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First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for everything you have done to help my daughter and myself in our time of need.

Love,

Kimberly and Cheyanne Mauldin
(Family Promise Family)

Dear FBC Church Family,

My family wants to thank you for the dinner you provided after my Dad's passing. First Baptist Church has always been a part of our family's life and it's greatly appreciated. The church meant a lot to him (and my mother).

Thank you kindly,
Catherine and the family of Larry Chamblee

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 27-30

DATE	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
11/27	Girls	7:30 PM	Central Presbyterian
	15U	7:30 PM	Concord Baptist
11/28	13U	6:30 PM	Concord Baptist
	17U	7:30 PM	Concord Baptist
11/30	13U	6:30 PM	Concord Baptist
	15U	8:30 PM	Concord Baptist

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!!
THANKSGIVING BREAK — NOVEMBER 20 - 24**

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, November 19

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
9:30 AM Worship
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service/St. Johns UMC
6:00 PM Youth Friendsgiving

Monday, November 20

6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club
6:00 PM College Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 22

No School
No Noon or Evening Meals/Bible Studies or Activities

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

No School / Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

No School / Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
9:30 AM Worship
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Monday, November 27

7:30 PM Girls Basketball Game - Central Pres.
7:30 PM 15U Basketball Game - Concord Bapt.

Tuesday, November 28

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study
6:30 PM 13U Basketball Game - Concord Bapt.
7:30 PM 17U Basketball Game - Concord Bapt.

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Praise Team Rehearsal
Conversation Café Room 212

6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30

6:30 PM 13U Basketball Game - Concord Bapt.
8:30 PM 15U Basketball Game - Concord Bapt.

Our deepest Sympathy for:

Jeff Saxton and family in the loss of his brother,
Donald Alan Saxton (Baltimore, MD).

Lawrence Webb in the loss of his sister,
Marie May (Cleburn, TX).

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FRIENDSGIVING

YOUTH:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
6:00pm at Amy's home: 132
Herd Park Court, Anderson

COLLEGE:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:00pm at Amy's home: 132
Herd Park Court, Anderson
(Please bring a dish to share.)

Come With Us to Bethlehem



Presented by the
FBC Children's Choir
December 13 - 6:00pm
Refreshments to follow in
the Fellowship Hall.

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 5:00PM

Community Thanksgiving Service

**Come worship with fellow Christians
from surrounding churches as we
join together to give thanks to
God for all His blessings.**

Hosted this year by Saint John's UMC
(515 South McDuffie Street)

HARRISON PRUITT PARK

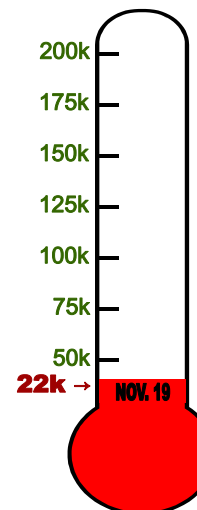
For Church.

For Community.

Contributions Needed: \$200,000

Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000

Total Cost: \$600,000



As we continue receiving offering to go toward the construction of Harrison Pruitt Park, nine-year-old Dixon Davies was kind enough to share in worship on November 5 about what the park project means to him. He wrote,

"Good morning. My name is Dixon Davies. My brother and I have enjoyed playing on the playground with RAs and other church activities. We like to play on the tire swings and we also play tag. Even though I have good memories on the playground, I'm excited about making new memories at the park. This is important to me and other kids like me. I hope you consider contributing to Harrison Pruitt Park, and I hope you care as much as my family and I do. Thank you."

From one Minister to Another...

The Hunt Family's bedtime routine is the calm after the storm, a bit of peace after the frenzy: homework is done, permission slips are signed, supper is finished, leftovers are stored, tomorrow's lunches are packed, dishes are put away, the table is cleaned, both boys are bathed, and pajamas are put on. If things go as planned, that all concludes with the four of us on the living room couch at around the same time. We read a story, say a prayer, and ask each other, "What are you thankful for?" If it's been a challenging day for one of us, we take the additional time to think of an honest answer to that question. Sacha and I are imperfect parents, but I think that asking and answering that question each evening is one of the things we do right.

