



Please bring your Lottie Moon gift to your Connection Group class. These will be placed in a decorated Christmas present box. A representative from each Connection Group.....from infants through senior adults.....will present their class gift at the altar at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

We will receive these gifts through the month of December. Our churchwide goal is \$12,000. Ask God what He would have you give for international missions this year. Give Lottie Moon your best gift.

## **Ingathering Sunday, December 6, 2020** *Our Church Goal \$12,000*

**FROM THE DESK OF** *Pastor Rich...*

Many say that the Christmas season is their favorite time of year. It certainly is special for Christians and the Lord's church. Immanuel ("God with us") has come to us.....Jesus.....the Savior of the world.

It is a special season for our church. It is challenging this year as for the first year in our lifetimes we are in the midst of a pandemic. It has changed our lives forever.

We are thankful for the new vaccine we could soon receive. So many lives will potentially be saved.

Let me challenge you to give your best gift for Lottie Moon this year. Spreading the Good News around our world that Jesus saves is the command from the Lord. (Matthew 28:18-20). Make your plans now. Bring your gift on Ingathering Day December 6.

We will observe the Lord's Supper and have our Business Meeting on December 13.

Thank you to the huge number of people who are working so hard and serving so faithfully. (Pastor Search Team, Building Committee, Connection Group teachers, church staff, support staff, the list is growing!). We are on the grow and on target for Jesus. Every church member must be involved for our church to be who she is to be for our Lord.

Kay and I love you and pray for you. Each of you is God's special blessing to us. Partnering with God we can accomplish anything. Since this is the last Messenger before Christmas, we say Merry Christmas and may this be your most wonderful Christmas ever.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this month and prepare for 2021, excitement and optimism is growing concerning our sanctuary rebuild. We are almost in! God has been and will continue to be faithful as we seek his will for his church. Our community is growing, and we are poised to be a "Safe Haven" and blessing for those who are in need

spiritually. Let 2021 be the year that you enlist in His service. Find a Connection Group and "Do Life Together" as our motto states. Pray for God to reveal where he needs you to serve utilizing your spiritual gifts. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship, and church events. Ask God to cultivate a heart for evangelism and missions within our congregation. Encourage and

assist your Connection Group teacher and deacon to reach out to prospects and schedule community service as a class. Will you follow our pastor and staff as they follow Christ? We have the answer for a hurting and desperate world. Why would we want to keep it to ourselves when we have experienced his transforming power on a personal level? God has big things in store for his



people. Will you commit to praying for your leadership daily? As God moves Satan always resists. See you this week and bring a neighbor or friend.

Ephesians 4:1-6  
Growing Together in Unity  
Pastor Grady



Let's use this Christmas season to show the world that we believe in a risen Savior and that He has made a difference in our lives. I challenge you over the next few weeks to live out your faith as you celebrate Christmas. Love those around you and share the gospel with them. Invite them to our church and into your homes so that they might have an opportunity to see the love of Christ in action. Let's focus this holiday season on the gift of salvation that is given freely to all and not the gifts we are planning to purchase. Let's work hard to love the lost in this world in a way that honors Christ and remember that we were all lost once and in need of a Savior. God sent us a Savior to meet our greatest need! What a precious gift indeed!

### Mark your calendars.

**Christmas Reflections 2020 in Defuniak Springs - Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

We will depart the church on Saturday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup> and follow each other to see the beautiful lights. Stay tuned for times.

**\*This event is open to all families (Children and Youth)**

**"Happy Birthday Jesus Party" – Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> during children's church.**

During both services, children will enjoy donuts and juice, then crafts and listen to the story of Baby. The kids love a special birthday party.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Much Love, *Leanne Krohne* Children's Minister 850-624-4913



