

A Loving & Caring Church Transforming God's Vision Into Action



I borrow this story from another church's newsletter. Its an important reminder about the kind of church we strive to be.

A man decided to visit 18 different California churches to discover what they were really like. He took the same approach at each

church. "I sat near the front. After the service I walked slowly to the back, then returned to the front and back to the lobby using another aisle. I smiled and dressed neatly. I asked one person to direct me to a specific place: a fellowship, the pastor's office, etc. I remained for coffee, if served. I used a scale to <u>rate</u> the <u>reception</u> I received."

Points were awarded on the following basis:

10 for a smile
10 for a greeting from someone sitting nearby
100 for an exchange of names
200 for an invitation to have coffee
200 for an invitation to return
1000 for an introduction to another worshiper
2000 for an invitation to meet the pastor

On this scale, 11 out of the 18 churches earned <u>fewer</u> than 100 points. Five received less than 20. The conclusion: the doctrine may be Biblical, the singing inspirational, the sermon uplifting, but when a visitor feels that nobody cares whether they are there or not, they are not likely to come back!

I think we would do pretty well on this rating scale. In fact, the last two Sundays I was introduced to visitors by a church member. But its certainly not time to 'rest on our laurels." Hospitality is <u>everyone's</u> responsibility. Communicating a spirit of friendliness doesn't necessarily come "naturally" - we have to work at it. We have to be intentional about it. But its work that pays high dividends.

Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, which is also the beginning of the Christian Season of <u>Lent</u>. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, just as Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. I invite you to use the days and weeks of Lent (beginning with the Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 6:45 PM) to think about Christ's death on the cross for you, and the need for self-examination and inner renewal.



March Calendar and Birthdays Love and Logic® Parent Class

> Ash Wednesday Service

Check Out Our "NEW" Website

http://www.fbcwinc.org/

We continue to work at building an interesting and helpful church website. If you have any suggestions for additional material please let us know. The **Tie** and the <u>Church Calendar</u> are now available online from the <u>TIE Newsletter</u> page. Audio files of the previous **Sunday's Worship Services** are now available online from the <u>Services</u> page.

ATTENDANCE			CONTRIBUTIONS							
DATE:	8:30am	11:00am	TOTAL	NEEDED WEEKLY	Received Today	NEEDED TO DATE	Received to Date	BUDGET Over	Restrict- ed Giving	RESTRICTED TO DATE
Jan. 19	95	176	271	\$ 12,346	\$ 8,593	\$ 37,038	\$ 29,574	\$ (7,464)	\$ 630	\$ 4,034
JAN. 26	56	160	216	\$ 12,346	\$ 8,881	\$ 49,384	\$ 38,455	\$ (10,929)	\$ 77	\$ 4,111
Feb. 2	82	185	267	\$ 12,346	\$ 15,350	\$ 61,730	\$ 53,805	\$ (7,925)	\$ 2,094	\$ 6,175
Feb. 9	65	195	260	\$ 12,346	\$ 9,100	\$ 74,076	\$ 62,905	\$ (11,171)	\$ 475	\$ 6,500

Bible Friends Schedule

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:



Feb.	23	Heather Wilson
March 2		Dawn Greene
March	9	Lynne Esslinger
March	16	Stephanie Duvall
March	23	Linda Fletcher

Linda Ebersole Robin Rodgers Gretchen Kaderli Holly Nightingale Laura Beavers

Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:

Feb.	23	Eileen Fluelling
March	2	Jae Hinson
March	9	Jan Habeck
March	16	Jordan Lacy
March	23	Linda Ebersole



Children's Story Time Speakers

Volunteers for the coming Sundays are:

Feb.	23	Robin Thompson
March	2	Patsy Stainback
March	9	Alison Wright
March	16	Robin Thompson
March	23	Mattie Fries





Men's Bible Class Breakfast



The breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, at 8:00am in the CEB. The presentation portion of the event will begin at 8:30 am and will feature David Kersey, who will be speaking about his experiences surrounding the events of 9/11 and the subsequent rebuilding at the Pentagon. Everyone is invited. Please call the church office (662-5367) to make your reservation.



