



“Being the presence of **Christ** in the world by **celebrating** the worship of God, **connecting** people to people and **caring** for others.”

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Ornaments

We have our tree up and decorated! Sounds simple -- put the tree up and decorate it. In our household, it isn't a simple task. So, we procrastinate. We have put the tree up as late as after school has released for Christmas break. Which means, if we are going to put that much effort in putting it up, let's just leave it up until the end of February or maybe March!

Zoie, Brileigh and Tanner all helped this year. Friday after Thanksgiving, we started putting up our decorations and the tree --- you know the one that is 8 feet tall and has 10,000 lights of which 1,000 were not burning. It took two days to repair the non-burning, cursed lights. My father-in-law and I inspected one complete strand for over three hours only to find all the bulbs were burnt out. Yes, we tested each and every one of those glowing little wonders that refused to give out their warm little smile.

Then, ornaments magically were installed on our somewhat-lighted tree. The three little elves had quite a bit of fun with those. Ornaments were rather lopsided on the tree; none at the top and particular favorites displayed prominently with nothing else around them. Definitely their preferred method of decoration, not ours. The boxes for the ornaments were in such a disarray! Janet was quite beside herself trying to figure out which strange little plastic tray went with which lovely ornament box. Such is decorating at our house with three little elves. Nothing is ever orderly or neat. I will not even speak about who was the 'boss'!

Which kind of reminds me of a video I used during the Advent season last year titled, 'Jesus Came to Get Messy.' If you will allow me, He is the tree and we are His ornaments. Some try to hide and others try to be prominent and all fail miserably in the end. It is our messiness; our untidy lives that He came to save. From no room at the inn to the weight of the cross, He gave His all completely. Our sometimes shining lights are the ornaments from which we serve Him.

During this Advent season, can we all simply allow our light of Christ's love to shine the way for others? Let us strive be the beautiful ornament that we treasure so much. We are His treasured ornaments, the lights and the decorations for the season. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

— Brian Logan



Basketball & Cheerleading We need volunteers! Will you coach, referee, work concessions, or present a devotional? Contact Mike Green!

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

December 14-20, 2014

John Harris (549-3035)
Chad Chrisman (549-2121)

December 21-27, 2014

Rick Loudermelt (215-0510)
Pat Ramey (549-2871)

USHERS OF THE WEEK

December 14, 2014

Donnie and Brenda Rains
Fred and Kim White

December 21, 2014

John and Erica Harris
Evelyne Dupier
Ernie Siler

SUPER CHURCH WORKERS

December 14, 2014

Janet Logan
Beth Stone
Kathleen Croley

December 21, 2014

Erin White
Katelyn and Haley Harris



Christmas Events

- ◆ **“Christmas Forget Me Nots”:** Select a “Forget Me Not” with the name and address of one of our homebound or nursing home residents. Mail a card, take a gift, or pay a visit to let them know they are not forgotten.
- ◆ **Church-wide Christmas Caroling:** Join your church family in a time of sharing friendship and song with our homebound and nursing home residents on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm. Meet in the CLC. Afterwards we'll share hot cider and hot chocolate.
- ◆ **Christmas Cookie-making for Children:** Come make Christmas cookies on Sunday, December 21, at 2:00 pm in the CLC Kitchen. For all children 5th grade and younger. Bring a container to take home your treats!
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** is Wednesday, December 24, at 5:30 pm.

RECORDS-Nov. 30, 2014

Bible Study: 117
Budget: \$ 5,176
Designated: \$ 797
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 276,017

2014 GIVING

Since First Baptist Church is a charitable organization and gifts to it are tax-deductible, IRS regulations and rules must be followed. Gifts to FBCW must be received by **Wednesday, December 31, 2014**, to be counted as a 2014 gift. Donations by check mailed to the church are considered to be made on the date the check is mailed. **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A 2014 DONATION, YOUR GIFT ENVELOPE MUST SHOW A 2014 DATE POSTMARK.**

December

Sunday, December 14, 2014

10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
5:00 pm Christmas Caroling
7:00 pm Praise First

Monday, December 15, 2014

1:00 pm Hymn Sing at Williamsburg Health/Rehab
5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

10:00 am Peace by Piece
3:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball (CLC)

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

8:00 am Pack for Food Pantry
5:00 pm Firstercise
5:30 pm Wednesday Worship
6:00 pm Food Pantry (FH)
6:00 pm Youth Worship
6:30 pm Center Shot
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21, 2014

10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
2:00 pm Cookie Making for Children (CLC)
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Youth Study
6:00 pm Guitar Lessons
7:00 pm Praise First

Christmas Joy: The Finance Committee would like to invite you to give an honorarium or memorial to a ministry of First Baptist. It may be any ministry of the church you wish. The donation should be marked “Christmas Joy” and be accompanied by this form. The honorariums and memorials will be listed in the worship folder (without amounts) on December 28 and in the *Western Recorder* the first of the new year. The donation must be turned into the church office by Monday, Dec. 22. Please print names as you want them listed:
In Memory/In Honor of (circle one):

Given by:

Designated Ministry:
