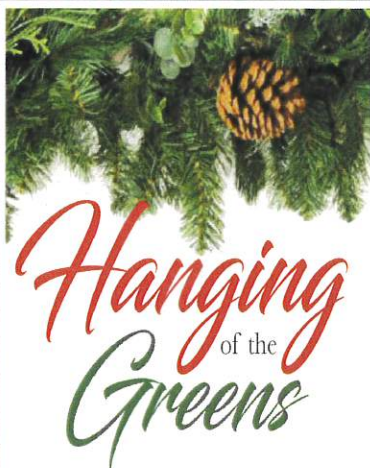


# December

## KOINONIA

First Baptist Church of Clyde  
Monthly Newsletter  
December 2025



Come on Sunday,  
November 30 at 6:00PM as  
we prepare our sanctuary  
for the season of hope and  
love and the birth of our  
Savior. Join us for special  
music and meaningful  
message at our annual  
**Hanging of the Greens**  
service!

Stay for a time of fellowship with cookies and tea  
following the service.



Pastor Byron will be bringing special messages of **Hope**,  
**Peace**, **Joy**, and **Love** in this season of Advent. Come to  
worship on Sunday mornings during December to  
celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday, November 30 @ 6:00PM  
*Hanging of the Greens*

Sunday, December 14 @ 10:30AM  
*Children's Christmas Musical*

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:30AM  
*Adult Christmas Musical*

Sunday, December 21 @ 6:00PM  
*Churchwide Christmas Dinner*

Wednesday, December 24 @ 5:00PM  
*Christmas Eve Service*

CHRIST  
THE SAVIOR  
IS BORN!





Hello First Baptist Church,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!



It is Christmas time at Clyde. Oh how I love Christmas. I love the Christmas decorations, but the thing I love the most is the homemade Christmas candy. Fudge, cookies, cakes, haystacks, peppermint, I love it all. There is just something about Christmas candy that really gets me in the spirit.

And while I do really love all the things listed above, what I love most about Christmas time is the expectancy of the coming Messiah, see church, for generations people were waiting and expecting the coming of the Messiah to save all of humanity from their sins. The prophets spoke of a coming messiah to redeem the world. But it wasn't until Christmas time 2025 years ago that the hope of a coming Messiah came true. See the people thought He would come as a king. They thought He would come as a warrior. But no one expected God to come to us as an infant child, born to a lowly virgin teenage girl, and grow up to preach a Gospel of childlike faith.

See we get to experience our savior in light of 2025 years of proof and history that guarantees our salvation through Jesus. But our brothers and sisters who lived before the birth of Christ simply has faith that He would come. When I sit and think about that, I am humbled. Many times people today reject Jesus even though His birth, life, death, and resurrection are some of the most proven events in the history of the earth, and they still don't believe. But these people who came before Christ, all they had was faith and it was enough. Jesus came to save us. To seek and to save the lost. Let us marvel in that truth today as we wait expectantly for Jesus to come.

December 4th-December 7th our FBC missionaries will depart for the most diverse city in the United States, New York City. We will minister to the community in Hell's Kitchen alongside our sister church, One Community Church. Below you will find 2 links you may want to check out.

- 1) This is the link to One Community Church's website <https://www.communitychurch.one/>
- 2) This is the link to Coats for the City. You can read here to learn more about this ministry partnership between NC Baptists and the Metropolitan Baptist Association of New York. <https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/coats-for-the-city/>

I am so proud of FBC Clyde for being on mission. There is a difference in being missions minded and being missions mobilized. We are now missions mobilized and I hope this culture of moving outside of the walls of the church building continues. In Matthew 28 we are called to "GO" to the nations to teach, to baptize, and to make disciples.

Let us be a church that continues to be on mission together. Pray for the mission team members from FBC Clyde by name. As always, it is an honor to be your pastor.

Let's  
memorize  
scripture  
together!



Here is our verse for this month:

**"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord."** Luke 2:11



Be in prayer for our team of missionaries traveling to New York City December 4-7 for Coats for the City. They will be handing out coats to the needy and presenting them with the gospel.

Byron Burnette	Ethan Johnson	Carrington Lovelace
Lindsey Burnette	Emma Johnson	Amanda Franks
Lisa Toon	Blake Garnes	



## Sounds of the Season

Dear Church Family,

I've been reflecting lately on the beauty of worship throughout Scripture, and I wanted to share a simple encouragement with you. One of the amazing things we see from Genesis to Revelation is how God's people have always worshiped through both depth and repetition.

In Psalm 136, the people of God repeat the same joyful declaration twenty-six times:

"His steadfast loves endures forever."

In Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4, the heavenly beings continually cry, "Holy, holy, holy."

Repetition has always been a natural part of worship—not because God's people lacked words, but because some truths are worth lingering over.

Another beautiful reminder from Scripture is how it describes worship itself. The Bible uses the word "hymn" simply to mean a sacred song offered in praise to God. That's a wide and wonderful umbrella— a reminder that God receives the worship of His people in many expressions, across many generations.

From the song of Moses after the Red Sea.....

To David's psalms.....

To the hymns of the early church.....

To the songs we lift up today.....

We are part of the same great, ongoing story of worship.

What a privilege it is to join our voices with the people of God across centuries and cultures, offering our praise to the same faithful Lord. My heart is grateful for the way our church family worships together with sincerity, joy, and love for Jesus.

Let's continue to lift His name high— united in purpose, thankful in spirit, and eager to glorify the One who is worthy of every song we sing.

With love in Christ,

Ethan Johnson



Our adult Christmas program, **"From the Manger to the Cross"**, will be Sunday, December 21st during our morning worship service.

Come and help us celebrate Jesus' birth as well as His sacrifice for all of us.



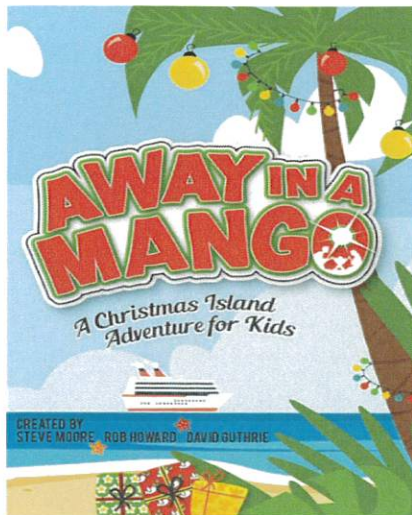
All ladies are invited to **Cookies and Cocoa** on Monday, December 15 at 6:30. Bring 1 dozen cookies to exchange and 1 dozen cookies to eat and/or bring a wrapped ornament to exchange.

See Jennifer Currie for more information.



# CHRISTMAS

upcoming events



You won't want to miss our children's Christmas musical, **Away in a Mango**, on Sunday morning, December 14 during morning worship.

*A festive holiday cruise to Christmas Island aboard the luxurious Yuletide turns perilous for passengers on a day shopping excursion when their boat, the SS Mango, is caught in an unexpected storm and washed ashore on a deserted island. Deserted, that is, except for the island's lone inhabitant, Johnny Coconut, marooned there years before. Will they be found in time for the ship's big Christmas Concert? (hint: yes, they will!) What's Johnny's story? All aboard for a totally fresh, totally fun Christmas adventure for kids as they join the intrepid castaways of the SS Mango. After all, the story of the birth of Jesus is the story of lost people, unable to save themselves, being rescued by the long-awaited Savior!*



Everyone is invited to our **Christmas Dinner** on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00PM. Just bring

a covered dish, and we'll provide the meat and drinks. Join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate this Christmas season together!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00PM.

We will enjoy special Christmas music, and Pastor Byron will gather the children together to read the story of Jesus' birth.



Save postage and put your Christmas cards to

church members in our mailboxes. They will be located in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Donate the money you saved in postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual **Lottie Moon**

**Christmas Offering** emphasis, and that week is November 30-December 7, 2025. Pray for missionaries around the world. God works through prayers to change lives. And give generously to the Lottie Moon Offering.





# WELCOME

## New Members



**Wally and Cindy Reagan** joined FBC Clyde on November 2. Wally is retired, and Cindy works as a legal assistant.

Wally enjoys woodworking, while

Cindy's hobbies include gardening, crafts, cooking and canning, puzzles, and working around home. Wally and Cindy enjoy Pastor Byron's messages, the atmosphere, and the friendly people here. The couple would like to help the bereavement team and help serve the people of FBC Clyde. *Welcome!!*



**Eric and Lacey Sutton** and their two children, **Gatlin and Analese** joined the church on November 2.

Eric is currently staying home to take care of the kids, and Lacey is a school nurse with Haywood County Schools. Eric

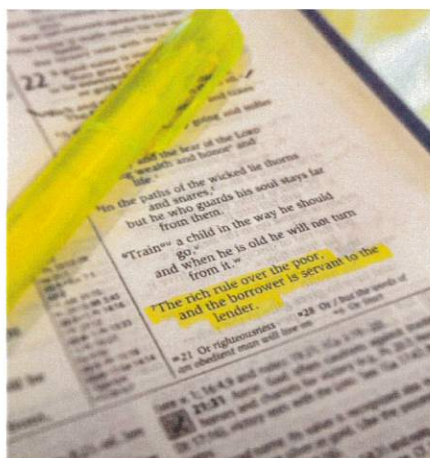
enjoys anything to do with motorcycles, and Lacey loves baking bread and cookies. Eric and Lacey love that Pastor Byron preaches the Word and that it is evident that the Lord is the center of worship here. That sense of genuine worship helped them to know that FBC Clyde was their home.

## Financial Peace University

We are excited to offer the **Financial Peace University** class again at FBC Clyde! Beginning in January, Cody Lovelace will be teaching how to biblically budget, beat debt, save money, and build for the future. This is a 10-week class on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM and will begin

January 18 and end March 22. Please sign up in the vestibule or on our app.

The cost of the class is \$85.



**Robin Stroh** joined the church on November 16. Robin is married to Todd Stroh, and is the daughter of Don Essex. She owns her own pet sitting business and enjoys spending time with her family. She loves the friendly people here at FBC Clyde and

feels like she is treated like family. Robin hopes to continue to serve at the church by helping with meals and hospitality. Robin was also baptized on November 16. Congratulations, Robin!

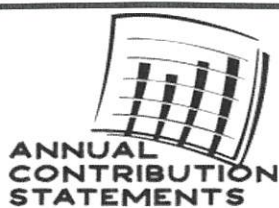
Merry Christmas.



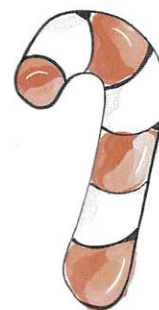


# FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •



All 2025 contributions need to be in the church office by December 30. Contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed/mailed in January.



## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Night Meal 5:30

**Please be sure to sign up/cancel meals by 10:00AM Tuesday. You may call 246- 2037 or 627- 2201.**

### Upcoming Menus:

12/3 chicken casserole  
12/10 chili & grilled cheese  
12/17 ham & fixins

Adult Bible Study/Youth and Children's Activities 6:30

Worship Team Practice 7:30



No School = No Church Activities

If school is running on a delay schedule, there **will be** church activities.

If there is an early dismissal, there **will not be** church activities.

On Sunday mornings, if a change is needed, you will be notified by text/ email and on the App, AND service announcements will be on Facebook and WLOS.



Wear your tackiest Christmas sweater on Sunday, December 14 to be a part of our **"Tacky Christmas Sweater Contest"** as we celebrate the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26 for Christmas, and Wednesday, December 31 through Friday, January 2 for the New Year.

## LISTEN UP.

Due to our continued growth at

Clyde, we are needing more classroom space. Therefore, we need your help cleaning out.

We need to clean out the former choir room downstairs and the storage room in the front corner of the educational building. If you have personal items, or items that you do not want thrown out, please remove them. We will begin the cleanout process in early January. Thank you for your help as we continue to grow to the glory of God!



### Schedule for December

December 7: Brad & Spenser Peterson

December 14: No Children's Church (Children's Christmas Musical)

December 21: Tammi Lowe

December 28: Tanner Devlin & Micah Devlin



### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Dec. 7: Jake McKenzie & Taylor Osborne

Dec. 14:

Dee Boone & Macey Devlin

Dec. 21: Amanda Franks & Ivy

Dec. 28: Jake & Hailey Scott



Dec. 6: Shirley Curtis

Dec. 13: Rickey & Joan Taylor

Dec. 20:

Kerry & Barbara Cogburn

Dec. 27: Dinah Smith



## DAILY BIBLE READING

### The Birth of King Jesus



December 1	John 1:1-5
December 2	Isaiah 9:6-7
December 3	Isaiah 11:1-2
December 4	Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 5	Luke 1:26-31
December 6	Luke 1:31-33
December 7	Luke 1:34-38
December 8	Matthew 1:18-21
December 9	Matthew 1:22-25
December 10	Luke 1:39-45
December 11	Luke 1:46-56
December 12	Micah 5:2-4
December 13	Luke 2:1-7
December 14	Luke 2:8-12
December 15	Luke 2:13-14
December 16	Luke 2:15-18
December 17	Luke 2:19-20
December 18	Matthew 2:1-2
December 19	Matthew 2:3-6
December 20	Matthew 2:7-10
December 21	Matthew 2:11-12
December 22	Matthew 2:13-14, 19-23
December 23	John 1:14
December 24	John 18:36-37
December 25	John 3:16
December 26	Romans 6:23
December 27	Galatians 4:4-5
December 28	1 John 5:11
December 29	1 Timothy 1:15-17
December 30	Revelation 3:20-21
December 31	Titus 3:3-7



December 5	Joan Taylor Lacey Sutton
December 6	Cadden Davis Kyle Wyatt Andrew Sutton Steve Jackson
December 9	James Herbert
December 10	David Mason Tate Evans Karen Hall
December 12	Landon Burnette Brian Davis
December 13	Gary Byrd
December 16	Carolyn McCracken Marty Inman Chad Lowe
December 19	Adalee Garnes
December 25	Hannah Sutton
December 27	Bradley Prestwood
December 30	Tammi Lowe Jake Scott
December 31	Sue Carter





### Wandi's Corner

Real Good Pound Cake

From Audrey Best



1 cup of Crisco                      4 whole eggs  
1 cup of sweet milk                1 1/2 cup self-rising flour  
2 1/2 cups of cake flour        1/2 teaspoon of vanilla  
2 cups of sugar

Cream Crisco, sugar, milk, and eggs one at a time.  
Add one cup of flour and beat for 1 minute. Add  
the other 1/2 cup of flour and the cup of milk and  
mix well. Add in flavoring. Bake at 325 degrees for  
1 hour.

**REIMBURSEMENT**

All reimbursement  
requests accompanied by  
a receipt need to be  
submitted to the church  
office no later than  
December 28th. Any  
receipts not turned in by this date will not be  
reimbursed. Thank you!



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Harry Brock  
Penelope Higginbotham  
Shannon Leatherwood  
Helen Burch  
James & Dot Parham  
Ruby Crumpler  
Jenny Morin  
Mark Hendrix  
Stephanie Waldrop  
Dorothy McCracken  
Mary Lippe  
Charlotte & Noah Leiter  
Joyce Williamson  
John Trull  
Madi Smathers  
Tink Lawing & Family  
Danika Inman  
Tristan Dutze  
Jessica Clark  
Myah Cameron  
Jan Kleszynski