The Valentine's Day Event has been rescheduled

February 28, 2014 ♥ 7 PM

Hosted by Kim and Scott Ball 315 W. Whitlock Ave., Winchester - 662-4055

All Adults come and enjoy a night of games and fellowship.

There will also be a special feature: watch as three pre-selected FBC couples face off in the first (and maybe last!) "Love and Marriage Challenge". Inspired by *The Newlywed Game*, this highlight of the evening promises laughs and fascinating revelations!

Come and Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship...

Mission Outreach Project

Missy Ward is the Refugee's Advocacy Coordinator for *Refuge and Hope International* in Kampala, Uganda. Missy ministers to refugee women who are victims of violence and abuse and human trafficking. All donations will go to support this mission.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Women's Study is exploring the book of 1 Peter. We break down each chapter and examine and discuss its meaning and relevance to us individually and as a group. Please join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm. It's an enjoyable time of connecting with each other as we learn more about God's Word.



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Tie Publication Schedule

We are continuing with a monthly publication schedule of the TIE which significantly reduces communication costs. The website and online calendar will continually be updated and bulletin announcements will be updated each week. Each Tie will be a calendar Tie for the subsequent month and will be published later in the month. April Calendar Tie – March 19



Did you complete the Conversational Spanish 1 Class and want to continue your skills?

Conversational Spanish II is an eight week course that will continue the study of conversational Spanish by expanding on the practice of using complete sentences, increasing the amount of time spent speaking in Spanish, and increasing the length of conversation during the class. Instructor: Angela Gates, March 10th — May 1st, (Monday and Thursday), 6:30-7:30 PM, in the Recreation Room, Jim Barnett Park. Fee: \$63 R, \$ 66 NR. Register by March 5th.

FBC Snow Policy

Sundays – Every effort will be made to hold services. The early service will be canceled first to allow the weather to improve.

Weekdays – We will make a decision regarding the day's activities as soon as possible.

Listen to the radio stations 1400AM or 92.5FM after 6:00am or go on their website (<u>http://www.winc.fm/</u>) We will also have an updated message on our church voice mail and our website.





January 2014 Newsletter of First Baptist Church Youth Group

Mark Your Calendar

{WEDNESDAY NIGHTS} Youth Group

> {2.23} Youth Sunday

{2.26} Apple Blossom Prep Party

{3.9, 3.16, 3.23} **Baptism Classes in Sunday School**

{3.9} Youth Leader Lunch and Meeting

{3.12} WATTS Meal Prep at the Winston's

> {3.13} WATTS Meal served

{3.29} **Apple Blossom Ticket Sales**

DETAILS

Youth Sunday: The youth will be leading both worship services on Sunday, February 23rd. We will practice on Wednesday, Feb. 19th during youth group.

Apple Blossom Prep Party: All youth and parents are invited to join us during youth group on Wednesday, February 26th for our annual Apple Blossom Prep party. We will cut and file tickets and make chair labels to be used at Apple Blossom. All who attend and help will earn money for their youth accounts!

Baptism Classes: In March, the youth will have one class about baptism during the Sunday school hour, led by Kristin. On March 9th, she will meet with the Middle School boys, on March 16th she will talk with the Middle School girls, and on March 23rd she will meet with High Schoolers. This is a class to go over the basic Baptist beliefs about baptism and encourage the youth to ask questions and engage in discussion.

Youth Leader Lunch: All youth leaders and teachers are invited to join us for a brief meeting and lunch together at 12:15 on Sunday, March 9 in the 301 House. Please RSVP to Kristin.

