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**CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE
 December 2018**

Date	Class	Time	Location
12/13	Girls	7:30 PM	First Presbyterian
	17U	8:30 PM	Central Presbyterian
12/17	Girls	8:30PM	First Baptist
12/18	17U	8:30PM	First Presbyterian

Come Out and Support Our Teams!

Books written by Lawrence Webb are available in the church office. Each item costs \$10, with all proceeds going to the CFB Global Missions Offering.

Items available: *Songs That Sing to Me*,
Once for a Shining Hour,
Reflections for Christmas, and
Christmas Memories from Seven to Seventy
 (the latter as a cd set or in print)

FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
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 Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, December 9

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 8:30 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast Drop-in
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Children's Choir Christmas Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Monday, December 10

- 6:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting & Low Country Boil

Tuesday, December 11

- 6:30 PM All Youth Coffee Conversations/Figs Café

Wednesday, December 12

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir Christmas Program
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM A Christmas Tapestry
- 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
- 7:00 PM Youth - Praise Team Rehearsal

Monday, December 17

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, December 19

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 5:30 PM RA/GA Lottie Moon Christmas Party
- 7:00 PM Children's Movie Night - Youth SS Room

Thursday, December 20

No School—Christmas break begins
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Friday, December 21

- 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner



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**LOTTIE MOON / GLOBAL MISSIONS
 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**
 Through December

**WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP
 JINGLE AND MINGLE
 DROP IN BREAKFAST**
 December 9 - 8:30am
 Fellowship Hall

**MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING
 AND LOW COUNTRY BOIL**
 December 10 - 6:00pm
 Fellowship Hall

Only a Baby Came

December 12 - 6:00PM

Presented by the FBC Children's Choir
 Followed by Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

A Christmas Tapestry

December 16 - 9:30AM

Presented by the **FIRST BAPTIST**
 Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and Orchestra

Christmas Candlelight Communion

December 23 - 7:00PM

New Year's Day Community Meal

January 1 - 11:00AM—1:30PM

(More details inside)

From one Minister to Another...

Last Sunday's worship was such a blessing. The sanctuary has taken on its Advent/Christmas glow and each musical offering, whether instrumental or choral, seemed especially meaningful and beautiful. The weather outside was frightful, but our time together was... well, you know!

Right now, the forecast is not great for this Sunday either, but I'm looking forward to the second Sunday of Advent and our focus on PEACE. That's a very important concept in God's word because peace is so vital for our lives. All through Scripture, we keep running across God's promise of peace...

...Which reminds me. It's been over 30 years ago now. I was in my first pastorate. (You're my third. Sorry, we didn't meet until later!) Our fully-loaded church van had made the trip from Roanoke, VA, to Stowe, Vermont. We'd been asked to help with a new church start in that beautiful, but largely unchurched, community.

As our time there ended, I pulled the van into a gas station before making the long trip back home. That's when I had the following conversation.

"You're the Baptists, aren't you—the Baptists from Virginia?" the station attendant asked. "Yes, we are," I answered.

"Been seeing ya' all over town in this van. Whatcha' doing way up here?"

"Well, there's a new church getting started in the community, and we've been here trying to help them. They asked us to come," I explained.

"I see. Well, in that case, I wish you well. I'm a believer. Wish more folks were. As I see it, though, we're heading straight for Armageddon."

"Tell me what you mean," I said, trying to keep the conversation going and the door open for some kind of positive witness. "Well, the Good Book says something about beating swords into plowshares, doesn't it?"

"Yes, it does," I answered. "SURE it does!" he said; "but as I see it, we just keep building more swords. Yet they tell us we can never use them—they'd blow us all up if we did. Doesn't make any sense to me—does it to you?"

"No, it really doesn't," I said. And with that, he was called away to help another customer. Our conversation ended, and the Baptists from down South headed back home. My hunch is that was just fine with him, even though we did seem to connect for a moment.

The Bible talks about that kind of peace, and at least one Vermont gas station attendant knows it! Here's the passage he referenced from Isaiah 2: ⁴ **He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.** ⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

But there's another kind of peace that Isaiah describes, and even though we didn't get to talk about it, I hope the attendant knew about this peace also: **"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You"** (Isaiah 26:3).

'Nations continue to take up swords against nations.' This is not what our Lord wants; but for now, there's still a lot of conflict in our world." Desire peace, pray for peace, and work toward peace. Our Savior came, after all, to bring "peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

In the meantime, though, never lose sight of the fact that in Christ Jesus, the peace He brings to our hearts is more powerful than all the conflicts that exist out in the world. Join us Sunday as we focus on the Prince of Peace!

And remember that we're still a people "on mission" for Christ. Bring an offering to support the ministry of First Baptist Church. And bring another offering to support the work of our missionaries who serve in places where we'll never go.

Now, go find those offering envelopes and make sure your gifts to our Lord and His work in this world are generous. There's no better way for us to demonstrate that we've not lost sight of what Christmas is all about!

In a Spirit of Partnership...


James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

December 9

Worship Childcare:

J. J. and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Mathias Richardson,
Offertory Prayer

David Stoddard,
Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery and Kevin McCoy

December 16

Worship Childcare:

Beverly and Danny Stone

Deacons of the Week:

Amy Brown,
Offertory Prayer

David Stoddard,
Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Walker and Roger Cason

December Collection

Committee

Chad Waters, Skip Brown,
Guy Eichman, Michael Hatchett,
Mike Lowe, Jim McCombs

Wednesday

December 12

Lunch

Soup and Sandwich Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

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

December 19

Lunch

Chili and Baked Potato Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

(No evening meal.)

**Lunch and Supper Reservations:
Please contact the church office
by Noon on Tuesdays to make
or cancel your reservations.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS

**Sunday, December 9th - 11:30am - 1:30pm—Meet in the Choir Room
Performance, Wednesday, December 12th**

Children please arrive at 5:30pm dressed in Christmas attire.
Program will begin at 6:00pm

YOUTH - COFFEE CONVERSATIONS AT FIGS CAFE

6:30 - 7:30pm

All Youth: December 11

High School: 2nd Tuesday (January 8)

Middle School: 4th Tuesday (January 22)

Meet at Figs Café and Farmacy in downtown Anderson for
drinks and devotions. Bring money for a beverage.

RA/GA LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19 - 5:30—7:00pm - Gym

This is a family event for all RA's, GA's and their families.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

December 19 - 7:00—9:00pm

Youth Sunday School Room

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

December 21 - 5:00—11:00pm

Bring a wrapped \$5 gift and wear your tacky Christmas sweater.
Sign up with Amy by December 16.

**Please Note: Hosts and bus drivers are needed. If you are willing to host a
portion of the meal or drive a bus please let Amy know.**

COLLEGE DAY

December 30 - 9:30am

Our traditional worship service after Christmas lead by FBC College Students.

NEW YEAR'S DAY COMMUNITY MEAL

Once again, First Baptist will have the opportunity to begin a new year by practicing hospitality. On January 1, 2019, 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 are located at the bulletin board near the Deacon Conference Room.

Please notice the change in date.

END OF YEAR GIFTS

Please note: If you give through *pushpay*, end of year gifts are due by **Wednesday, December 23** due to the length of time debit and credit transactions take to clear. All other end of the year gifts are due by **Monday, December 31**. If you have any questions please contact Janice Fouts: 224-1622 or Janice.fouts@andersonfbc.org