### Notes from the Music Stand

Last month in the Messenger I put in a few pictures of our FBCLH

Veterans. Were you able to figure out who they were? In the top row of pictures (left to right) it was Terry Bryant (U.S Army), and Fred Johnson (U.S Air Force). Bottom row (left to right) was Buddy Skipper (U.S Air Force), and Julie Durden (U.S Air Force). Make sure you thank these individuals for their service to our country. Christmas is once again right around the corner with the new year following close! 2020

will be in the past. This past year has been an adjustment. As we look to the new year, it has a lot in store. We should be back in the Sanctuary VERY soon! Our last worship service in the sanctuary was Sunday October 7, 2018. One of the songs we sang that morning was "Everlasting God." Whose lyrics say: "strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord...our Hope, our Strong Deliverer... You do not faint, You won't grow weary." He has not grown weary; I hope we have not. On this long road as we have had to wait and tackle many obstacles head on, God has been faithful. Our Everlasting God still reigns

forever. 2021 not only holds us getting back into the sanctuary but most likely building plans for a new building containing a Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, Classrooms, Kitchen, etc. 2021 might also bring a Senior/Lead Pastor at FBC Lynn Haven. We have so many reasons to be in prayer for what is to come. I pray that His strength will arise in us and lift us up on wings like eagles.

Crystal, I, and our family have enjoyed the opportunity to serve here at God's Kingdom at First Baptist Lynn Haven for over 6 years. We continue to look forward to our future together. It has been

great to grow with you and still get to know you better. We love our church family! We pray as we close out the year 2020 and approach a new year in 2021 that we "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" and may "the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace" in Jesus Name. Amen!

Merry Christmas! Christ the babe was born for you!

In His Service,  
*Pastor Daniel*

**Connection Group Teachers,  
Leaders, & Staff End of Year Meeting**  
*Sunday, December 6 at noon* **Connection  
Groups**  
**Lunch provided** *"Doing Life  
Together"*

Teachers/Leaders/Staff Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon immediately following our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service we will have a catered lunch meeting to discuss the upcoming year and strategy for our Connection Groups. Please plan on attending. Things are moving forward!



December 3 at 5 pm Single Vision Christmas Dinner  
 FBCLH Children's Building - Coffee Area

December 7 at 5:30 pm at Capt. Andersons  
 Willis Coulliette CG Christmas Party

December 13 at 4 pm  
 Millennials & Sojourners CG Christmas Party  
 Contact the Snyder's/Galindo's for more info.

**DEACONS'  
MEETING**  
*December 6 at 4 pm*  
 Children's Building

*December 13*  
**Lord's Supper**  
 Both Morning Services

**BUILDING UPDATE**  
 Update from our Building Committee:  
 Final projects are in process of completion and we anticipate moving back into the Sanctuary sometime after the first of the new year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

*Sunday, December 13*  
 SPECIAL-CALLED  
**BUSINESS Meeting** Both Services  
*Approval of 2021 Church Budget*  
*Copies of the budget will be available to review by December 1.*

*The church office will be closed  
 for the Christmas Holidays on...*  
*December 23*  
*and December 24*

**2020**  
 Tax Year Contributions

If you want to make a contribution to the church that will count in the 2020 tax year, your contribution needs to be in by Sunday, December 27.

*November 2020*

*Giving Totals*



General Fund:	\$59,742.18
BFF Year to Date:	\$63,365.46
BFF Nov. Contributions:	\$2,290.00

Does not include Nov. 29 data.



- 1 - Calvin York  
 Vonzeil Bryant  
 Matthew Hagler
- 4 - Marsha Sumner
- 7 - Ann VanZant
- 8 - Barbara Nichols
- 10 - Karon Parons
- 11 - Hershel Hill
- 12 - Kerry Davis
- 13 - Kaylyn Varnum  
 Maxwell Snyder

- 15 - Niki Scott  
 Candice Wilds  
 Judy Walker
- 17 - Jolene Barnes  
 Dianne Newton
- 18 - Nevaeh Riegel
- 19 - Bobby Buchanan
- 20 - Brent Skipper  
 Annabella Snyder  
 Earl Pettis  
 Kelly Gervera
- 23 - Dick Agar  
 Donald Stewart  
 Brenda Strickland
- 24 - Luther McDonald
- 25 - Mary Chancey  
 Rosemary Johnson
- 26 - Lysa Oswalt  
 Phillip Shutt
- 27 - Faye Kelley  
 Mackie Owens
- 28 - Tim Stuhr
- 29 - Juanita Singletary  
 Jack Thomas
- 30 - JP O'Neal  
 Callandra Green
- 31 - Matt Webb  
 Jordan Osborn



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Paul Durden.....Pianist

Terry Bryant.....Building & Grounds Supervisor

*For to us a child is born to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6 esv*

*Merry Christmas from the FBCLH Staff*