WATTS meal prep: The youth will be meeting at the home of Dave and Cheryl Winston (106 Whipp Drive, Winchester, VA 22602) on Wednesday, March 12, in lieu of our regular youth group meeting. Gather there at 5:45 for dinner and please arrange for a ride home. We will be finished by 7:30. If you need transportation, contact Kristin!

WATTS meal served: The youth leaders will be serving the meal prepared by the youth on Thursday, March 13. Please gather at the church between 5:30 and 6:00. The night manager will meet us at 6:15 and dinner will be served at 7:30.

Apple Blossom Ticket Sales: Please plan to be at the church from 8:00-11:15 on Saturday, March 29 to help sell refreshments and Apple Blossom tickets. By working, you will earn money for your youth account.



Rev. Kristin Adkins Whitesides church: 540-662-5367 e-mail: kristin@firstbaptistwinchester.com Medical Releases and Trip Covenants are available in the 301 House or on our website: www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/

youth



2	Scott Ball	11	Margaret Reid	22	Michael Gordon
2	Shirley Bazdar	11	Kay Sellner	22	Sally Touset
2	Melanie Curtis	11	Joe Walter	23	Cheryl Jones
2	Richard Edwards	11	Braxton Duvall	23	Joan Garlock
4	Mary Beth Bowen	12	Lee Austin	23	Leslie Purtlebaugh
4	Sharon Elkins	12	Eileen Fluelling	24	Janna Cather
4	Holly Nightingale	13	Don Lewis	25	Sue Dixon
5	Brian Ramsey	15	Kenneth Simpson	27	Betty Boppe
5	Audrey Grimes	16	Nancy Barr	27	Darlene Johnston
6	Elton Hinson	16	Eden Gordon	27	Robert Erickson
6	Lauren Woodard	17	Linda MacDermott	27	Paul Knittle
7	Jeffrey Boppe	17	Scott Davis	27	Patty Taylor
7	Angel Huyett	18	Kelly Knittle	30	Bruce MacDermott
8	Denise Luttrell	19	Kelly Ashby	30	Wyatt Newcome
9	Lisa Bray	[°] 19	Deaver Carr	30	Virginia Olson
10	Barbara Barnett	20	Esther Morrison	30	Ann Slonaker
10	Jacob Risinger	21	Austin Kackley	30	Theresa Whitacre
10	Charlie Shernick	21	David Smith	31	Marjorie Payne
11	Steve Bazdar	21	Elijah Kaderli	31	Laila Fletcher
11	Jennifer Hatfield			31	Campbell Lacy



50 Years Ago in the Tie...

February 21, 1964 Tie **True Goodness**

True goodness does not turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it, and excites their endeavors to mend it.

- William Penn



This years Hunter's Retreat was a retreat in a way for the coordinator as well as the retreaters. We got to hunt in the snow and were surprised to see coyote tracks running behind the deer tracks. No one got to take the coyote but 8 of the 12 deer taken this year were taken during the retreat. Next year our theme will be Prepare ye the Way. We would like to come earlier next year and finish the task we did not do because of the snow. Speakers that backed



out because of the snow want to come back next year. Management of God's blessings at HRR is our mission as we serve Him.

- Coordinator Jim Christiansen

AGELESS ADVENTURER VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED for Friday, March 28, 2014

On Friday, March, 28, 2014 we will meet at 10:30a.m. to depart for the Bavarian Inn at Shepherdstown, WV. Make plans to come join us for a lovely lunch! We should return to the church by 3:00p.m. Please call the church to sign up by Friday, March 21st at 662-5367



Youth Library

In an effort to provide our youth (ages 11-18) with Christian-themed books, movies, and music, we are developing a library in the 301 House. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave them in the church office. Of course, monetary donations are welcome as well. Thank you so much for helping to foster the Christian growth and development of our young people. Contact Kristin Whitesides in the church office or Kathryn Mayberry for

more information or if you have questions.

