



First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

WEEKLY UPDATE

November 23, 2022

A WORD FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

Christmas is here. "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great Light" (Isaiah 9:2). Winter will soon arrive on the shortest day of sunlight. War, disease and economic recession cast the shadow of gloom over our world. How we long for God to come and set things right! I'm reminded of the woman who complained about how dirty and unkempt her neighbor's house appeared as she looked out the front window. But as soon as she put her glasses on she realized that she was looking through her own dirty window; the neighbor's house was fine. Let us look for the Light of Christ this season while examining the condition of our vision. Now excuse me while I find some Windex.

Brother Charlie

Pastor Search Team Update

Thanksgiving is a time to recall all we are thankful for. The Pastor Search Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone praying for the team. We are so grateful that God continues to hear the prayers offered up by so many of our church family. Resumes continue to come in and we are hopeful and excited that one of these is the fit our Father in heaven is revealing to us. What a joyful gift it will be! The team would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving week and pray that wherever Thanksgiving Day finds you, you will be blessed abundantly.

The Joy of Christmas December 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m.

All Tickets have been given out. If you have taken tickets and will not be using them, please return them to the church office. We have a waiting list of people who are hoping to attend.

Community Tree Lighting Service, Tuesday December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in "Downtown Tellico Village" (next to the Tellico Village Welcome Center across from the church). The Loudon County Concert Band Brass will be playing that night. We will have Wassail (hot cider) and Hot Chocolate. Join us at 7:00 p.m.

Angel Tree - Pick an Angel in the Narthex

One of the great joys of Christmas is giving gifts to others. Each year we are provided names of children from Steekee School to purchase gifts for. You will find our Angel Tree in the Narthex. There are 75 Angels on the tree. Each Angel has a child's name and a gift to be purchased for that child. Select an Angel, purchase the gift, wrap the gift using the **Angel as the gift tag**. The wrapped gift must be returned by **12:00 noon, December 12**.

Christmas Food Boxes for Steekee School Families

We have committed to provide **25 Families** from Steekee School a Christmas Food Box. You can pick up an empty box and a food list at the Church Office or in the Narthex after worship. No perishables or homemade goodies please. Boxes need to be delivered to the church by **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you for your help in meeting this need.



Operation Christmas Child

We will be going to Charlotte, NC to work in the OCC warehouse sorting boxes December 12 and 13. There is a sign-up sheet and additional information in the office area. For more information contact Adella Bardon at 951-217-4095 or adella1948@msn.com.

Note: As a church we filled **282** boxes this year.



International Mission Offering “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering”

“One thing that makes IMB missionaries unique is the fact that, since they’re fully funded, they have the opportunity and ability to be fully focused on the mission field. And that makes all the difference when you know you have the full support of not only your local church, but the entire Southern Baptist Convention behind you.”

Will you join us in ensuring those without Christ continue to hear the Gospel message through our International Missionaries of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board?

At First Baptist Church we will be receiving this offering during the next two months, **November and December**. You can give using the regular envelopes - please write the amount in the Mission Line. Thank you for supporting International Missions through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Bible Studies – November 27, 2022

Our Bible Study Classes on Campus

9:00 a.m. Studies

Rob Walker - Co-ed Class

Nancy Christensen - Ladies Class

Steven Riser - Co-ed Class

Wanda Henderson - Children

Fellowship Hall

Classroom 600

Classroom 100

Children’s Room

Heaven

Holy Spirit

Divided Kingdom

December 12 & 13, OCC trip to Charlotte to work in the warehouse
December 14, Church Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m. Loudon County Concert Band to play
December 18, Advent 4 - How God's Sees the World part 2
December 24, Christmas Eve Services w/ Communion 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.
December 25, Christmas Worship service only 10:30 a.m.
December 31, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Party - Fellowship Hall

Our Weekly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Prayer Group
11:15 a.m. Handbells

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Orchestra / Worship Team Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal and Prayer Meeting

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Prayer – Room 300
9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Worship
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Statistical Blessings

November 20, 2022

Bible Study	161
Worship	(9:00 a.m.) 134
	(10:30 a.m.) 204
Budget Receipts	\$33,931.00
Missions	\$3,625.00

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Note: The office will close early at noon on Wednesday and be closed Thursday, 11/24 for Thanksgiving.

Contact Information

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