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CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE
 January 2019

Date	Class	Time	Location
01/03	Girls	7:30 PM	First Baptist
01/05	13U	10:00 AM	Central Presbyterian
01/10	Girls	7:30 PM	First Baptist
	17U	8:30 PM	First Baptist
01/12	13U	10:00 AM	Central Presbyterian
01/14	Girls	7:30 PM	First Baptist
01/17	13U	6:30 PM	First Presbyterian
01/22	17U	8:30 PM	First Baptist
01/28	17U	8:30 PM	First Baptist
01/29	13U	7:30 PM	First Presbyterian
01/31	13U	6:30 PM	First Presbyterian

Come Out and Support Our Teams!

FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rev. Amy Brown, Minister of Students
 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
 Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
 Dr. Josh Hunt, Associate Pastor
 Mr. Jamie Smith, Assistant Music Director
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
 Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends)
 Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message
 and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, December 23

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
 7:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Communion

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

No School
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

No School
 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

No School
 No Noon or evening meals, Bible studies or
 Activities

Sunday, December 30

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM College Day
 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 31 - New Year's Eve

No School

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

11:00 AM New Year's Day Community Meal

Wednesday, January 2

No Noon or evening meals, Bible Studies or
 Activities

Thursday, January 3

7:30 PM Girls Basketball/ First Baptist

Saturday, January 5

10:00 AM 13U Basketball/Central Presbyterian

Our Deepest Sympathy for:

Jimmy Clamp and family in the loss of
 his wife, Martha Clamp.

Sacha Hunt and family in the loss of
 her father, Doug Dreitlein.

Family and friends of Bob Brock.

Lucy Rogers in the loss of her sister, Betty Capps.

Patricia Patten (former FBC employee)—loss of
 her boy-friend, Marcellus Lee.



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LOTTIE MOON / GLOBAL MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
 Through December

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

**JINGLE AND MINGLE
 DROP IN BREAKFAST**
December 23 - 8:30AM
 Fellowship Hall

END OF YEAR GIFTS

Please note: If you give through *pushpay*, end of year gifts are due by this Sunday, **December 23**. 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

Christmas Candlelight Communion

December 23 - 7:00PM

College Day

December 30 - 7:00PM

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

New Year's Day Community Meal

January 1 - 11:00AM—1:30PM

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.



The staff of First Baptist Church wishes you peace and joy this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

*Jim, Josh, Amy, Addrian, Jamie, Ramona, Kelly,
 Chrys, Shannon, Janice, Greg, and Sharon*

From one Minister to Another...

I don't know about you, but I thoroughly enjoyed going to church last Sunday without needing to bring an umbrella. Of course, an umbrella would not have helped the previous Sunday except possibly to steady ourselves while trying to maneuver through the ice! I was here, all systems go; but conditions simply deteriorated too quickly to risk having the service.

But it's especially hard to give-up a Sunday during this beautiful season of Advent! Let's try to make up for it this week by filling the sanctuary this Sunday for worship at 9:30 AM and our Christmas Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00 PM. Both services will help us prepare our hearts to receive once again all the beautiful gifts of Christmas.

Music is such an important part of these preparations each year. On behalf of our entire church family, I want to express our appreciation to our wonderful Music Team: Addrian, Jamie, Ramona, and Kelly, along with all the volunteers who assist them (a special shout-out to Leslie and her crew for their leadership of the children's Christmas music—well done!

And what a joy and privilege to participate again with our wonderful choir and the orchestra to present the Christmas music this year. I cannot begin to tell the non-musicians among us how much hard work goes into these presentations. We are so blessed to have this incredible music team at First Baptist. They bring their best to worship every Lord's Day, and then go above-and-beyond on these special occasions like the one we shared together last Sunday. Thank you, Music Leaders and Volunteers!!!

For this coming Sunday, Amy has four of our Youth reading a portion of "THE" Christmas story; and I plan to ask our children to join me at the front of the sanctuary for "A" Christmas story before the sermon. "Older kids" are welcome to join us, of course—as long as you can still stand up after we're done!