The more we ask that question and sincerely answer it, the more thankful we'll be. Gratitude is a spiritual muscle that we need to exercise. The most thankful person I know is a friend who has developed a practice of writing thank you notes, even in response to things for which one might not normally write a thank you note. Does writing a note make him more thankful or is he writing notes because he's more thankful? I don't know which came first, but I suspect that with each note written, he has honed the ability to see more of his blessings, blessings that another person might not see. Many spiritual disciplines are private and personal, but the best gratitude is shared gratitude. The person who is growing in gratitude refuses to assume that others just somehow know that he or she is thankful.

Do you want to be a more thankful person? Take time to say what you're thankful for. Take time to express gratitude to those around you who mean so much to you. Take time to offer thanks to God for your innumerable blessings.

You'll have that opportunity in worship at FBC this Sunday morning – and at St. John's at our Community Thanksgiving Service this Sunday evening. Rev. Charvis Gray, new pastor at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, will be preaching. Our church's representation at this community service has waned over the past couple of years, so I encourage you to make it a priority to worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout our community as we remember that, as the Apostle Paul said, "we are one in Christ." We'll be a beautiful embodiment of that bold declaration as we gather with grateful hearts this Sunday. "Come, ye thankful people, come."

Peace of Christ,
Josh

Our Members in Action

November 19

Worship Childcare:

Jennifer Simmons

Deacons of the Week:

Bob Lingle, Offertory Prayer
Greg Shore, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Walker and John Nichols

November 26

Worship Childcare:

Lori Miller and Lynne Eaves

Deacons of the Week:

Dewey Boyd, Offertory Prayer
John Nichols, Visitor Outreach

Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

November Collection Committee

Haskell Bolt, Larry Mitchell, Jeff Neal, Bolt McClain, Gwen Bolt, Al Whitney

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

November 22

**No Noon or Evening Meal
or Bible Study**

Thanksgiving Break

November 29

Lunch and Supper

Spaghetti, Tossed Salad,
Garlic Bread, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch & Supper Reservations

Please contact the church office by
Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Youth Christmas Party December 17 ~ 6:00pm - 1:00am Meet in the Gym and bring a \$5 wrapped gift to exchange. Sign up with Amy by December 10.			Through the Month of December LOTTIE MOON/GLOBAL MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING First Baptist Church Goal: \$10,000			
3 8:15am Deacons' Christmas Breakfast 9:30am Do You Hear What I Hear? Jeremiah 31:10-17 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	4 15U Basketball 6:30 - FBC 17U Basketball 7:30 - FBC	5 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club Girls Basketball 7:30 - FPC	6 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 5:45pm Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 6:00 Youth Bible Study	7	8 13U Basketball 7:30 - FBC	9
10 9:30am Pray for Peace, People Everywhere Luke 2:21-32 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	11 6:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting and Low Country Boil 15U Basketball 7:30 - FBC	12 Girls Basketball 8:30 - FBC	13 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Come With Us to Bethlehem Followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall	14 13U Basketball 6:30 - FBC 17U Basketball 8:30 - FBC	15	16
17 A Christmas Tapestry 9:30 AM 6:00pm - 1:00am Youth Christmas Party	18 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	19	20 No Noon or Evening Meals, Bible Studies or Regular Activities 7:00pm Children's Movie Night	21 Beacon Mailed	22 7:00pm Christmas Candlelight Communion	23
Christmas Break						
24 9:30am He Will Bring Us Goodness and Light John 1	25 Merry Christmas Church Office Closed	26	27 No Noon or Evening Meals, Bible Studies or Regular Activities	28	29	30
Christmas Break						
31 9:30am Student Day at Christmas NEW YEAR'S EVE	NEW YEAR'S DAY: Once again, First Baptist will have the opportunity to begin a new year by practicing hospitality. On January 1, 2017, we'll open our doors to welcome our neighbors for lunch, conversation, and a warm blanket. As always, loving volunteers are needed to help assist with this annual FBC tradition. Though some blankets will be purchased with FBC's missions giving, we're happily accepting donations of either blankets or money to purchase blankets to distribute. Sign-up sheets will soon be located at the bulletin board near the Deacon Conference Room.					