FBC Telephone Directory

Need an electronic copy of the church telephone directory for your computer desktop? Email the church at **tie@firstbaptistwinchester.com** and we'll be happy to email you the current version.



Miss Something?

Missing church no longer means missing out on the Worship Service. The services are now being recorded in .mp3 format which means they can be loaded to the website and available for listening at your convenience from your PC or smart phone. Simply click on the link, adjust your volume, and you are good to go!

http://www.fbcwinc.org/worship-2/

First Baptist Church Members,

A big thank you to everyone for all the cards, food, inquiries, and visits during my

recent recovery from knee replacement surgery.



What a blessing to be a member of such a loving and caring church family.

> Love, Kitty Shendow



To Our Church Family,

The Christiansen Family wants to thank everyone who sent cards, and sent well wishes to us in the passing of Jim's mom, Lorraine Christiansen. Your thoughts and prayers helped in the stress of services, rain, and traveling more than you could know. Your support has helped us through. In Christian Love.

Jim Christiansen



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WEEKLY MARCH SCHEDULE 2014

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Monday 9:00 AM SLC (CEB)

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Wednesday 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Study G 6:30 PM Preschool Program



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Abbreviations in the Tie

- AMC Admin. Management Com. 301 301 House
- CEB Children's Ed. Building
- CO Church Office
- HRR Hunting Ridge Retreat
- LA Lower Auditorium
- MBC Men's Bible Class
- Sanc. Sanctuary
- WOM Women on Mission
- SR Schoolage Room
- BSC Bible Seekers Class

Bible Friends Ministry Volunteers Needed

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children" Matthew 19:14

Volunteer helpers are needed for the Bible Friends Ministry in 2014 (thank you to those of you that are already volunteering)!! We need to have two non-related volunteers for the Bible Friends Ministry during our eleven o'clock service.

As coordinator of this wonderful Children's Ministry, I hope we can get at least five additional volunteers to either teach or help our teachers. It is truly a blessing to teach and work with the children ages, older three's to first grade. The lessons are prepared for us to read over and are geared to their learning level. To see the art work they make about God and Jesus or for special occasions for parents and siblings, demonstrates the true blessings we have in our life!

Please help us in this worthwhile ministry for the young children at First Baptist Church and contact me as soon as possible at (540) 664-3135 or email lgfletcher@comcast.net to volunteer in 2014!

God bless you as we continue with this ministry.

In Christ's love,

Linda Fletcher



Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night activities continue with dinner and fellowship at 5:45pm in the CEB. Permanent reservations can be made by calling the Church Office or filling out a dinner reservation card and marking it "permanent." Then you only need to call the Church Office if you cannot come. If you expect your attendance to be irregular, please call the Church Office for a weekly reservation by the preceding Monday. Noon that day is the deadline!

ADULTS: \$5.00 Youth: \$4.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$3.00

CHILDREN'S PLATE (CHICKEN NUGGETS): \$2.00

MAXIMUM FAMILY TOTAL: \$15.00

Youth Bible Study/Fellowship begins at 6:15pm in the 301 House. Adult Bible Study, Women's Study Group, and Preschool Program and Choristers begin at 6:30.

Please Join Us For Good Food & Fellowship

Spring Thursday Morning Bible Study on Philippians and Ephesians

Do you know what the Apostle Paul said about the secret of contentment and coping with the highs and lows of life? Do you know what he wrote about what it means to be church? While Paul was in prison, he wrote the new Christians in Philippi to explain how to be joyful and godly whether they were rich or poor, slandered or praised, in comfort or pain. In his letter to the new Christians in Ephesus, he talked about why it is important to be part of a local church, how the local church is the answer to the social problems of the world, and why it is the proper context for our marriages, families and careers.



