

First News

December 18, 2019

Embracing God, Equipping Christ-Followers, Engaging Our World

The staff of FBCNN wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Advent Conspiracy

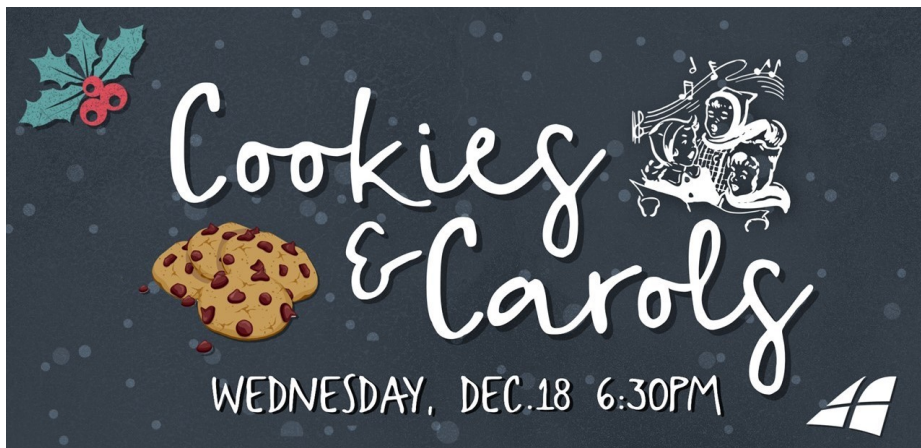
The four tenets of Advent Conspiracy are Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All. We will be studying these in worship services and Sunday Bible Study classes throughout Advent. For more information about Advent Conspiracy, visit adventconspiracy.org or fbcnn.org.

Advent Conspiracy Offering

Local: THANK YOU! We collected **206 coats** for Yates and Epes Elementary. We will still be collecting new or gently used adult sized coats until January 7 for the Young Adults New York Mission Trip.

Global: We are collecting money to build a roof for a family in Puerto Rico and to repair a portion of a dormitory at Camp Harghita in Romania. All moneys given to Advent Conspiracy will be split between these two partner projects. **\$9,749.77 collected so far!**

(If you would like to give your Advent Conspiracy offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global missions, please indicate this intention on your check, envelope, or in the appropriate place of your online gift.)



No other Wednesday night activities, except Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Mark Your Calendar



12.20

11:45am XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest)
Program: Swingin' Singers

12.21

8:00am Compassion Ministries
10:00am Prayer in Room L130

12.22

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday Bible Study
9:45am Family Christmas Breakfast
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Hispanic Worship

12.23

2:00pm Prayer in Prayer Room

12.24

5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

12.25 Merry Christmas

12.26

Church Office Closed

Sunday Services: 8:30am Traditional, 11:00am Contemporary, 12:30pm Hispanic; Bible Study: 9:45am

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Upcoming Events & Notices

Philip Sowers Departs as Head Custodian on 12/20

Philip has submitted his employment resignations in order to pursue another job opportunity. Philip has been with FBCNN since May 2012. Philip was originally hired as Custodian and worked his way up to the position Head Custodian in 2018. Over the years, Philip has learned much about the “physical plant” of our church and has taken pride in making FBCNN a welcoming church. Let’s offer our “thank you” to Philip for a job well done and wish him well as he undertakes this new journey in his life. Philip’s last workday will be 12/20, but I am sure we’ll see him around in a member volunteer capacity.

The Personnel Team

Children’s Family Christmas Breakfast · December 22 · 9:45am · Payne Fellowship Hall

Please bring your family as we enjoy a Merry Giving Christmas! We will have pancakes for breakfast and a family activity that helps us to remember to GIVE MORE and LOVE ALL. The nursery and toddler room will be available, but all other children’s Sunday School classes will not meet. Please bring your children and grandchildren with you and sit together as a family. Invite your friends, too!

PORT (People Organizing Resources Together)

We will host the PORT homeless shelter January 1-8, 2020. Volunteers needed for each night. Sign up Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary Foyer. Contact Linsey Wyne, 757-508-2184, or Crystal Howser, 804-641--9648, for more information.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm · Family Christmas Eve Service

7:00pm · Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on display in the Sanctuary on December 22. If you ordered a poinsettia, you can pick it up after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Christmas & New Year’s Church Office Closures

The church office will be closed on December 25, December 26, December 31, and January 1.

First News will not be published the week of Christmas or New Year’s. The next edition will be January 8.

One Service Sunday, December 29

There will be only one service at 10:30am on December 29. There will not be Sunday School for preschool, children, or youth. If an adult Bible Study class chooses to meet, let Nikki in the Church Office know.

Mark Your Calendar

Join First Baptist Preschool for a fundraiser dinner at Dino’s on January 14, 2020, 4:00-9:00pm! Be sure to let the staff know you are there in support of First Baptist Preschool.

Charitable Contributions

Donors must deliver checks on or by Sunday, December 29th in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2020 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2019, even if the check is predated to 2019 or was actually written in 2019. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2019 will be deductible in 2019, though they may not be received by a church until 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tithes and Offerings Received as of December 15, 2019

<u>Budget Need*</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date**</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$1,175,183.90	\$1,154,527.26	\$39,598.25	\$477,942.60

*\$23,503.90 per week is required to meet the needs of the ministries of our church.

**Hope 127 gifts are given to directly pay down debt.

Sign-Raiser: \$54,827.25

Advent Conspiracy Global Offering: \$9,749.77

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF FBCNN

(Embrace God, Equip Christ-Followers, Engage Our World)

Here are some ways:

- **Offering Envelopes:** Write down your complete name, so our Financial Services Coordinator maintains an accounting record of your donations for the end of the year contribution statements.
- **Thru Your Bank Online Services:** Go to your bank's website and select **Bill Pay**. You will only need the church's address, and you may set it up to have it sent as frequent as you desire. Please specify any designated donations other than General fund.
- **Online Giving:** Go to www.fbcnn.org and click on the "Resources" tab and then the "Online Giving" tab.
- **Stock Contributions:** If you wish to give stocks to FBCNN, provide the Church's name and address to your broker to process the transaction. If you need more information, please contact Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org or at the Church office, 930-0911.
 - ◇ **An extra cost to the church applies with "Online Giving" transactions.**
 - ◇ **A new set of Offering Envelopes will be available in December for the next calendar year. If you need envelopes, please contact Monica Garcia. Thank you!**



Donation Opportunity for those with IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Congress has approved a permanent charitable giving tax break, known as the "IRA charitable rollover". The rollover is available for those who are 70½. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to a charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution.

The distribution is not recognized as income on your tax return. As such, you do not take a donation deduction either. With the change in the recent Tax Legislation, the Standard Deduction has doubled thus itemized charitable deductions will no longer be needed to be kept track of. By donating all or part of your IRA RMD to the Church, you receive the benefit of a reduce Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in that the RMD to charity is not taxed, which helps the opportunity of obtaining lower cost for your Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug premiums.

The distribution must come directly from the IRA account to the Church not through you the owner of the account. Let our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia know how you want the contribution designated, such as the General Fund.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBC

Wednesday Night Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

Start January 8, 2020

Cost: Grade 5 & below \$3 Grade 6 & up \$5