

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2017
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Worship Music Mary Daniel, Pianist

Welcome & Announcements..... Pastor Charlie

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Musical Interlude..... Daisy Tunstall
“Away in a Manger”

Call to Worship..... Youth
 Responsive Reading
 Lighting of the Advent Christ Candle
 Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise No. 95
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

(On the last verse, all children are invited to the front for the Children’s Message)

WE CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Children’s Message and Prayer Pastor Charlie
(Children will return to their seats and stay in the sanctuary for worship)

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

*Offertory Hymn No. 102
“The Birthday of a King”

Offertory Prayer

Offertory LaRue Daniel, Organist

Morning Prayer..... Pastor Charlie

Special Music Blaine Britt, Trumpet
 LaRue Daniel, Organ

“O Holy Night”

Message Pastor Charlie
“Here Comes God!”
Micah 1:2-3; Luke 2:1-7

Gathering at the Lord’s Table Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread *“...this is my body.”*

Receiving the Cup *“...this is my blood.”*

“...eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus Christ.”

*Hymn of Invitation No. 103

“Away in a Manger”

*Responsive Benediction..... Congregation

*Closing Chorus No. 82
“Emmanuel”

Postlude..... LaRue Daniel, Organist

*Congregation Stands



Leonard Sweet, a Methodist minister, tells of a little boy named Michael who was four years old. His mother told him one day that she was going to have a baby. Michael was so excited.

He wanted a baby in their family. As his mother grew larger and larger, Michael would go up as she was standing there at the sink and put his arms around what he said was the baby. And he would sing: *You Are My Sunshine, My Only Sunshine*. Over and over, Michael would sing that song. Sometimes the baby would kick and he would giggle. He was so happy. The time came for his mother to have the baby, but there were a lot of complications and they did not know if the baby would live. She told Michael as best she could that the baby was very sick. Michael wanted to see his baby sister, but she was in the neonatal unit hooked to wires, tubes and monitors. Michael insisted and wouldn’t take no for an answer. Finally, the mother got permission from the doctors and they brought Michael to the hospital and led him into the room. And he saw the baby, not the wires, tubes and monitors. He just saw his baby sister. He said, “Mama, I want to touch her.” So, they lifted Michael up and he put his nose against her nose and he started singing: *“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, ...”* The next day at kindergarten, someone from the hospital came to the school and said they wanted Michael to come back to the hospital. Was something wrong with the baby? No, the baby was a little better. When the doctor read all the charts and reports from the night before, he noticed that at a certain time the day before the baby calmed down and rested peacefully. The doctor discovered that the change came about the time that Michael had been there and sung to her. The doctor wants Michael to come back and sing to his sister. Every day, they would take Michael to the hospital neonatal unit and he would put his nose on his sister’s nose and sing: *“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, ...”* Leonard Sweet, who tells the story, says his favorite picture in his office is a picture of a nine-year old Michael and his five-year old sister.

Once upon a time, God came down the stairs of heaven with a child in His arms and He was singing. But I don’t think he was singing just to the baby. I think he was singing to you and me and the whole wide world. And I think He was singing –

*“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,
 You make me happy when skies are gray.
 You'll never know dear how much I love you,
 Please don't take my sunshine away.”*

Pastor Charlie



Nursing/Retirement/Rehab:

- ♦ Andy Fisher, Room 12
Durham Nursing & Rehab
- ♦ Ethel Gilliam
Brantwood, Room 310
- ♦ Doris Royal
Universal Healthcare Raleigh
- ♦ Martha Garrison
Galloway Ridge
- ♦ Marvin Pring
Heritage Meadows
- ♦ Peggy Ferrell
Franklin Manor
- ♦ Bobby Stone
Toney Rest Home
- ♦ Clara Swain
Penelton Manor, Greenville, SC
- ♦ Mattie Goodwin
Brantwood, Room 302

Homebound:

- Susie Ortmann
- Hank Plott
- Curtis Boone
- Alvin Gates
- Judy Thompson

Hospital/Health Concerns:

- Mae Ray
- Elliott Wilder
- Paulette Duke
- Edgar & Vickie Smoak
- Glenda Stephenson
- Hazel Lyon
- Sylvia Strickland
- Jim Brooks
- Betsy Edwards
- Douglas Skinner
- Paula Thompson Skinner
- David McDowell
- Cliff Champion
- Ruth Parrish
- Gloria Adcock
- Pam DeZurik
- Taylor Arrington

Welcome to Our Guest

First Baptist Church Butner is delighted that you have joined us for worship today! We want you to consider yourself among friends who care. So that we may know you better, please take a few moments to fill out this card and return it as directed. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter The Together, please include your email address below. Again, we express an enthusiastic welcome and we encourage you to visit again soon.

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Status: Single _____ Married _____

Age Group:
 13-19 _____: 20-29 _____: 30-39 _____:
 40-49 _____: 50-59 _____: 60& up _____

Children:
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____

Please check all applicable boxes:
 First time visitor
 Returning Visitor
 New to the area
 Would like a visit
 Would like to know more about us
 Would like to know more about being a Christian

I am a guest of _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Let Us Know...

Information checked below will help us to serve you and others. Please detach and place in the offering plate at the appropriate time. Thank you.

- Sickness in the home
- Pastor please call
- Scheduled for surgery/hospital admission
- Know of prospects for this church (list below)
- Moved to new address
- Provide email for church communications
- CD/DVD Request; Date of Service _____
CD = \$1.50 _____
DVD = \$3.00 _____
- Wednesday Night Supper
Add Name _____
Remove Name _____
- Interested in...
Teaching (Specify _____)
Choir
Baptist Women (WOM)
Baptist Men
Bible Study
Sunday School
Visitation Team
Serving on a committee (Specify _____)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”
Matthew 21:22

I ask your prayers for _____

ATTENDANCE
WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

Sunday School (members) 118
 Sunday School (visitors) 4
 Worship Service 206
 Handbells & Children 171
 Wednesday (12/20) No Services

FINANCIAL REPORTS

DECEMBER 2017
FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Need
\$7,976.78

Monthly Budget Need
\$39,883.90

Month-to-Date
\$28,385.03

WEEKLY RECEIPTS
DECEMBER 17, 2017

\$ 4,805.76 Budget

- \$ 100.00 Building Fund
- \$ 35.00 Christmas Card Min.
- \$ 20.00 Food Boxes
- \$ 190.00 Youth Ski Trip
- \$ 490.00 Lottie Moon
- \$ 70.00 Benevolence
- \$ 35.00 Youth Dept.
- \$ 15.00 Children's Dept.
- \$ 725.00 Facility Use Fees
- \$1,070.00 Staff Christmas Gift

Lottie Moon Mission Offering
\$615.00 to date

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CCM Toy Ministry Stocking
Stuffer Item: Decorated Boxes
and Gift Bags

Weekly Volunteers	This Week (December 24-30)	Next Week (Dec. 31-Jan. 06)
Deacon of the Week	Harvey Bishop	Vanessa Clark
Greeters	Harvey Bishop (M) Joy Barbour (B) Vanessa Clark (S)	Vanessa Clark (M) Harvey Bishop (B) Wanda Conrad (S)
GROW Visitation Team	Blaine Britt (Team 4)	Shirley Gupton Wilma Tunstall (Team 1)
Altar Flowers	Poinsettias	Artificial Arrangement
Supper Team (Wednesdays)	No Supper/Services	Bob & Wanda Conrad (Team 15)

