

## The Carillon

*“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night and, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were very much afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*  
—Luke 2:8-14 KJV

As we enter into the month of December it is easy to find ourselves overcome by the preparations for Christmas. Between the shopping, baking, decorating, parties, family meals, Church services, charity work and everything else that vies for time, it is easy to lose sight of the true purpose of Christmas. Most years I am so busy that I don't even get to enjoy Christmas until it has long passed. Yet, as I read the passage above I see something that I have never seen before.

As Christians, we know that Jesus birth is the reason for the season. Often times we can be found proclaiming “Keep Christ in Christmas!” Giving Jesus the central spot of our celebrations and intentions is important to us. And in our good intentions I find myself running ragged trying to do the good things. But what did the multitude of Angels proclaim?

***“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.”***  
*Luke 2:14*

Consider that thought for a moment. “*Glory to God in the highest*” is a call for celebration to our Heavenly Father. Why are we commanded to celebrate? Because the Christ was born in Bethlehem. Celebrate giving God the worship he deserves because he has provided the Savior to the world.

The next statement “*and on earth peace,*” tells us something else. What is peace? As I am writing this I am overcome with the thought of stillness. When I am peaceful, I am still. You see, as we Celebrate and keep Christ at the center of our Christmas celebrations, I think it is imperative that we become still. Yes, Christ came that there may be peace in this world. But he also came to make peace in our individual lives.

As we celebrate Christmas we should be looking toward Easter. We know that Jesus came to live life on this earth to make peace between our sinful lives and Gods holiness. And so I remind you...be still. In reverence to our Lord's sacrifice, be still. As you celebrate the Lord's birth, be still. Take time this season as we prepare for the festivities to be still.

Merry Christmas!

Bro. Carl



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**Taylorsville**  
**Tree of Life**  
**Dec. 1st—3rd**

Performances nightly  
at 5:30 and 8pm in  
the sanctuary

Saturday at 5:30 pm  
is **SOLD OUT!**

See Sarah Hickman  
for tickets!

# GIRLS IN ACTION CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports and carries forth Lottie's life-long dedication to taking the Gospel to the nations. The annual Christmas card collection and distribution is just one small way our GAs and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at FBC Taylorsville can support international missionaries.

## How can you get involved?

Beginning 11.26.17 and through 12.31.17, there will be a special mailbox in the sanctuary to receive Christmas cards labeled for FBC friends and family. There will also be a small basket or receptacle to receive donations.

The GA's ask that participants donate at least the cost of postage for each Christmas card so that all proceeds can be donated directly to the Lottie Moon offering.

Each Sunday, Girls in Action will hand deliver cards to the recipients.

If you do not send Christmas cards, we ask that you please prayerfully consider giving anyway and/or take time to pray for international missionaries. These missionaries sacrifice much to answer the call and our financial support and prayers are crucial to their work.

***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”***

***Matthew 28:19***

**THANK YOU**  
to the Hospitality  
Committee for all  
their hard work last  
month on the  
Thanksgiving  
banquet. It was a  
great time of  
fellowship!



**THANK YOU**  
to the Bereavement  
Committee for their  
continued support  
of families facing  
loss last month.



At the November Business Meeting, the church approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following members to serve on the **Pastor Search Committee**: Franklin Barnett, Erin Crenshaw, Phyllis Jenkins, Charlotte Nedros, David Shelburne, Dr. John Snider, Sandra Stewart.

The church also approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following members to serve on the **Youth Minister Search Committee**: Chelsea Cole, Justin Pollett, Jill Sharp, Joy Shouse, Belinda Snider, David Stevens, Tom Willis.

Please pray for God's will and guidance as we seek the leaders God has planned to serve and minister at First Baptist.





## DECEMBER 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 Tree of Life	2 Tree of Life
3 Tree of Life	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Christmas Luncheon Deacon's Mtg. No PM service	11	12 WMU  Trustees' Mtg.	13	14 Deacon's Christmas Party	15	16
17 Business Meeting	18 Quilt Club	19	20 No Services	21	22	23
24/31 No PM service 24th or 31st	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26	27 No Services	28 Dare to Care	29	30

## LOVE MY NEIGHBOR RETURNS

### What is the mission of LMN?

LMN's mission is to show the love of Jesus to our community and to lend a helping hand to those in need.

### What are the duties of the volunteers?

-Interact with customers, donors and volunteers with love and compassion,

-share the gospel with everyone through our words and action

-wash and fold clothing, hang up clothing after laundered, sort clothing from donations after laundered

-help keep facility clean and neat

-clerical work

### How many people are served by this ministry each day?

Estimate 20-30 people served daily

### What would you like FBC to know about LMN?

This is one of the most rewarding outreach programs. We have the opportunity to show God's love to each and every person that enters our doors. Those who have needs are so appreciative and it is truly a blessing to be able to serve.

*For more information please contact*

**Charlotte Nedros  
or  
Nancy Stout**



# MISSION EXTRAVAGANZA A SUCCESS!



First Baptist Church hosted the first Mission Extravaganza on Saturday, October 29th. The event coordinated by Linda Bond provided church members and the community a chance to learn about 12 different mission ministries. From the youth members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes purchasing Bibles for distribution to training Youth Ministers in the Ukraine, participants heard about ministries in Spencer County, Kentucky, the United States, and internationally from Cuba, Romania, and the Ukraine.

Many thanks to Linda Bond for her work to plan and coordinate Mission Extravaganza! Please pray for God's continued blessing and guidance to all mission ministries.

***First Baptist Church donated 67 boxes this year!  
Thanks to all who contributed donations and prayers  
to the Operation Christmas Child program.  
What a blessing for these children as they are shown God's love!***

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