

FBC News



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Festival of Carols

a community Christmas Celebration!

Friday, Dec. 9 - 7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 11 - 3:00pm

presented by the
FBC Sanctuary Choir and
First Light Ensemble
with Orchestra

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Festival of Carols A Community Christmas Celebration

The **Sanctuary Choir** and **First Light** are combining with orchestra for two presentations of this year's **Festival of Carols** - Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3:00pm. This community event recounts the Christmas story through music and includes many familiar

This is a prime opportunity to invite others to our church and share in the celebration of the coming of Jesus!

carols of the season along with opportunities to sing along with the choir and orchestra!

This is a prime opportunity to invite others to our church! Reminder cards are available for you to give

to others as you invite them. They can be picked up from the church office or on Sunday morning following each worship service. Please take as many as you can use!

Should you want to invite someone by sending a digital card or poster, 'jpg' and 'pdf' formats of this card are available for download at web.me.com/spiritsong. An 8x10½ inch poster is also on this web page for you to send or print! Click on the "Festival of Carols Publicity" link at the top of the web page.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 10

Minister on Call-Ann Marlow 786-6063
2:00pm K2 Creations & Studio 36
Present "Star of Wonder"
at Chancellor's Village

Sunday, December 11

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns &
Scripture
3:00pm Festival of Carols
5:00pm Sanctuary Choir Party
5:00pm Nepali Worship
7:00pm Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 12

10:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am Person/Hudgins/McRae Circle
12:00nn Scott Circle Lunch @ General
Store
1:00pm Scott Circle Meeting
7:00pm King Circle @ MWH Atrium
and then to Judy
Lowman's house

Tuesday, December 13

10:00am ESL Classes
200pm Revelation Ringers
@Chancellor's Village

Wednesday, December 14

5:20pm Church Family Dinner
6:00pm Media Center Opens
6:00pm Citizenship Class
6:00pm Church-Wide Carol Sing
6:15pm Stephen Ministry
6:30pm Children's/Youth Missions
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 15

10:00am ESL Classes
4:00pm International Choir
5:00am Community Dinner

Friday, December 16

6:00pm Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

Minister on Call-Mike Patch 720-3100
5:00pm Angels Over Fredericksburg

Sunday, December 18

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns &
Scripture
5:00pm Nepali Worship
7:00pm Contemporary Worship

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for December 14

Assorted Pizza's, Tossed Salad,
Applesauce, Chicken Nuggets, French
Fries, PB&J Sandwiches, and Dessert

Responsibilities for December 11

Extended Session

8:30am Service

Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

Infant Care (PA14):

Mary Bourne, Tracy Affeldt

Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Al & Lois Simms

11:00am Service

Contact Person:

Rebecca Beggan 703-371-7765

Bed Babies:

Donna Morris, BJ King, Sarah King

Toddlers & 2s:

Randall & Stacy Pierce

3s & 4s:

Rebecca Beggan, Janice Bocson

Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St:

Darrell Caldwell, Kathy Jones

Hallway outside Chapel:

Frankie & Anna Lee

Sanctuary Door: Jim Wiltshire

Caroline Street: Ron & Pixie Cleaver

Children's Area: John Ingram

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

Bus Drivers

8:30am

Brian Gudmundsson

9:45am

Lori Gudmundsson, Mark Houghton,
Robert Carmichael

Ushers

8:30am

David Pierce, Mike Silver,
Brenda & Joe Richardelli

11:00am

Kathy Snider, Toni Crowder,
Dewey & Judy Lowman,
Val Knight

Deacons

8:30am

John Elkins, Marsha Stewart,
Dan Hansen, Susan Hansen
Pam Hicks (W&B)
Larry Hicks (W&B)

11:00am

Marian Wiltshire, Neal Walters,
Bill Young, Nancy Young,
Keith Morris, Burnie Parker,
Rick Fultz, Pat DiCecca
Jeff Leggitt (W&B)
Jan Pierson (W&B)

