett, complete loss of house in fire – neighbors of Richard & Karen Smith

Emma Giese, mental health concerns – Becky Hudson's granddaughter

Dr. H. S. Wallace, grieving loss of wife of 54 years and cancer has returned – Max Wallace's father

Jodie Boyce, cancer diagnosis/treatment – friend of Beverly Shirk

Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope's brother

Doris Darden, breast cancer - Jama Reischling's mother

L.C. Cutshaw, battling cancer - Betty Effler's brother-in-law

Alice Miller, breast cancer - Bill Beeler's sister

**FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Hunter Holt, serving in Afghanistan - grandson of Jim & Caryl Dee Holt

**MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR**

Karen Thomas, Aaron Woods, ML, SL, Janice Blanton, JS, YS, ZJ, Tim Akers, Christopher Elledge, Kelly Warters, Anissa Haney, BH, BP, LL, NK, NM, SS, LL, Jeff Holder

**MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS**

The Leaders of our Country, our Military, our City and our Church, The Stephen Ministers, The Unchurched & Missing