And then there's the Candlelight Service. If I tried to explain, it would fall short of capturing the beauty and meaning of this holy time together. So, join us for both services this Sunday as we "Worship Christ, the newborn King!"

Merry Christmas!

You have the note from our staff on the front of *The Beacon*, but let me add a personal word of Christmas greetings and blessings. I am privileged to work with an incredible church staff! I think I'm right in saying that all of us count it a privilege to serve together here in this congregation.

I've told you this before, but not only around church, but also out in the community, I've heard folks—yes, even non-FBC members--refer to our staff as the "dream team." Of course, we understand that we're all—the entire FBC membership—all of us are part of this fine team.


Together, we share a spirit and relationship that many churches would love to have! I suppose we should keep this to ourselves—humility is a Christian virtue--except when we have opportunities to invite family and friends who do not have a church home to join us. That's the appropriate time to express our enthusiasm for our church!

During this Christmas season, there are people who are questioning what life is about. Point them to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Some feel estranged from God and others. Share with them the power of reconciliation in Christ.

Others are overwhelmed by life's responsibilities and need to know that in Christ, they can find the strength to do what needs to be done. Look for ways to share the blessing of Christmas with others this year.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we consider "Beasts, Grinches, Herods and... TRANSFORMING LOVE." See you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...


James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

December 23

Worship Childcare:

Paula Ballentine

Deacons of the Week:

Guy Eichman, Offertory Prayer
Timothy Clardy, Visitor Outreach

Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

December 30

Worship Childcare:

Robin Gardner

Deacons of the Week:

Gwen Bolt, Offertory Prayer
Chad Waters, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Rusty Smith and David Turner

December Collection Committee

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

Wednesdays

December 26 and January 2

No Noon or evening meals, Bible studies or activities.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEW BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE SUNDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Sunday Evenings beginning January 6 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth will be meeting in different homes each week so please check your bulletin or Beacon for locations.		1 New Year's Day Community Meal	2 No Noon or evening meals, Bible studies or activities	3 7:30pm Girls Basketball First Baptist	4	5 10:00am 13U Basketball Central Presbyterian
No School Christmas Break						
6 9:30am Worship Service BAPTISM 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study Oxendine's Home	7	8 6:30pm HS Coffee Conversations (Figs Café)	9 Noon and 6:15 Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	10 7:30pm Girls Basketball First Baptist 8:30pm 17U Basketball First Baptist Beacon Mailed	11	12 10:00am 13U Basketball Central Presbyterian
13 9:30am Worship Service DEACON ORDINATION 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Bible Study The Frye's Home	14 7:30pm Girls Basketball First Baptist	15	16 Noon and 6:15 Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	17 6:30pm 13U Basketball First Presbyterian	18	19
20 9:30am Worship Service	21  6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	22 10:00AM Margaret Williams Bible Study 6:30pm MS Coffee Conversations (Figs Café) 8:30pm 17U Basketball First Baptist	23 Noon and 6:15 Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	24 Beacon Mailed	25	26
27 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am CHURCH CONFERENCE	28 8:30pm 17U Basketball First Baptist	29 7:30pm 13U Basketball First Presbyterian	30 Noon and 6:15 Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	31 6:30pm 13U Basketball First Presbyterian	Youth Ski Trip 1/25-1/27 We'll be joining the CBF North Carolina ski retreat and conference. The total cost will be \$125 per person. This includes lodging, most meals, rentals, and a tshirt. We're traveling to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia and because this will be such a long drive, we will be <i>leaving at 1:30PM on Friday the 25th</i> . Winterplace also has tubing, so if someone wants to come, but doesn't want to ski, they can have that option for a cheaper price. Ruthie Fowler has offered to be a contact person for this trip, so please see her for payment or questions. You may also turn in money with me at the church office. Complete this form by <i>December 23</i> (or earlier) to register 2019 FBC Ski Retreat Registration . Submit \$50 deposit by <i>December 30</i> . Final payment is due by the time of the trip.	