

CALENDER

SUNDAYS

Worship 10 AM Adult Choir Practice 11:15 AM Adult Handbell Practice 5 PM Youth 6 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Supper 5:15-6 PM Adult Bible Study 6 PM Youth Bible Study 6 PM Children's Choir 6 PM Children's Missions 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 2 Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, December 3
Hanging of the Greens 10 AM
Church Lunch 11:15
No Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 6Bonus Adult Choir Practice 7 PM

Tuesday, December 12FBC Preschool Christmas Program 6 PM

Saturday, December 16Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal 10 AM

Sunday, December 17 Christmas Cantata 10 AM

Sunday, December 24No Sunday School
Candlelight Worship 6 PM

Sunday, December 31 No Sunday School

NEWS and VIEWS

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

Christmas is almost upon us. And as we walk expectantly through these weeks of Advent, I hope you participate with us fully so that you might gain strength and encouragement this season.

We have our Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday morning, December 4th. This is the service where we will adorn our church with our Christmas décor. There will be a lot of people participating in this service, and I can hardly wait as this is our true introduction to Christmas. On December 10th, the Handbell Choir will lead us in worship. On December 17th, we will have our special Christmas music with the orchestra. Our choir will pair with outside musicians to lead us in one of the most powerful services of the year. And, as always, we will have a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th. Be here early to get a good seat, for as you know, this service is one of the bestattended worship services of the year. I look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday, and on these special occasions.

As we make our preparations for that special day, let us remember that Christmas is never about what we receive under our tree. Rather, Christmas is about receiving God's gift of Jesus Christ our Lord and living differently because of it. So, this Christmas season, think not of yourself,

but rather, think about what you can do for someone else. When we share our money and time generously in the name of God, lives are touched, needs are met, and people are changed. I have come to recognize that the scripture really is true: "It is better to give than to receive." Thank you for your gifts to Operation Christmas Child, the Angel Tree Ministry, and the Coat ministry for the school children of Caldwell County.

December 2023

2023 was an incredible year for FBC Lenoir. We gained 38 new members, and we welcomed Rev. Michael Jennings as our Minister of Music and Worship, made Becca Lawing our Youth, Children, and Connections Minister, and called Zeke Frye as our Church Intern. We have been blessed beyond measure, and we as a staff, and as a church, say thank you God, and thank you congregation, for your love and faithfulness.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Love,

Josh, Ginger, Ella, Elam, and Emelia



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT Mea

Wednesday suppers are served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to

make a reservation for that Wednesday or you may place your name on the permanent reservation list.

December 6...... Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese,

Corn, Rolls, Dessert

December 13.....Party Foods

December 20..... No Meal or Bible Study

December 27..... No Meal or Bible Study

December WORSHIP Volunteers

Sue Ellen Brookshire

Kenny Story

Crystal Dula

Keith Orrell

Randell Dula

Shirley Orrell

Jon Land

Tommy Carter

Caroline Land

Sue Carter

Mabry Land

December Worship Opportunities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



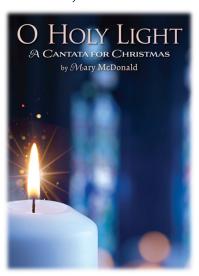
Morning Worship at 10 AM Churchwide Lunch after Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10



Christmas Worship with the Handbell Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17



Christmas Worship through Music Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



Morning Worship 10 AM (No Sunday School) Candlelight Service 6 PM



We had a great time on our trip to Wytheville to the dinner theatre. These are a few snapshots of our day:













Please remember to bring your gifts for the Angel Tree to the church by December 10. Thank you for giving so that these students can enjoy a brighter Christmas this year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/1	Scott Fox
	Zac Martin (15)
	Michael Ramsey

12/2 Barbara Hicks

12/3 Doug Saunders

12/4 Bruce Cannon Ann Spann

12/5 Sue Ellen Brookshire Ginger Hughes

12/6 Carson Davis (21)

12/9 Anna Holloway Kim Johnson Patty Ramsey Jeni Stilwell Nick Walker

12/10 Wanda Terry

12/11 Brody Ester (10) Susan Gray Kathy Saunders

12/13 Steve Page Teresa Transou

12/14 Kristin Sturgill Mark Suddreth

12/15 Susan Floyd David Stevens

12/18 Sarah Lovins Mason Pritchard

12/20 John Moore Debra Trivette

12/21 Janie Mangum Phillip Pritchard

12/22 Benjamin McKinney (10) Amy Moore

12/26 Butch Smith

12/27 John Dockery

12/28 Art Sherwood

12/29 Paul McCurry

12/30 Joey Greene

12/31 Tori Davis (19)

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2023 \$865,650.00

YTD Budget Receipts \$758,255.65

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