**GOD  
HEARS  
YOUR  
PRAYERS**



## **POINSETTIA DONATIONS**



**In Memory of Mama Riley by Cathy Simpson**

**In Memory of Marge Essex by Robin Stroh**

**In Memory of Gloria Hudson by MaeAnna Norris**

**In Memory of Christine Currie Roberts by Jennifer Currie (2)**

**In Memory of Don & Reba McCracken by Jeanne McCracken Carver**

**In Memory of Sybil Breece by Jim & Shirley Curtis**

**In Memory of Susie Rhodarmer by Jim & Shirley Curtis**

**In Memory of James Franks by Joyce Franks, Jeff & Amanda Franks, Ivy and Asher**

**In Memory of Reba McCracken and Charles Blaylock by Kyle & Megan Wyatt**

**In Memory of Carroll & Brenda Mease by Dinah Smith**

**In Memory of Eugene & Ruth Hawkins by Dinah Smith**

**In Memory of John Getz by Jake & Hailey Scott**

**In Memory of Dwight Crumpler by Ruby Crumpler**

**In Memory of Gene Sizemore by Mary Sizemore**

**In Memory of Terry Jackson by Robbie & Tammi Lowe**

**In Memory of Ed & Edwina Jackson by Robbie & Tammi Lowe**

**In Memory of Boone & Linda Lowe by Robbie & Tammi Lowe**

**In Memory of Terry Jackson by Carl & Betty Jackson**

**In Memory of Ed & Edwina Jackson by Carl & Betty Jackson**

**In Memory of Gordon & Linda Hendrix by Vick & Doris Haney**

**In Memory of Jarvis & Lorene Haney by Vick & Doris Haney**

**In Memory of Grandma Decker by Brad & Spenser Peterson**

**In Memory of Massie Osborne by Brad & Spenser Peterson**

**In Memory of Peterson Grandparents by Brad & Spenser Peterson**

**In Memory of Pam Jackson by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Gary Jackson by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Barbara Jackson by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Earl Jackson by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Helen Jackson by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Glenda Mathews by the Jackson Family**

**In Memory of Betty Burnette Baker by Autumn Dillingham**

**In Memory of Martha Dillingham by Autumn Dillingham**







**In Memory of Lewis McCracken by Janet McCracken**

**In Memory of Camdon Burnette by David & Teresa Burnette**

**In Memory of George Cope by David & Teresa Burnette**

**In Memory of Alene Cope by David & Teresa Burnette**

**In Memory of Richard Taylor by Rickey & Joan Taylor**

**In Memory of Carroll Bailey by Rickey & Joan Taylor**

**In Memory of Judy Candelari by the Osborne Family**

**In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Henry Osborne by the Osborne Family**

**In Memory of Massie Osborne by the Osborne Family**

**In Memory of Susie Rhodarmer by Barbara Davis**

**In Memory of Harley & Argyle Stevenson by Donna Stevenson**

**In Memory of Beverly Marshall by Richard Marshall**

**In Memory of Jerry & Carolyn Hall by Karen Hall**

**In Memory of Hugh & Sarah Rogers by Dean & Mary Singleton**

**In Memory of Guy & Lois Singleton by Dean & Mary Singleton**

**In Memory of Floyd Rogers by Dean & Mary Singleton**

**In Memory of Bruce, Roger, Donald, Dale, Gary, and Steve Singleton and Cleta Franklin  
by Dean & Mary Singleton**

**In Honor of Catherine Upright by Cathy Simpson**

**In Honor of Barbara Davis by Ruby Crumpler**

**In Honor of Barbara Davis by Gary & Wanda Byrd**

**In Honor of Kerry & Barbara Cogburn by Gary & Wanda Byrd**

**In Honor of Ruby Crumpler by Gary & Wanda Byrd**

**In Honor of Barbara Davis by Kerry & Barbara Cogburn**

**In Honor of Carole Fry by Kerry & Barbara Cogburn**

**In Honor of Joan Osborne by Brad & Spenser Peterson**

**In Honor of Vaughn Burnette by David & Teresa Burnette**

**In Honor of Cora Lee McGaha by Rickey & Joan Taylor**

**In Honor of Sue Bailey by Rickey & Joan Taylor**

**In Honor of Joan Osborne by the Osborne Family**

**In Honor of Cotton & Connie Stevenson by Donna Stevenson**

**In Honor of David & Rebekah, Lisa & Joseph by Wally & Cindy Reagan**

**In Honor of Trent Devlin and MaeAnna Norris by Kevin & Rene Norris**





### *More Poinsettias*

In Memory of Glenn & Mary Brown by Gloria Justice

In Memory of Alvin & Doris McKinnish by Gloria Justice



The wreaths in our church sanctuary were donated by Charlie & Christie Medford in memory of Charlie and Christie's parents and in honor of their children.

The Christmas tree in our church sanctuary was donated by the Osborne Family in memory of Marge Essex and in honor of Don Essex.



**FOR**

*unto us*

*a child is born,*

*unto us a son is given*

**and his name shall be**

*called Wonderful Counselor,*



*Mighty God, Everlasting Father,*

**Prince of Peace.**

**ISAIAH**

**9:6**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>  9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration 6:00pm Hanging of the Greens	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Meal 6:30pm Adult Bible Study/Children's Choir/Youth Activities 7:30pm Worship Team Practice	<b>4</b> Coats for the City Mission Trip	<b>5</b> Coats for the City Mission Trip	<b>6</b> Coats for the City Mission Trip
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<b>21</b> 9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration/Adult Christmas Music Program 4:00pm Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Churchwide Christmas Dinner	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed	<b>24</b>  CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Men Leave for Golf Trip 9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>