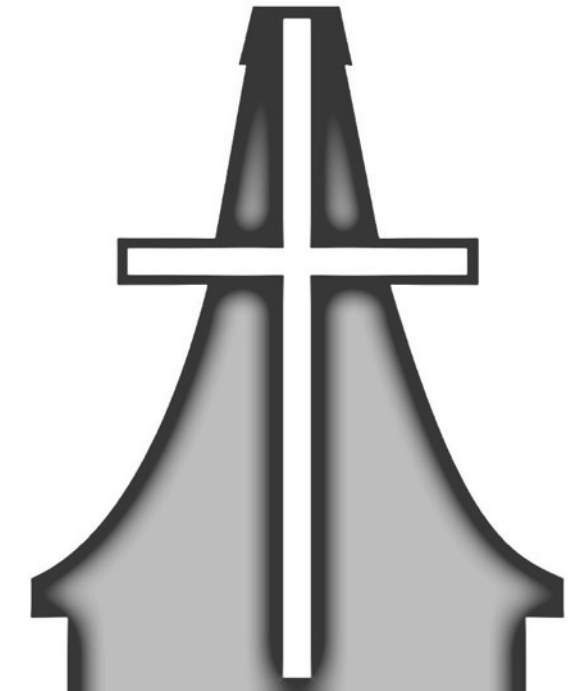
Serving Our Children	This Week (December 24-30)	Next Week (Dec. 31-Jan. 06)
Nursery (Worship)	Meghan Harrison	Rayna Lester
Kinder Church	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Church	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Sermon	Pastor Charlie	Blaine Britt
Nursery (Wednesday Night)	No Services	Deborah Evers



We have received a gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of the **Willing Workers Sunday School Class** given by Brenda Tuck

Charlie Bryan - Pastor
Blaine Britt - AP of Children, Youth & Ministries
Tracy Ferrell - Choir Director
LaRue Daniel - Organist
Phillip Duke - IT Support
Mary Lou Brogden - Ministry Assistant
Church Office

Cell Phone 704-310-1225
 Cell Phone 919-717-2590
 Cell Phone 919-815-2251
 Phone 919-575-6696
 Cell Phone 919-730-5870
 Cell Phone 919-702-2240
 Phone 919-575-6606



Butner, NC

***“REACH,
TEACH,
PREPARE,
SEND”***

Sunday, December 24, 2017
Christ Candle

11:00 a.m.
Worship Service

200 West D Street, P. O. Box 44
 Butner, North Carolina 27509
 Website: www.fbcobutner.org
 Email: fbcobutner@raleigh.twcbc.com

**OPPORTUNITIES
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

All activities are cancelled for **Wednesday, December 27**. Spend time with your family and friends.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Offices will be closed December 25-27 and January 1. Blaine will be in the office on December 28-29 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. At other times please call before coming. Pastor Charlie will be on vacation during this week. If you need assistance please contact Blaine on his cell phone during this time, 919-717-2590.



EXERCISE GROUP

The weekday morning exercise group will not meet from December 25 through January 2.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE



We will have Worship Service at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 31**. There will be no Sunday School on this day.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

On **Sunday, December 31** we will have a Dinner and Movie Night. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center with the menu consisting of black-eyed peas, turnip salad, and fried cornbread. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. "Christmas for a Dollar" is a movie inspired by a true story about a family that finds out what truly brings joy and love at Christmas.



YOUTH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Our youth will have a New Year's Eve Party beginning at **8:30 p.m., Sunday, December 31 and ending at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 1** at the Brinkley's home.

YOUTH SKI TRIP

The youth are planning a ski trip to Winterplace, West Virginia (sponsored by CBFNC) on **January 26-28**. Join us for skiing, worship, and fun! We will leave at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 26 and return mid-afternoon on January 28. The cost will be will be \$165 per person if you plan to ski and \$95 per person for non-skiers. Cost includes lodging, meals, tubing, rentals, and a free lesson. This is a youth retreat that includes worship with youth from other NC churches. Please sign up on the list outside Blaine's office by December 20 if you are interested in attending. A \$20 deposit is due by December 24.



IMPACTVA!



