



# The Messenger

First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island • January 2018



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*Happy  
New  
Year!*

**Monday, January 1**

Church Offices Closed New Year's Day

**Wednesday, January 3**

No Wednesday night activities  
with the exception of Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



**Decoration  
Storage**

**Saturday, January 6**

**Help Requested**

**9:30 AM - Take Down and Store Christmas Decorations**

We will remove and store our beautiful Christmas decorations beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2018. We will be removing and storing decorations from all of our buildings. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 843-785-4478 by Saturday, January 6, 2018.

*FBCHHI High  Tide*

**Sunday, January 7**

**High Tide Resumes**

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide

**Wednesday, January 10**



*Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities Resume*

*Wednesday Night Dinner, Children's, Youth and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals, Adult Bible Studies - General, Women's and Men's, Youth Bible Drill, Awana, CORE*



**Sunday, January 14**

**10:30 AM Worship Service**

**The Lords Supper Served**



**The Gideons  
International**



**Sunday, January 21**

**10:30 AM - Gideon Speaker**

**A Separate Offering Will Be Taken for the Gideons  
At the End of the Service**



**Tuesday, January 23**

**11:30 AM - New Women's Bible Study**

**Family and Student Building**

**Details on page 2.**

# Visiting with the Pastor

## Reflections

January 2018 is now upon us, and we find it hard to believe how God has so gloriously blessed His church, First Baptist Church of Hilton Head. Our church family is giving of themselves in many facets of our church life. The giving of time, talents, gifts and love has become the flavor of this fellowship. We closed out the year of 2017 with people fulfilling their roles on committees, giving their tithes and offerings to the general church budget, mission causes and the renovation of our Family/Student Building. The spirit of love and giving has become infectious to our body, and we must all continue to pray to guard our hearts and the heart of the church body for Jesus' sake! When the Lord is blessing His church, you can always count on Satan being around the corner to bring some division or disturbance.

## Directions

As we begin this New Year, there is the absence of Rev. Chuck Workman and Anna Garduce. Their absence has allowed our volunteers to handle some of the duties of which those two wonderful servants of our Lord have handled. No one is expecting others to completely fill their shoes during this window of time, but hopefully those who are asked to serve will be led of the Lord to do so.

The Pastor Search Committee is diligently seeking to secure the next pastor to serve here at First Baptist Church. I hope you are continuing to pray for them. Also, please be

asking the Lord where you may be able to give of yourself during this year of 2018. When there is an absence of leadership within any group of people, there is a tendency to panic or become anxious. Let me remind us all that the Lord we serve is sovereign, and He is never taken by surprise. If Micah spoke of our Lord's birth almost eight hundred years before it happened, then none of us should ever be anxious or push our personal panic buttons. May we make sure that we do not get in the Lord's directive way or purpose with our own agendas.

## Projections

Paul tells us, "...that you may prove that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2b)." As we begin this year of 2018, may we all commit ourselves to proving and doing, God's perfect and acceptable will. Search to know the mind of God for you and your family, and then be obedient to Him. Remember, if we are a Christian, then God the Holy Spirit has given us a "sanctified common sense," to join our redeemed spirit to follow the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully in our everyday life! The Word of God and the Holy Spirit will always give us God's projected path for our lives. Seek Him, Love Him, and then Follow Him; and you will know His peace that passes all understanding.

Your Pastor Loves You,

*John Keller*

## Pastor Search Committee

The search for our new pastor continues. The committee has been reviewing applications and we have narrowed the focus at this time to approximately half a dozen resumes that we will review in more depth. In the next several months our plan is to attend worship services to hear potential candidates and conduct face to face interviews.

We are so grateful for the prayers for our committee and ask you to continue to join us in earnest prayer. We pray God's perfect will be revealed to us in His time. The committee also welcomes your input and suggestions, so feel free to reach out to any committee member. We are still accepting resumes and you may forward those to Mary Smith at mwsrls@aol.com.

As a reminder, the committee members are John Richardson, Tim Fick, Richard Lewis, Philip Deagan, Paula Duncan, Samantha Neville and Mary Smith.

In HIS name,

Your Pastor Search Committee



## New Women's Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 11:15 AM, in the Family/Student Building, Nancy Staab will lead a new Bible study for women titled, "*What the Bible says about HEAVEN.*"

This study will meet every Tuesday morning, with the exception of the third Tuesdays of the month, when a Women's Connection group will be meeting during that same time, and this Bible study will not meet. Please call the church office at 843-785-4478 to let us know if you will attend so enough materials can be ordered.

## News of Anna Garduce



It is with great sadness to announce that Anna Garduce is leaving us as Director of Children's Ministry, to further the process of becoming a Southern Baptist International Missionary with her husband, Chris.

Anna and Chris were surprised at the speed in which the International Mission Board has advanced their training process for them to be prepared for the mission field. They were not planning to leave Hilton Head so soon, but the Lord had different plans for them, and they are being obedient to His will and are returning to Columbia, SC, for a time of training. When it is completed, sometime during this year, they will then be leaving the states to become International Missionaries. Their place of service has yet to be determined, but it will possibly be somewhere in Africa.

Even though we are sad to see them and their sweet boys leave us, it is our prayer that the Lord will guide their every step along the way, and offer his complete protection for their safety when they are on the mission field.

As we hear from them of their progress, we will post information to keep you informed. Please keep them in your prayers: Anna, Chris, Titus, and Noah.



## Your Prayers Are Requested

As we begin 2018, we are in awe of the excellent opportunities that the Lord has provided us. We are searching for a new pastor, along with other staff members, and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for our future. We ask that you pray for those who are leaving us for new Ministry opportunities, and for the volunteers who have stepped up to cover those places of ministry left vacant and for the new people who will ultimately be called to these places of ministry here at First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island.

Rev. Chuck Workman and Anna Garduce did an excellent job of finding volunteers for our Children and Youth ministries. The church staff is very grateful to them for using their gifts and talents to continue ministry to children and youth. Sunday School, Awana, Bible Drill, High Tide, Children's and Youth Choirs will continue as usual at their regular times.

The following volunteers will be leading the specified ministries beginning in January until staff replacements are put into place.

If you are called on to volunteer in one of these areas, please say *"Yes, I'd love to help!"*

### **FBCHHI High Tide**

Middle School and High School - Hetch Cal

### **Sunday School**

Middle School - Nicole and Jeff Hedden

High School - Heidi and Jeff Beck

### **CORE**

Richard Duncan

### **Youth Wednesday Night Bible Drill**

Nancy Staab and Ron Thompson

### **Student Curriculum and Prayer Support**

Nicole and Jeff Hedden

### **Upward Basketball**

Richard Duncan

You will be pleased to know that an **FBCHHI Family and Youth Ministries Family Advisory Council** was formed and will continue to guide our Children and Youth Ministry.



## ***“Backpacks for the Homeless” Delivered to the Old Savannah Mission***

Our team of volunteers, Dave Fedor, Hannah Fedor, Nancy Nix, Jaylee Nix, Hetch and Katie Cal, and Sharon and Richard Duncan, made the trip to Savannah just before Christmas to deliver the backpacks that our church provided, helped with the meal and then were present at the worship service where Richard Duncan gave the devotional.

Sincere thanks to every person who participated in this annual mission project. This ministry truly blesses those in need. Those there were so appreciative of the meal help and for the backpacks. Over 80 backpacks were provided.

Special thanks to Marian and Curtis Hart. Marian spent many hours searching out and purchasing the things needed for the backpacks from monetary donations, and packing the many backpack. May God bless the people who received them and this ministry in Savannah to people in need.



## “What Do I Have?”

What do I have, Lord,  
that you would need me as a servant?



**Eyes,** He said,

to see the beauty in all that I've made —  
and my children as they travel life's highway.



**Hands,** He said,

to reach out and touch hurting souls,  
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.



**Feet,** He said,

to lead my children through this world of strife  
and to help them run from sin and follow me.



**Mouth,** He said,

to lift up your voice and sing praises to me  
so others may hear the joy in your heart.



**Ears,** He said,

to listen to my still, small voice of love  
and to hear my children when they  
cry for help.



