

# First Baptist Church of Hudson THE MESSENGER

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## WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT!

*A Christmas Celebration*

December 14 & 15, 2019  
6 PM  
Life Center  
Hudson First

## A Christmas Musical! December 14 & 15

**Both Nights at 6 PM - A Hudson First Christmas Musical called, *What a Glorious Night* will be held in the Life Center. Come and join us for a night of celebration and worship as we share the message of Christmas through song and a spectacular theatrical performance! Invite your friends and family!**

## International Missions Emphasis THIS Sunday, December 8 6 PM, Life Center

The global refugee crisis is growing. The needs are overwhelming and many don't know how to help or where to start. Join us as we continue to learn more about this sad and often confusing event shaping our world.



## Welcome Doug Main!

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Doug Main will return to our Ministry Team to lead our youth ministry as Student Ministries Director (SMD), effective January 1. Doug served as interim SMD during a period of transition in 2015, and most recently served as our Children's Ministry Director from 2016 to 2019. Doug is currently serving as a volunteer in our youth ministry, focusing on middle-schoolers. He has nearly 25 years of experience serving in youth ministry and brings great passion for youth and a strong desire for building relationships with them.

Current SMD, Rev. Josh Turner, will step down at the end of December. Delana and he have made this decision to create more margin in their busy lives in order to cultivate their young marriage and start a family in the not too distant future. The Turners will remain a vital part of Hudson First. Josh plays in the Praise Team, and Delana and he will continue to serve in our youth ministry, only giving up the Director's role.

We are grateful for Josh's faithfulness to our youth and excited for his future ministries here. We also are grateful for Doug's willingness to smoothly transition into this familiar leadership role and maximize his strengths and passions.



## Report for Nov. 18 – Nov. 24, 2019

Life Group Enrollment	535
Life Group Attendance	331
Worship Attendance	480

### Designated Gifts Received on November 17

Baptist Children's Home	645.00
Missions Romania	25.00
Shoebboxes	360.00
Toy Store Fund	110.00
W.H.O. Fund	175.00
<b>Total Designated</b>	<b>1,315.00</b>

## Report for Nov. 25 - December 1, 2019

Life Group Enrollment	537
Life Group Attendance	265
Worship Attendance	421

### Designated Gifts Received on December 1

Back Pack Food Ministry	25.00
Christmas Day Lunch	25.00
Lottie Moon	1,120.00
<i>(Includes in honor of Mary Small and Ronnie and Anne Simmons and in memory of Herb Jones)</i>	

Renovations	50.00
Shoebboxes	170.00
Student/Children's Ministry	100.00
Toy Store Fund	2,141.00
<b>Total Designated</b>	<b>3,631.00</b>

General Fund Required Year-to-Date	153,756.00
%Received Year-to-Date	127%
General Funds Receipts are currently 27% above our needs.	

## Mission Trips to Kelley, NC Sign up Today!

There is still a great need for teams to serve in Kelly, NC helping families get back in their homes after Hurricane Florence. Below are the trip dates for 2020.

### 2020 Dates:

**January 15 - 19 (Wed. - Sun.)**

**March 18 - 22 (Wed. - Sun.)**

**May 13 - 17 (Wed. - Sun.)**

The group will leave early on Wednesday and return after worship with the church in Kelley, NC on Sunday morning. This allows for 3 1/2 workdays on homes. If you feel called to go on mission, but going overseas is frightening or not an option, consider going on one of these mission trips to share the love of Christ as we meet the needs of those displaced by natural disaster.

## Thanks!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, the beautiful peace lily and all expressions of Love and sympathy to us during the passing of our mother.

Douglas & Susan Story

Hudson First Baptist Church,

We would like to thank the church for the beautiful peace lily that we received in remembrance of my mother, Belisia S. Story. Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards we have received. It means a lot to have a loving church family in times like these.

In Christ, Brent & Cathy Story & Grandkids



## GA's Lottie Moon Post Office Begins Available Now!

GA's will be collecting and delivering Christmas cards from church members to Life

Groups / Sunday School Classes again this year each Wednesday & Sunday through January 2. The cost for the GA's to deliver your card is .25 cent or any donation. Please deposit your cards and donations in the blue mail box that is located right outside the church office. All donations for postage go toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## Angel Tree Gifts Due THIS Sunday, December 8

All Angel tree gifts are due this Sunday, December 8. Please place them outside the church office in the collection area. You may also bring them to the church office prior to the 8th between 8 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday. PLEASE be sure to tie your Angel Tree tag to the black trash bag securely so we can ensure that the gifts get to the correct Angel. Thank you for sponsoring a child!



## Sr. Adult Trip to Hamrick's in Gaffney, SC Tuesday, December 10 at 8 AM

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the media center! The bus will depart at 8 AM!



## **The Toy Store December 16 - 20 Volunteer Opportunity**

The Toy Store is in  
need of volunteers to

help with this years' Toy Store. If you are planning to participate in this ministry, please fill out a Volunteer form located in the church office, at Bulletin locations, and at the Toy Store Table set up in the Life Center on Sunday Mornings. Any toy donations can be brought to the church office.

The Toy Store will be in need of homemade goodies for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of Toy Store week, both savory and sweet! Those items can be brought to the life center kitchen during the week to be given to families as they wait to be served.

## **Christmas Day Lunch**

Thanks to all of our church family that have already shown an interest in volunteering to serve at the Christmas Day Lunch. The Team is busy behind the scenes preparing for this awesome



event. We will be having a preparation day to organize and evaluate this years' needs for our lunch. If you are available Tuesday, December 10 from 10 AM to 12 PM, please come to the Life Center dinning room ready to help! Christmas is less than 3 weeks away. Are you ready?

We can still use more volunteers, the more workers the less work! We will also need lots of desserts on Christmas Day. Be thinking about what you can make, bake, and bring. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

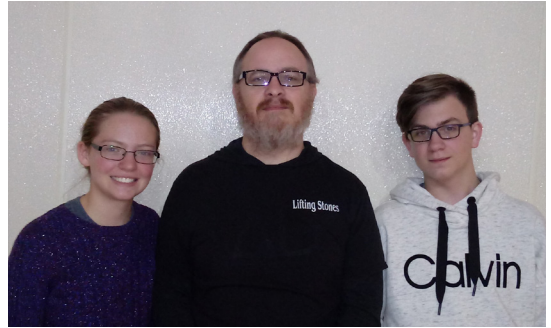
Sincerely, The Christmas Day Lunch Team

## **Christmas Eve Communion Tuesday, December 24 7 PM, Sanctuary**

Christmas Eve Communion will be held in the Sanctuary to honor Christ's birth and to commune with our Savior as we reflect on what He has done for us. Join us for this special service.



## **Welcome New Members!**



Danny, Abigail, and Aiden Woodring

702 South Main St.  
Drexel, NC 28619  
828-448-0871

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 901  
Drexel, NC 28619

The Woodring's joined our church family on December 1, 2019. Join us in welcoming Danny and his children, Abigail and Aiden!

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Ingathering (offering) held on Sunday, Dec. 15 during both services**

I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes... - Revelation 7:9

Your prayers & offerings for the multitudes transform lives!

1. Pray for our missionaries who are facing daily struggles. That they would be given the spiritual, emotional, and physical stamina needed to carry out the work of the ministry.
2. Pray for a season of change in the hearts of those people who they are sharing the gospel with. That they open their hearts to the hope that comes from Jesus.
3. Pray for the gospel on the move. That these missionaries will have the supplies they need to reach those who are in remote areas.
4. Pray for Vision for new missionary students who are being trained to go out and share the gospel.

Offering envelopes and prayer guides are available at Connect Central and Bulletin Locations!



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 - 11:15 AM - Media Center Open  
9 AM - Sanctuary Service,  
Life Center Service Life Groups,  
Youth Life Groups  
Children's Life Groups  
Nursery  
10:15 AM - Life Center Service  
Sanctuary Service Life Groups  
First Kids Worship  
Nursery  
11:30 AM - Discover HF, LCDR  
12:30 - 5 PM - LCDR Reserved  
2 - 3 PM - The Gathering Place Reserved  
4 PM - Back Pack Ministry  
5:15 PM - Back Pack Ministry  
6 PM - International Missions Emphasis,  
LCDR

### Monday, December 9

10:30 AM - 3 PM - W.H.O. Group,  
Gathering Place Reserved

### Tuesday, December 10

8 AM - Sr. Adult Trip to Hamricks,  
Bus Reserved

### Wednesday, December 11

6 PM - First Kids Choir, RA's, GA's,  
Prayer Meeting, & C.A.R.E. Only  
6:30 PM - Adult Choir

### Thursday, December 12

10 AM - Elizabeth Campbell Group

### Friday, December 13

5 - 8 PM - LCDR & K Reserved,  
Pairs & Spares

### Saturday, December 14

10 AM - 5 PM - LCDR & K Reserved  
6 PM - Christmas Musical, LC

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 - 11:15 AM - Media Center Open  
9 AM - Sanctuary Service,  
Life Center Service Life Groups,  
Youth Life Groups  
Children's Life Groups  
Nursery  
10:15 AM - Life Center Service  
Sanctuary Service Life Groups  
First Kids Worship  
Nursery  
6 PM - Christmas Musical, LC

## Calendar Continued...

### Monday, December 16

All Day - Toy Store, LC Reserved

### Tuesday, December 17

All Day - Toy Store, LC Reserved

### Wednesday, December 18

All Day - Toy Store, LC Reserved

### Thursday, December 19

All Day - Toy Store, LC Reserved

### Friday, December 20

All Day - Toy Store, LC Reserved

### Saturday, December 21

1 PM - 5 PM - LCDR & K Reserved



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Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Luke Brakefield  
Minister of Music ..... Rev. Paul Renfrow  
Student Ministry Director ..... Rev. Josh Turner  
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