

CHRISTMAS AT FBC

Sunday School Christmas Gatherings, Children & Youth Christmas Parties, Children, Youth & Adult Christmas Programs, Creative Arts Christmas Program, Crafts, Movie Nights, Caroling and W.E.E. Santa Breakfast!

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REFLECTIONS

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45), German theologian and pastor, was executed by Nazi captors on April 8, 1945, at Flossenburg. It was a foggy morning, there was no ceremony. Bonhoeffer died alone on a prison gallows as a few men and a huge crowd of heavenly witnesses looked on. Malcolm Muggeridge, in A Third Testament quotes a prison doctor who observed the event:

I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer, before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the steps to the gallows, brave and composed. His death ensued after a few seconds. In almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's death was not necessary, it could have been prevented. In 1933 he went to a pastorate in England. But as Hitler's influence grew in Germany, Bonhoeffer determined that his Christian duty was back in his homeland. In 1939, Bonhoeffer visited the United States. Friends pressured him to remain in safety in the states, but he insisted on returning, saying "...that he would have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian Life in Germany after the war if he did not return to Germany and suffer with other faithful Christians there." (Everett Worthington, Jr., Hope for Troubled Marriages.)

Finally, when back in Germany and imprisoned, he could have escaped but refused. His escape, so he thought, might have endangered his brother and uncle who were also prisoners. Muggeridge summarizes Bonhoeffer's life by saying "...he was a man with a strong desire to escape, but who chose deliberately not to, in order to keep his freedom."

Neither prison walls nor even death could steal from his freedom." Such freedom is rooted in commitment. Such commitment stands upon faith. May God give us this kind of faith.

Adult Christmas Program



MISSIONS

- Lottie Moon & Global Missions**
First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000
Lottie Moon: \$2460
Global Missions: \$965
Total Received To Date: \$3425

- reNew**
Tuesdays
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

- Movie Night at the Towers**
Free popcorn, and movie!
Saturday, January 12
7:00 p.m.

- Shepherd's Table**
Resumes January 26
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal!

- Prayer Shawl Ministry**
The Prayer Shawl Ministry made 20 gift bags for The Waters of Clinton. Hand crocheted hats and lots of goodies included.



Prayer Shawl meets on **Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center.

- Christian Service Center**
Food and Clothing Pantry
Tuesdays
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Clinton residents only. Bring Photo I.D. and mail with Clinton Address.

KIDS KORNER

- FBC Kids**
Age 3 - 5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Level 3 - Main Church Building
FBC Kids resumes January 9!



- Upward Basketball & Cheerleading**
First practice Monday, January 7, and first game Saturday, January 19. Awards celebration March 11.

PRIMETIME

- Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, January 7
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- Singin' at Morning Pointe**
Monday, January 14
10:00 a.m.

- Singin' & Soup/Chili Lunch**
Monday, January 21
10:00 a.m.
Bring a Soup or Chili to share and toppings.

- Singin' & Movie**
Monday, January 28
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

YOUTH

- Youth Refuge**
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Refuge resumes on January 9!

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 27 are in loving memory of **Homer H. Wallace**, whose date of birth was January 27, given by Dorothy Howell.

• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, January 20
10:40 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 21
5:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

• Holiday Schedule

The Church Office, FLC and WEE will be closed on **January 1..** There will be no Wednesday Night Activities on **January 2.**

• Fellowship Dinner

Wednesdays
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym.
Cost is \$8.00 for Adults
Children/Youth participating in Wednesday night activities eat free. Call the church office to RSVP. *Dinners resume January 9.*

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
No Prayer Service on January 2.

• Let's Read!

The Church Library is open from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

The Last Rescue: How Faith and Love Saved a Navy Seal Sniper. By Howard Wasdin. This book is an unforgettable tale of brokenness and healing, going deep into the firing line of modern warfare, through the agony of broken marriages and onto a path of redemption and love.

• Christmas Memorials

(As of 12/20)

Poinsettia's in Memory of:

Harold Brendle, Martha Jameson, Paul Smith

by Ed & Karen Smith

R.C. Fox

by Maud Fox & Family

Kenneth & Wanda Allen

by Teresa & Meredith Schlandt

Libby Marshall

by Ginger, Scott, Zachary, & Eric Page

Charles Gray, Martha Jameson, Heather Saltkill, Clarene Edwards, Paul Smith, & Bill Bivens

by Dinah Gray

Herbert M. Wassom

by Betsy Kay Robinson

James & Ernestine Gann

James & Martha Smith

by Larry & Ann Gann

James & Martha Smith

by Buddy & Elaine McCall

Wreaths in Memory of:

Tom & Carmetia Alderson

Kyle Shepherd

by Mark & Kandi Alderson, Katie, Josh & Abby Phillips

Dolores Brosseau

by John, Brenna, Mollie & Tucker Smith

James & Ernestine Gann

W.B. McCall, Sr. & Marie McCall

by Buddy & Elaine McCall

Herbert M. Wassom

by Betsy Kay Robinson

• Lord's Supper to our Homebound Members

Sunday, January 27

1:00 p.m. Deacons meet in the Lower Auditorium to set up.

• Spring Banquet

honoring our Widows/Widowers
Hosted by FBC Deacons
Sunday, March 31
Calhoun's, Oak Ridge
The "Valentine Banquet" will now be a "Spring Banquet".
Watch for more information.

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• November Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 56,745
2018 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,361
2018 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,302
Budget Expense	\$ 63,050
November Deficit/Income	(\$ 6,305)
2018 Deficit/Income	(\$ 16,095)
TOTAL November 30	(\$ 22,400)

BUSINESS MEETING

The November Minutes, December 2 Called Meeting and Financials were approved. Christmas Bonuses for the church staff were approved. A gift to Tom Byrge's retirement fund was approved. **John and Nancy Jordan** moved their letter to First Presbyterian Church, Naples.

CHURCH ADOPTED STANDARDS FOR DEACONS

1. He/she should be at least 25 years of age.
2. He/she shall have been a member of the local church at least two years, or have had previous experience in another Missionary Baptist Church that is satisfactory to the local church.
3. He/she should be able to attend regularly the monthly meetings of the deacons.
4. He/she should be a faithful and loyal supporter of the entire church program and should be regular in attendance in the main worship services and midweek prayer service unless prevented by age, illness, infirmity, or other matters beyond control.
5. We recommend that he/she attend at least one denominational gathering during tenure of office.
6. He/she should take at least one time during tenure of office a study course as offered by the church, on the office of deacon, its responsibilities and obligations.
7. Social and moral standards should be above question. (Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)
8. Spiritual standards should be in keeping with 1 Timothy 3:9 and Acts 6:3.
9. Should at all times seek to support the work of the ministry in keeping with Acts 6:1-4.
10. Support the financial program of the church by bringing tithes into the treasury of this church.

The Deacon Eligible List will be mailed out in January. If your name was inadvertently left off the list or if you want your name removed, please contact the church office.

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**Practices Begin
the Week of January 7th.**

**Games are on Saturdays,
Beginning January 19th.**

**Award Night is Monday,
March 11th.**

Happy New Year!!