The Spring Thursday Morning Bible Study will focus on Paul's letters to the Philippians and the Ephesians. The studies will include panel discussions on video featuring Joni Eareckson Tada,

founder of Joni and Friends Ministries; Richard Bewes, former rector of All Souls Church in London, England, and a well-known writer and broadcaster; and Paul Blackham, a theologian and former curate of All Souls Church, who is currently involved in new church development in the United Kingdom. Sessions will run from 10:00 to 11:30 for twelve Thursdays, beginning March 6^{th} . The place will be the lower auditorium. The study will be facilitated by Lori Pendleton and Bob Stainback. No preregistration or book purchase will be necessary. Just bring your Bible.

A Little TLC from the SLC Becoming a Love and Logic[®] Parent

Presented by First Baptist Church and "Son"Shine Learning Center

This 6-week course teaches a fun and practical approach to raising wonderful kids. During the course, participants will learn about the two rules of Love and Logic, the Anticipatory Consequence, ways to neutralize arguing, and much more.

The group meets for dinner in the upstairs Fellowship Hall and then gathers in the Men's Bible Class room for the Love and Logic course. The course is being led by Bridget Diehl and meets on the Wednesday evenings listed. Childcare is offered free of cost.

Love and Logic provides simple and practical techniques to help parents and caregivers have less stress and more fun while raising responsible kids.

For More Information Contact

Sherry Schryver, Director "Son" Shine Learning Center 662-1071 Alison Wright, Director of Children's Ministry First Baptist Church 662-5367 Kathy Westover, Church Secretary First Baptist Church 662-5367

- Session 1 March 19, 2014
- Session 2 March 26, 2014
- Session 3 April 2, 2014
- Session 4 April 9, 2014
- Session 5 April 16, 2014
- Session 6 April 30, 2014

Weekly Schedule

5:45 pm Family Dinner (FBC Fellowship Dinner)

6:15 - 7:30 pm Childcare available

6:30 - 7:30 pm Love and Logic Class



A column for parents of young children, brought to you by the **"Son"Shine Learning Center**

MOM AND ME 2014



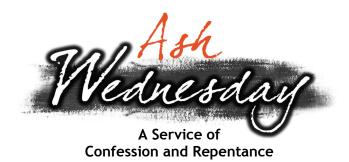
April 25 & 26 <u>or</u> 26 & 27.

If you are interested in going or <u>organizing</u> this trip, please let Alison Wright know Immediately.

Mom and Me is a fun-filled missions focused event for 1st - 6th grade girls and their moms to spend quality time together as they participate in activities that include: a visit with a missionary, music, dance, worship, crafts, a hands-on missions project, and more!

The costs listed below include: linens, lodging, three meals, services & facilities fee, t-shirt and program fees. Everyone must pre-register with Eagle Eyrie.

Adult Hotel	Child Hotel	Adult Lodge	Child Lodge
\$91.40	\$52.20	\$73.40	\$43.20



In preparation for Lent, everyone is invited to gather for the **Ash Wednesday Service** on Wednesday March 5th, at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary. We are reminded of our need for self-examination, confession and repentance as we move toward the joyous celebration of Easter. Through music, prayer, and the spoken word, we will be reminded of the love of God who gives life and salvation through the cross of Jesus Christ. As a symbol of Christ's love for us on the cross, we will have the opportunity, if you desire, to receive the marking with ashes on your forehead. Please join us for this special service of worship.



The Helping Hands Ministry needs "more hands" than it currently has. This ministry sends cards to members of the church who are ill or are in the hospital. If you have a little extra time on your hands, call Elma Morrison, 662-0666.



On Sunday, March 2, the Houghton College Choir will perform at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 W. Boscawen St, Winchester, VA, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free of charge and all are welcome. The performance is part of the choir's 2014 concert tour through New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Houghton College Choir is widely acclaimed for its artistry and sensitivity, and embraces a diverse range of music, from the Renaissance mass setting to the baroque motet and African American spiritual. Experts have stated:

"One of the premier college choirs in the United States...sets the standard for high-quality choral artistry." - Justin Smith, *LCOB* USA

"It is a rarity to hear a college choir that sings with compelling honesty in addition to beautiful sound. The Houghton College Choir brings much real life and passion to its artistry in every performance it sings..." –James Jordan, *Westminster College Choir*

"... projects the spirit of dedication to excellence in the choral art, firmly rooted in spiritual expression." - Dr. Rene Clausen, Concordia Choir

The choir tour will conclude its tour by hosting a debut performance with the National Sacred Honor Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 9.

Since its foundation in 1931, the Houghton College Choir has upheld its mission and brought its song to America's most prestigious halls and churches of all denominations, including the Lincoln Center in Manhattan, Cathedral of St. Joseph's in Hartford, Heinz Memorial Chapel in Pittsburgh, the Basilica of St. Mary's in Minneapolis, and the Church of the Holy Trinity on Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia.



The Houghton College Choir has been invited to sing for state and divisional American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and The National Association of Music Education (MENC) conventions,

including a special invitation to the 2010 Inaugural NYACDA Fall Conference & the 2009 MENC Eastern Division Convention in Providence, RI. Additional performances include the United Nations, World Council of Churches, and the Association of Evangelicals National Convention. Choral-orchestral partners have

included the Buffalo, Rochester & Southern Tier Symphony Orchestras.

In addition, the choir has performed in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, Spain, Korea and the former Soviet Union.

Lori's "Senior Moments"



"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22

Here are a few funny tales of children in church to make you smile and laugh!

A little boy was in a relative's wedding, As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard. When he reached the pulpit he was asked what he was doing, he sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear!"

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on their way to church one Sunday morning, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Her bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping!"

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I found!" the boy called out. "What have you got there?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his young voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit!"

Six-year old Lilly, and her four-year old brother, Johnny, were sitting together in church. Johnny giggled, sang and talked very loudly. Finally his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to be so loud in church!" "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Johnny asked. Lilly pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing back by the door?" "They're hushers!"

Bible Quiz

Moses was a prophet and lawgiver for God's chosen people,

the Israelites. What does the name Moses mean in Hebrew?

A. "Out of the water"

B. "Giver of the Law"

C. "Prophet"

D. "God is good"

The Chancel Choir

rehearses

On Thursdays at 7:00pm

in the Sanctuary.

We lead in Worship from September through June. Please join us!

The Chancel Handbell Choir practices on Thursdays at 6:00pm in the balcony.



AMC Volunteers



The Administrative Management Committee is looking to recruit volunteers to help fill a need for support in various capacities throughout our campus on an as needed basis. Skill sets needed include light plumbing, electrical, and mechanical among others. Currently, these responsibilities fall on the few that are available on the Committee before being outsourced to private firms. Interested individuals will not be required to attend meetings, create reports, or have any administrative responsibility. Please contact the Church Office if willing to serve in this much needed way.



White Christmas 2013



The members of the White Christmas Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make our mission program such a success this year. This Christmas, the First Baptist family purchased gifts of clothing and toys for 130 children. These were children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree program, the Winchester Department of Social Services and individuals privately referred to the White Christmas Program. We also remembered our homebound members with gifts, fruit, and a poinsettia.

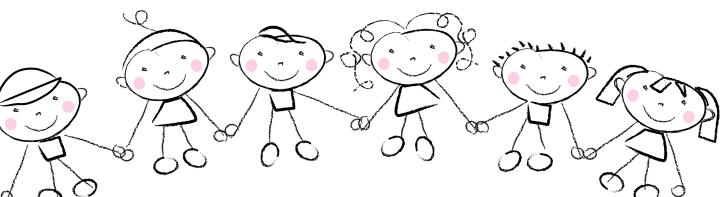
Along with the gifts for the children, each family received boxes of canned and non- perishable food, frozen turkeys, fresh apples and greens, milk and venison, as well as hygiene products. In all, sixty families received food and gifts.

The success of an effort this size depends upon the work of so many people. We are blessed at First Baptist to have all of you who contributed not just your money, but your time and in some cases, your strong back to this mission! If you donated money, shopped for an angel, purchased items for Six Sundays, sorted food on the work day, handed out items on distribution day or delivered gifts to the homebound, we would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity and hard work. You truly exemplify "A Loving and Caring Church Transforming God's Vision into

> Action". Thank you and God Bless. The White Christmas Committee.

WATTS

Is providing shelter for the homeless from November 25 through March 31. Our week begins March 10, 2014. Jobs and responsibilities of WATTS Teams include: delivery acceptance teams, greeters and crowd control, evening meal teams, entertaining, socializing, and monitoring of guests during smoke breaks, overnight shifts, breakfast meal teams, AM clean-up, and pack-up teams. A training session will be held for all volunteers on Sunday, March 2, at 12:15 in the Lower Auditorium. Sign-up sheets are in the New Narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in both narthexes.



Children's Ministry of First Baptist Church

children's news

mark your Calendar

Wednesday Evenings Preschool Program/Choristers

2/23

Deadline for Passport Kids sign-up

2/27

Bible Study for 4th and 5th Graders

3/19 Love and Logic® Class 3/26 Love and Logic® Class

Wednesday Evenings

The pre-school program will continue with their new structure; enjoying free play with their peers and a bible story with related activities. They will also continue to have "fun" nights to celebrate holidays etc.

The Schoolage program will experience a slight change. Their Wednesday evenings will be split between a lesson and activity, and chorister's rehearsal. They will also continue to have "fun" nights to celebrate holidays etc.

Please keep the Feb. 27th 4th and 5th grade bible study information

Please note that if school is cancelled, the bible study is cancelled. Parents are welcome to contact Alison Wright if they have questions or concerns.

PASSPORT KIDS

The deadline to sign up for passport kids is Feb. 23rd. The cost per camper is \$254 and, there is a payment plan in place in which to participate. This year's dates are June 18th-21st. Please contact Alison Wright if you have any questions or concerns!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Our theme this year is Weird Animals; our dates are July 14th through the 18th. If you have any interest in helping or participating please contact Alison Wright.

We will once again host a class for parents, called Love and Logic*.

Just a Reminder to sign up for Love and Logic[®]. The dates are as follows: March 19th & 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th.

FBC Children's Ministry New Year's Resolution

We are taking our New Year's Resolution, to learn the books of the Bible, seriously! The children can look forward to games, activities, and songs, which will all help them reach this goal!

Volunteer!

As 2014 begins, we will be creating a new schedule for the following volunteer opportunities; Nursery 2nd service, Bible Friends teachers and assistants, and Children's Time speakers. Volunteers are incredibly important to the success of our Children's Ministry at FBC. Please let us know how you can help! Contact Alison Wright at awright@firstbaptistwinchester.com.



Look for more exciting opportunities for your family, coming soon!

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Bulletin Deadline

The Church Bulletin is printed EVERY **Thursday Morning**. Please submit content to **Kathy** by **noon on Wednesday**. Email is <u>fbcwinc@firstbaptistwinchester.com</u>



First Baptist Church Prayer Chain Ministries

Direct your prayer request(s) to:

Daytime Hours: Donna Walter @ 722-2230 or Linette Spicer @ 662-1120 Evening Hours: Janet Luttrell @ 667-8758 or Laura Beavers @ 667-3191



Homebound Spotlight

Jerry Edwards 111 Amherst Court Stephens City, VA 22655

We encourage everyone to send a note to Jerry Edwards. In His Love, Lori & the Homebound Team



Sanctuary arrangements are needed for the 2014 calendar year. If you would like to place an arrangement in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill

Flower Power honor of a loved one, please fill out a Flower Calendar form found in each narthex or the

Church Office. You may also call the Church Office to place your request.