Audio Operators

8:30am Steve Simmons

11:00am Donna Haney

Among Our Family

In The Hospital

MWH: Dennis Hundley

MCV/VCU: Libby Payne

Sympathy to:

The Family of Verena Johnson

Sharon Bell in the death of her mother,
Ella Ruth Gallahan;

Karen Embrey in the death of her
father, Frank Woodruff;

Natalie, Josh, Hannah and Lexie Heflin
in the death of their great-
grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Rawlings

Special Gifts

In Memory of

Ministry Memorial Fund for **Jean
Truslow**, Martie & Carrie Tuthill

Embrey Endowment Fund for **Bertha
O. Sullivan**, given by Vernell L.
Sullivan ...for **Howard Kenneth
Sullivan**, given by Vernell L. Sullivan

Camp for Christmas for **Marian
Silver, Joanna Silver, Elizabeth
Silver, and Nola Deacon**, given by
Jerry & Vicki Silver...for **Margaret
VanAuken**, given by Caverlee/Perry
Class

In Honor of

Camp for Christmas for **Theresie
Houghton**, given by the Ruth
Class...for **Michael & Erin Silver**,
given by Dave & Susan Ellefson

Capital Campaign for **Our Wedding
Guests**, given by Dave & Susan
Ellefson

Thursday Night Meal Ministry for
Our Children, given by Eddie & Ruth
Payne

Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations for the Board of
Trustees are being accepted during
the months of November and
December with election occurring at
the business meeting in January.
Terms of service are for two years
commencing on February 1. If you
wish to nominate someone, please
confirm their willingness to serve
and then submit their name to the
church office. Please contact Dennis
Sacrely for further info.

All Fired Up!

The performance of the "Messiah" last Saturday by the Community Chorus will not soon be forgotten. Midway through the performance smoke began to drift into the sanctuary, forcing performers and attendees alike to evacuate the building. The fire department responded in force, but fortunately no fire was to be found. The culprit was discovered to be a motor in the air conditioning system that burned out, but did not cause an actual fire.



Unfortunately the odor of the smoke prevented the concert from continuing, but we are certainly thankful that what might have been a serious problem turned out not to be so.

Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,649
Sunday, December 4	\$33,763
Y-T-D Total	\$1,096,572
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$209,220

BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, December 4	\$11,681
Y-T-D Total	\$174,792
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$60,800

Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, December 4	497
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Make Sure to Get Your Gifts in on Time

Please remember that the IRS requires that any cash gift you wish to be credited to the year 2011 must be received at the church no later than Saturday, December 31. **However, you will want to keep in mind that the church office will be CLOSED on Friday the 30th and Saturday the 31st.**

If you mail your gift the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31. Any stock donations must be received either at the church or a transfer initiated to our brokerage account by December 31. Also, any online transactions must be initiated no later than December 31 in order for the gift to count for 2011.

Whenever you make a gift, please be sure to clearly specify for what purpose you would like your gift to be used, either by marking the outside of the offering envelope, including a note, or writing on the memo line of the check. Unless otherwise specified, all gifts are applied to the Ministry Budget.

Should you have any questions about your giving or how to make a gift, please contact Ann Marlow or Dennis Sacrey.

King Circle to Enjoy a Seasonal Event

Our mission group will plan to attend The Genesis Ringers presentation on Monday (December 12) in the Mary Washington Hospital atrium (main entrance), 7 - 8 p.m. We will then go to Judy Lowman's home to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. We will also collect a love offering for a family for Christmas.

Angels Over Fredericksburg

Indoor/Outdoor Drama Celebrating the Birth Of Christ
Fredericksburg Baptist Church
1019 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Saturday, December 17 5:00-9:00 PM

Viewing Time: Approx. 35 minutes
Journey across time to gain a new perspective
on the events surrounding the Birth of Christ.

Giving Opportunity: Your donations will help Youth attending
Passport Kenya in July 2012, and provide
school supplies for the children of Kenya!

Presentations begin in the Chapel — Live animals outdoors
Refreshments will be served in Ferrell Hall
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Dessert Needs for Angels Over Fredericksburg

The Reception Committee for Angels Over Fredericksburg is requesting donations of cookies, brownies, and sweet breads. As you bake and prepare for your holiday celebrations, would you consider setting aside a dozen or more of your goodies to donate for this special Christmas event? A sign-up sheet will be provided in each Sunday School Class each Sunday or you can call Janice Clark at 540-286-0363. There will be a cart in the office for collecting donations beginning Wednesday, December 14th. If the office is closed donations may be taken to Ferrell Hall. Your generosity is appreciated.

Advent DEVOTIONALS

We hope the daily devotions have been a blessing to you. If they have, why not share them with your family and friends. All you have to do is forward your daily email reminder to them.

There are still a few printed copies available in the church office.

Our Global Mission Offering This Year to Support Our Local CBF Affiliate Missionary



**Local CBF Affiliate Missionary,
Tori Wentz**

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
Luke 2:10

When the angels in heaven made this announcement to the shepherds, it was good news. To know that God in heaven cared enough to bring that message to them would have been absolutely life-changing.

These men were poor and isolated from the rest of society. In the grand scheme of things, they weren't important and they knew it. After all, they spent the majority of their time out in the fields with sheep. However, the announcement from the angels changed all of that.

Jesus is a gift given by God to all people. So, even if others continued to overlook them, they knew now that God had not looked past them. I have to believe that that kind of knowledge made a difference.

When I was commissioned as an affiliate with the Cooperative

Baptist Fellowship back in 2007, I dreamed of being able to be like the angels. I wanted to participate in mission activities that carried the message of God's love for all, even those who had been told by society that they didn't matter - people with AIDS in Ethiopia, for example, or people still hungry and living in tents in Haiti almost two years after the earthquake of 2010.

Well, I'm back at home in Fredericksburg now and I'm still working hard as a CBF Affiliate Missionary to share that very same message with disadvantaged individuals in this community who are struggling and wondering if they matter. In all of these local cases, one factor is consistent - poverty and unemployment are almost always contributing factors. With refugees and immigrants, those difficulties are compounded by language and cultural barriers. With other individuals, those difficulties are often compounded by medical, social, or legal barriers.

At this time of year, when I think about the gift of God's Son and the love that Jesus offered to all, I am humbled by the fact that my life is so different from the lives of so many others. There is no good reason, other than the grace of God, why my life has been so blessed and their lives have not.

By giving to FBC's Global Missions Offering during this Advent season, you can make a difference and help me to level the playing field. Your gifts will make it possible for me to continue with the 1:1 mentoring and employment sponsorship efforts that help disadvantaged individuals to overcome the barriers that they face. In the next few months, I will also begin offering free classes that can help them to find employment in the healthcare or service industries (e.g. Family Caregiving, Child Care, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, First Aid, and Certified Nursing Assistant Training).

I have been blessed by God with a good job as a registered nurse. I am, therefore, once again valuing the opportunity to serve in this affiliate ministry as a volunteer. All monies given to the Global Missions Offering are now used to pay for the books, supplies, equipment, uniforms, licensing/certification fees, and other operational costs associated with those trainings.

You may make a gift to support our CBF Affiliate by using the envelope included with your December offering envelopes or by submitting a check with "Global Missions Offering" noted on the memo line.

Gifts may also be made online through EGiving.

† Ministry Team †

**Larry Haun
Pastor**

**Patti English
Associate Pastor**

**Mike Patch
Music**

**Jeanne Anderson
Missions**

**Erin Silver
Preschoolers and Children**

**David Haun
Youth and College**

**Ann Marlow
Education/Administration**

**Dennis Sacey
Church Administrator**

**Susan Cruse
Ministries Coordinator**

**Shirley Onderdonk
Organist**

**Tammy Snellings
Office Assistant**

**Sharon Brennan
Hostess**