

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 2017

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Worship MusicMary Daniel, Pianist

Welcome & Announcements..... Blaine Britt

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship.....LaRue Daniel, Organist

*Prayer of Invocation Tracy Ferrell

*Hymn of Praise No. 579
“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

(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 Blaine Britt

(Children will return to their seats and stay in the sanctuary for worship)

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*Offertory Hymn No. 601

“Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray”

Offertory Prayer..... Vanessa Clark

OffertoryLaRue Daniel, Organist

Morning Prayer..... Blaine Britt

Special MusicAdult Choir

“How Far (Part 2)”

Message Blaine Britt

“Let Your Light Shine”
John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16

*Hymn of Invitation No. 277

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

*Benediction..... Congregation

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

PostludeLaRue Daniel, Organist

*Congregation Stands



The story is told of a young lady who went to college and just hated it. However, she told herself, "If I can ever get out of college, get married and have children, I know I'll finally be able to enjoy life." So, she stuck with it. She went to classes every day and did finally graduate from college. She then got married, had children, and discovered that children are a lot of work. So, she told herself, "If I can just get these kids raised, then I'll be able to relax and really enjoy life." But about the time the kids were entering high school her husband said, "Guess what? We don't have enough money to send our kids to college. I guess you'll have to get a job." Well, she didn't want to, but she knew he was right so she went to work and she hated it. But she told herself, "If I can just get these kids out of college, and get all of the bills paid, then I can quit work and really enjoy life." Finally, the last child graduated from college, and all the bills were paid. So, she walked into her employer's office and said, "I quit." He said, "Oh, you don't want to quit now. If you stay with us just another eight years you'll have a pension for the rest of your life." She thought, "Well, I don't want to work another eight years, but there's all that money there so I really can't turn down the opportunity." So, she continued to work for another eight years. Finally, she and her husband retired at the same time. They sold their home and bought a little retirement cottage. Then they sat down on the swing on their front porch, began looking at the family picture album, and dreamed about the good old days. When you get to the end of 2018, I hope that you have not just gotten by and done everything so you can be happy in the future. I pray that you enjoy each moment that you live in the New Year. Someone said, "Life is what happens to you while you're making plans to do something else." Make your plans this year to be content with the life God has given you and enjoy the moments that come your way. Seek the abundant life that God has promised to each of us if we will trust Him.

In the words of another, “may you have enough happiness to keep you sweet - enough trials to keep you strong - enough sorrow to keep you human - enough hope to keep you happy - enough failure to keep you humble - enough success to keep you eager - enough friends to give you comfort - enough wealth to meet your needs - enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow - and enough determination to make each day better than the day before” in 2018.

Pastor Charlie

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



Prayer Concerns

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
- 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
- Rickey & Glenda Stephenson

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 _____

**WORSHIP AND SUNDAY
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
AND
FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 24
WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE
JANUARY 7, 2018 BULLETIN
ALONG WITH THE
INFORMATION FOR
DECEMBER 31**

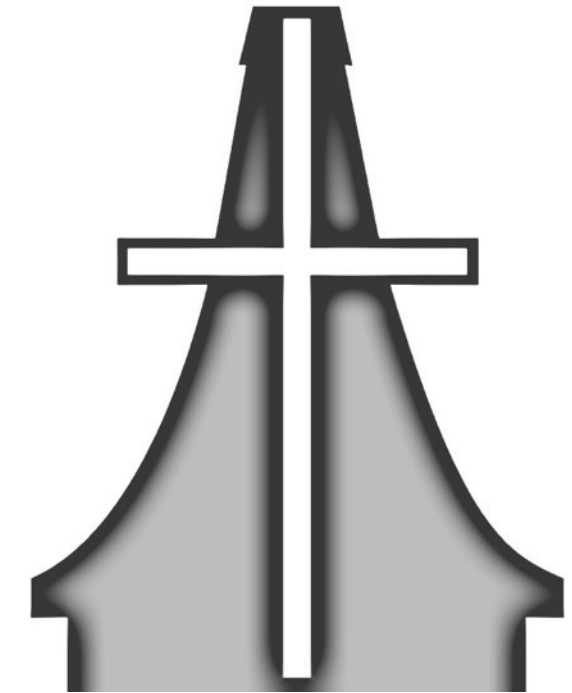
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Weekly Volunteers	This Week (Dec. 31-Jan. 06)	Next Week (January 07-13)
Deacon of the Week	Vanessa Clark	Tammy Duke
Greeters	Vanessa Clark (M) Harvey Bishop (B) Wanda Conrad (S)	Tammy Duke (M) Teresa Craig (B) Deborah Evers (S)
GROW Visitation Team	Shirley Gupton Wilma Tunstall (Team 1)	Tracy & Deborah Ferrell (Team 2)
Altar Flowers	Artificial Arrangement	Eva Fisher and Family
Supper Team (Wednesdays)	Bob & Wanda Conrad (Team 15)	Baptist Men (Team 1)

Serving Our Children	This Week (Dec. 31-Jan. 06)	Next Week (January 07-13)
Nursery (Worship)	Rayna Lester	Wanda Ferrell Brittany Coombs
Kinder Church	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship	Jennifer Brinkley
Children's Church	Children Stay in 10:00 a.m. Worship	Tammy Duke
Children's Sermon	Blaine Britt	Blaine Britt
Nursery (Wednesday Night)	Deborah Evers	TBD

Charlie Bryan - Pastor	Cell Phone 704-310-1225
Blaine Britt - AP of Children, Youth & Ministries	Cell Phone 919-717-2590
Tracy Ferrell - Choir Director	Cell Phone 919-815-2251
LaRue Daniel - Organist	Phone 919-575-6696
Phillip Duke - IT Support	Cell Phone 919-730-5870
Mary Lou Brogden - Ministry Assistant	Cell Phone 919-702-2240
Church Office	Phone 919-575-6606



Butner, NC

*“REACH,
TEACH,
PREPARE,
SEND”*

Sunday, December 31, 2017

**11:00 a.m.
Worship Service**

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

*OPPORTUNITIES
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Offices will be closed Monday, January 1 for New Years.

EXERCISE GROUP


The weekday morning exercise group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 3.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

We will have a Dinner and Movie Night **tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m.** 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 \$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 contact Blaine **today** if you have not signed up and are interested in going.



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.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

 There will be a Church Council Meeting held on **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of planning the 2018 Church Calendar. Chairs of all committees are asked to attend and bring your calendar for 2018 with any events which have already been planned.



Happening This Week

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-eyes peas, turnip salad, fried cornbread
- 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: *Christmas for a Dollar*
- 8:30 p.m. Youth Overnight New Year's Eve Party: (8:30 p.m.-9:00 a.m. at the Brinkley's Home)

Monday, January 01—Church Offices Closed

Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 02

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Journaling/Coloring Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 03

- 5:45 p.m. Supper: Team 15 (Bob & Wanda Conrad)
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool/Children's Choir (3 years through Grade 3)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Meeting (Youth House)
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Activities
- 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 04

- 10:00 a.m. XYZ Senior Adult Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 05

Saturday, January 06

Sunday, January 07

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting (Youth House)