If your youth, grade 7-12, is interested in attending ImpactVA! please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Youth Office no later than **Sunday, January 7**. A deposit of \$50 will be due by Wednesday, February 7. If you need a parent packet or have questions contact Blaine.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL & CENTRIKID

There will be a combined meeting of the Children's Council and parents of children interested in going to CentriKid Camp (scheduled for July 9-13) immediately following morning worship **January 14** in the Fellowship Hall.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



The red rose in the sanctuary has been placed in honor of the birth of Annabeth Lee Travis, born on Saturday, December 16. Proud parents are Jesse & Lydia Travis; siblings are: Scout, Matilda, Patrick, and Myra.



Happening This Week

- Sunday, December 24—Christ Sunday**
No Sunday School, Children's Church, or Kinder Church
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service—Nursery Provided
- Monday, December 25—Church Offices Closed**
Merry Christmas
- Tuesday, December 26—Church Offices Closed**
- Wednesday, December 27—Church Offices Closed**
- Thursday, December 28—Church Office Open 8:00-11:00 a.m.**
- Friday, December 29—Church Office Open 8:00-11:00 a.m.**
- Saturday, December 30**
- Sunday, December 31**
No Sunday School, Children's Church, or Kinder Church
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service—Nursery Provided
5:30 p.m. Church-wide Dinner: black-eyed peas, turnip salad, fried cornbread
6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: *Christmas for a Dollar*
8:30 p.m. Overnight Youth New Year's Eve Party:
(8:30 p.m.-9:00 a.m. at the Brinkley's Home)



**Poinsettias
have been placed
in the Sanctuary...**

By:

Jake Abbott & Shirley Oakley
Bruce & Gloria Adcock
David & Stacy Ayscue
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Donnie, Eloise, and
Austin Bailey
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Austin Bailey
Bill & Gail Birdsong
Frances G. Blackley
Susanne Brooks
Tim, Liz, and Carynn Davis
Tim, Liz, and Carynn Davis
Evelyn Elliott
Jaime and Lindy Hamlett
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Jaime and Lindy Hamlett
David & Linda Harris
Frank & Jane Hilton
Frank & Dolly Lemons
Frank & Dolly Lemons
Timmy & LeAnne Lindsay
Lauren Long

In Loving Memory of:

Their Parents
Ophelia & Kitty Adcock
Robert & Barbara Ayscue
John & Joyce Cash
Jerry Oakley
Mildred Daniel
Jean Jones
Our family members with whom
we can no longer share Christmas
Linda G. Tant (daughter)
Joe & Lydia Bryant
Jan Gorsuch (Liz's grandmother)
Jim Gorsuch (Liz's grandfather)
Grady Elliott
Lucille Brownie
Margaret McGinthy
Christine Whitlow
Sue Faucette (Linda's mom)
Frances Harris (David's mom)
Delia Peed
Graham & Viola Lemons
(Frank & Hazel's parents)
Jim & Nell Shirey (Dolly's parents)
Dorothy Buxton

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**Poinsettias have been placed
in the Sanctuary...**

(continued from front)

Timmy & LeAnne Lindsay
Lauren Long
Dolly Rooks
Robert & Rebecca Stewart
Mark & Lynn Tuck
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The Family of William Tunstall
† two large poinsettias
Jimmy & Teresa Walker
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Macon & Hallie Wheeler
Judy Daniel
John Fisher
William & Faye Kernodle
Clem Rowland
Catherine Pierce (mother)
David Rooks
Carl E. Yates, Jr.
Brandon Coker (son)
Al Langston (Lynne's father)
Ben & Barbara Tuck (Mark's parents)
William "Bill" Tunstall
Jim & Rose Bullock
James & Dorothy Walker
Troy & Sandra Wilder
Kenneth Wheeler

By:

Bruce & Gloria Adcock
David & Stacy Ayscue
Jaime and Lindy Hamlett
Robert & Rebecca Stewart

In Honor of:

Angela Walls
Frank & Dolly Lemons
Hazel Lyon
Glenda Hope
Bobby & Vanessa Stewart
Judy Yates