**Heart,** He said,

so you may know the full love of my Spirit  
and love my children as I have loved you.

—Thomas Butler



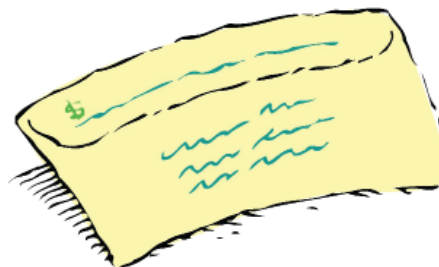
## Annual Mission Offering Goal for 2017-2018: \$40,000

**Collected from November 2017 - April 2018**

**50%** of the money collected goes to the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

**25%** goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
for North American Missions.

**25%** remains in our local church to be used for mission projects  
and to support opportunities as designated  
by our Missions Committee.



## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Your 2018 offering envelopes are ready. Find the box with  
your name on it either in the classroom where you attend  
Sunday School or in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

If you do not find a box with your name on it,  
or if you would like to have a box for yourself,  
please call Mary Hayes at 843-785-4478.

## Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 11/30/2017	\$821,329
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 11/30/2017	\$905,503
Year-to-Date Expenses 11/30/2017	\$830,302
Budget Receipts Goal for December 2017	\$110,000
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 12/24/2017	\$95,699
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 12/24/2017	\$69,764
Annual Missions Offering thru 12/24/2017, Goal: \$40,000	\$ 23,480



# January Calendar

Monday, January 1	Church Offices are Closed New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 3	No Wednesday night activities with the exception of Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite 6:30 PM - Pastor Search Committee Meeting, Church Library
Saturday, January 6	9:30 AM - Take Down and Store Christmas Decorations, Sanctuary
Sunday, January 7	Regular Sunday Schedule High Tide Resumes 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide
Tuesday, January 9	10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite 12:00 PM - Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library 2:00 PM - Connection Leadership Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2
Wednesday, January 10	Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities Resume 4:00 PM - Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2 4:45 PM - Parents' Council Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #6 5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #7
Sunday, January 14	Regular Sunday Schedule 10:30 AM - Communion during the Worship Service
Monday, January 15	Connection Meetings in Homes, Various Meeting Times and Places
Tuesday, January 16	Connection Meetings in Homes, Various Meeting Times and Places
Wednesday, January 17	Regular Wednesday Night Schedule 4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2
Sunday, January 21	Regular Sunday Schedule 10:30 AM - Gideon Speaker and A Gideon Offering Will Be Taken At the End of the Service
Tuesday, January 23	11:30 AM - New Women's Bible Study, Family and Student Building 5:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2
Wednesday, January 24	Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
Sunday, January 28	Regular Sunday Schedule
Wednesday, January 31	Regular Wednesday Night Schedule

## Staff

Dr. John Keller - Pastor - [c/o - lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:lhopkins@fbchhi.org)  
 Rev. Richard Wade - Minister of Music and Education - [rwade@fbchhi.org](mailto:rwade@fbchhi.org)  
 Mary Hayes - Business and Financial Director - [mhayes@fbchhi.org](mailto:mhayes@fbchhi.org)  
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 Paulette Gardner - Church Receptionist - [pgardner@fbchhi.org](mailto:pgardner@fbchhi.org)  
 Richard Lewis - Custodial/Maintenance  
 Dennis Matson, Jr. - Custodial/Maintenance

## Upward Basketball Practice Schedule Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room

Mondays - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 Tuesdays - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Thursdays - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 Fridays - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Sunday Schedule

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM - Open Prayer Time and Devotional, Family Life Center, Room #2  
 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship Time, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM - Sunday School For All Ages, Various Buildings  
 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide, Family/Student Building  
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide, Family/Student Building

## Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00 PM - 6:15 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Education/Children's Building, Room #7  
 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth Bible Drill, Family/Student Building  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - CORE, Parents of Children and Youth Study, Family/Student Building  
 6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Awana, Education/Children's Building, Atrium  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #4  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in the Education/Children's Building, Room #8  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #3  
 7:35 PM - 8:15 PM - Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary