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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, November 21
 9:30 AM Worship (Hanging of the Greens)
 10:00 AM Baraca Service Airs (104.7-FM; 1020WRIXAM;
 1280WANS-AM)
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, November 22
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 25
 Church Office Closed

Friday, November 26
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Sunday, November 28
 9:30 AM Worship (Hanging of the Greens)
 10:00 AM Baraca Service Airs (104.7-FM; 1020WRIXAM;
 1280WANS-AM)
 10:30 AM Sunday School

Monday, November 29
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 30
 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study, Room 212

Wednesday, December 1
 5:45 PM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Bible Study (Chapel)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 3
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♥ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ♥

Aaron Wimpey and Hannah Wilson were
 wed on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

CONDOLENCES

Joanne Martin and family on the passing of her
 husband, Rufus (Billy) Martin, on November 14, 2021

Jerry Minyard and family on the passing of his wife,
 Stacy Minyard, on November 15, 2021

Lyn Darby and family on the passing of her mother,
 Betty Dickson, on November 16, 2021

MEMBERS IN ACTION

November 28

Deacons of the Week:
 Sam Drew, Offertory Prayer
 Janet Geisel, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship:
 Children will remain in the Service

Security:
 Chad Walker and Greg Shore

December 5

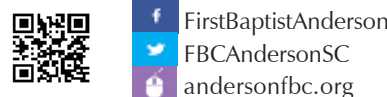
Deacons of the Week:
 Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
 Timothy Clardy, Visitor Outreach

Children's Worship: TBD
Security: TBD

December Collection Committee
 Becky Campbell, Thomas Roach,
 Alicia Dykes, Bolt McClain, Joe Drennon,
 Steve Madden, Jerry Minyard



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**CHRISTMAS MISSIONS
 OFFERING
 (Through December)**

Lottie Moon International
 Missions Offering (SBC)
 And Global Missions
 Offering (CBF)

**All-Committee Meeting
 Saturday, January 22 - 9:30 AM**

On Saturday, January 22nd,
 at 9 a.m., we will have an
 All-Committee Meeting for
 anyone who will serve on
 one of our committees in
 2022. This will be a time for
 each committee to elect a
 chairperson, refresh themselves
 on the function and purpose
 of their committee, dream
 and set some goals together,
 and generally fellowship
 together as we begin a new
 church year. Thank you to all
 who have agreed to serve,
 and if you are not currently
 serving on a committee, I
 hope you will join the church
 staff in praying for the work
 of our committees in this new
 year.



HANGING OF THE GREENS
 Sunday, November 28 - 9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
The World's True Light

Wednesday, December 8 - 6:00 PM
 Presented by the FBC Children's Choirs
 Followed by Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

SANCTUARY CHOIR PROGRAM
A Christmas Tapestry

Sunday, December 19 - 9:30 AM
 Presented by the First Baptist
 Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir and Orchestra

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
 Tuesday, December 21 - 6:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
 Thursday, December 23 - 7:00 PM



An Attitude of Gratitude is Good for You

In an academic study on the importance of gratitude, researchers asked participants in their study to write down a few sentences each week. One-third of the group was told to write about things for which they were grateful. One-third of the study participants were instructed to write about daily irritations. One-third were told to write about life in general, with no instruction given to positive or negative writing.

After a few months, the researchers found that those who wrote about their gratitude were more optimistic and generally felt better about their lives and the world than the other participants. Moreover, the “thankful people” exercised more, had fewer visits to doctors, and reported feeling less anxious. The results were clear: gratitude is good for people’s well-being—spiritual, emotional, psychological, and physical.

Moreover, gratitude is the truest act of worship. It is the basis of our response to God each time we gather.

New Opportunities for Worship

This year, we will have two new opportunities for worship during Advent, as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

On Sunday, November 28, our regular Sunday worship service will be a time when we transform our sanctuary together in our Hanging of the Greens service. During this service of music and spoken word, we will come to understand new depth and meaning behind the decorations we too often take for granted. Through a combination of Scripture reading, congregational singing, and choral anthems, celebrate with us as we begin physically and spiritually preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Then, on Tuesday, December 21, we will have a Longest Night service in the chapel at 7 p.m. The Longest Night, or Blue Christmas, traditionally has been celebrated on December 21, the date of the Winter Solstice. It is the day we experience the least amount of sunlight, and is quite literally the longest night of the year. Coincidentally, in the Roman Catholic tradition, it is also the feast day of St. Thomas. We associate Thomas with grief and struggle. Perhaps more than any other disciple that we have recorded, Thomas wrestled with accepting the joy of the resurrection. Even knowing it was in front of him, Thomas struggled to find the acceptance and peace of that fact. His experience forms the basis of what the Longest Night worship service is. We will have a quiet and reflective worship service in the chapel, that will allow space for any who are struggling with finding joy in this Christmas season, and especially on that week of Christmas. The service is a reflection of the reality that even in the midst of the joy of this season, there is inevitably grief present for some or many of us. Grief from the death of a loved one, financial hardships, strained relationships, or anything that weighs heavily on our spirits. So on the longest night of our year, you’re invited to come and wrestle together with fellow pilgrims and members of our church community; to celebrate that even in the darkness we find, God is still present.

Peace of Christ,
Josh and Chris

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry exists to support families who are mourning the death of a loved one by providing a meal for the family following the funeral.

In order for this beautiful ministry to continue, we need new servants who are willing to help offer this support for those who are grieving. Servants would prepare a dish in coordination with others as part of a meal to offer the bereaved. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the church office or Emmie Hazle.

DEACONS’ MINISTRY

DEACONS’ MEETING

November 21 - 11:30 AM
Meet in the Chapel

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Next Tuesday, November 30
10:00 AM in Room 212
(The Sojourners Class Room)

Our area of mission in November:
Patrick Harris Hospital

*Come join us for Bible study,
prayer, and fellowship.*

NEW MEMBERS



WELCOME!
James and Linda Chadbourne



PLEASE NOTE

The article about sandwich making at South Main Chapel and Mercy Center that was in the last edition of The Beacon was written by Mathias Richardson.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 PM Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Christmas and Sanctuary Choir	2	3 Beacon Published	4
5 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	6 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	7 9:15 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study Christmas Brunch at the Bleckley Inn	8 6:00 PM Children's Christmas Program <i>The World's True Light</i>  7:00 PM Christmas and Sanctuary Choir	9	10	11
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19 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program	20 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	21	22	23 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service	24 Church Office Closed	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 
26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	27 Church Office Closed	28	29 No Wednesday Night Activities	30	31 Church Office Closed	