

**Last Sunday's Record - December 5, 2021**

Offering: \$34,248.38

Sunday School: 224

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$1,297,557.73

Receipts: \$1,342,970.42

Lottie Moon: \$16,976.00

**Deacon of the Week**

12/12 - Bobby Berg      12/19 - James May

12/26 - Don Evans

**Sermon for Sunday, December 12**

*"Joy to the World"*

*Luke 2:8-14*

**Family Night Supper**

**Wednesday, December 15**

Bacon wrapped Chicken Breast with Rice, Green Beans and Yeast Roll, White Chocolate Bread Pudding

KIDS: Chicken Strips and French Fries

Adults: \$5    KIDS (12 and under): \$3    Family Maximum \$20

**SERVERS**

Jim Williamson    Benny Harrison

Cathy Carpenter

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - December 12**

**Preschool Ext. Session**

Reed and Priscilla  
Scarborough

**Launch**

John Morgan and Anna  
Mims

**Worship Welcomers**

Benny Harrison  
Leslie and Susan Dunn

**Greeters**

John and Debra  
Anderson  
Freddie Poitevent

**Security Team 3**

Clifford Holloway, John  
Anderson, Alan Lamar,  
Jody Richardson and  
Brad Garrett

**Counting Committee**

Sharon McMullen,  
chairman  
Leslie Dunn, Scott Sills,  
John Ellis

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, December 12**

9:15 - Sunday School

- Children's Happy Birthday, Jesus Party

10:30 - Morning Worship

6:00 - The Festival of 9 Lessons, Candles and Carols

**TUESDAY, December 14**

9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

**WEDNESDAY, December 15**

4:15 - English as Second Language

5:00 - Family Night Supper

6:30 - Children Sing of Christmas

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!**

*They are now available in the Welcome Center  
for you to pick up. Thank you.*

**RE M I N D E R**

*All 2021 contributions must be*

*received in the offering plate*

*by Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>*

*or paid ONLINE or postmarked by*

*Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*in order to be included in your*

*2021 contribution statement. Thank you.*

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson,  
Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett,  
Ryan Haarala, Wallace Heggie, George Hill, Joe Pettey,  
Lee Rogers, Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and  
Brad Williams

*Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor*

*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*

*Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth    Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*

*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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**THE MESSENGER**

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Join us for  
**The Festival of  
9 Lessons**

**Carols and Candles**

**Sunday, December 12**

**6 o'clock p.m.**

# Children Sing of Christmas



Wednesday, December 15  
6:30 p.m.

featuring Music for 3's,  
Preschool and Children's Choirs  
Young Ringers and Youth Choir

**NOTE:** We will have Family Night Supper followed by the Children's program. There will be no other activities on Wednesday, December 15.



## **CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER**

**Orders due December 12**

**Pickup on December 23**

**from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

NOTE: Order Sheet is in the Welcome Center.

Happy Birthday, Jesus Party  
Sunday, December 12

9:15 a.m. FBC GYM

for Preschoolers and Children

Don't forget to bring your Lottie Moon "Dollars" to hang on the Christmas Tree!



Thank you so much for your generous support of the Center for Pregnancy Choices through your outpouring of wonderful gifts for the Center.  
*The Gloria Leake Sunday School Class*

**The Disciple's Study Calendar**  
**Week 51 (Dec. 13-17) Isaiah 52**  
*Sunday School Lesson for December 19*

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season in honor or in memory of someone special. Please send in this order form with your payment. **(\$10.00 each)**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.**



**FOUR GOSPELS**  
The Chrismon that we are highlighting this week is called Four Gospels. This is a Greek cross with four equal sides. The square is an ancient representation for the earth. The design implies the four corners of the earth, the four gospels and the four evangelists. Please drop by to view our beautiful tree. Pick up a booklet that highlights the history of our Chrismon Tree and the meaning of each of the Chrismons.

## **Memorials...**

### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

In memory of: James E. McGinnis, Jr.

Jim Sanders Lamar Reid

Margaret Harrison

In honor of: JoAnn Braddock

Tommy and Rita Davis

Benny Harrison

Lydia Sanders Myrna Crane

Blanche Harmon Betty Jackson

Helen Follis Sylvia Follis

Fonda Holladay Rose Ellen Reid

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray

FBC Church Family and Staff

### **Missions and Ministry**

In memory of: Tommy Boren

Leneal Massey (*Joe Petty's sister*)

Charlie Harrison (*Michael Harrison's father*)

Margaret Harrison

In honor of: JoAnn Braddock

### **The Music Fund**

In memory of: Leneal Massey

Charlie Harrison

In honor of: The GDO Group

### **Benevolence Fund**

In memory of:

Tommy Boren

Leneal Massey