



*Kent and Emily Leonard pass out treats
at the Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2022.*

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From the Pastor...

I saw a funny cartoon last week. It had Santa, a jack-o-lantern, and a turkey in cars. Santa had crossed lanes and caused a wreck. The caption read, "Hey stay in your lane!" It humorously illustrated how quickly Christmas often jumps in front of other holidays.

I know we just finished Halloween and haven't even gotten to Thanksgiving. I agree that we need to give these other holidays their due – especially Thanksgiving. At the risk of going against my own advice, I still need to talk about White Christmas.

White Christmas is First Baptist Church's long standing Christmas mission project. We provide toys for over 60 children and food for their entire family. This is a church-wide mission project, and we need the entire congregation to pull it off. In other words, if you're reading this, we NEED YOU!

White Christmas doesn't just happen. It takes loads of work and lots of people. It also takes a great deal of planning and preparation. We will soon know the families we are going to help and will start our shopping. All shopping must be completed by Sunday, December 4 to be able to give out on Saturday, December 10! Here's what we need:

- We need you to pray for our families and workers.
- We need you to give so we can purchase the presents and food.
- We need you to bring clothes for the Clothes Closet - especially children's size 3T to teen.
- We need you to shop for the children.
- We need you to volunteer on December 10 to greet families and load presents and food.
- We need you to help clean up when the event is done.

Please pray about your participation and let us know how you will help. You may call the church office or contact one of the following people:

- Elizabeth Kilby, Sherry Ashley or Janet McLain – To shop or volunteer.
- Brenda Falter – To help in Clothes Closet.
- Melissa Wilson – To help with kid's crafts while parents shop.
- Clarence Poole – To help box food items.

All of these things are important, but our most pressing need at this point is funding the project. If you'd like to donate to White Christmas, please mail in your check, drop it by, or place it in the offering receptacles. Remember to mark it "White Christmas."

Schedule

Sunday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
 Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, November 10

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

2:00 p.m. Ladies Christmas Craft Afternoon

Monday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, November 17

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Nelson spoke of the great things about White Christmas. Please let me know if you have any questions, and if you donate please mark it "White Christmas".

Thank you from the Missions Team for the reallocation of funds, As those funds are distributed we will gladly share the good they are doing in the community.

We are excited about the coming of Christmas Craft day as a great way to get together.

We do have a few extra walkers and canes, if you know of someone in need please let me know and I will coordinate with them.

Please mark your calendar for a spring Operation Inasmuch for Saturday, April 22.

We are excited about what God is doing in and through our hands and feet. We already have our Summer 2023 Mission Trip planned July 7 -14 and would love to have anyone join us, even if it is just for the weekend of the 7-9, as we can work together for the body of Christ.

So thankful for you.
 Elizabeth Kilby

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of October 23 & 30, 2022

	10/23	10/30
Live Stream Views.	22	17
In-Person.	111	162
Sunday School.	92	110

Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	75,343.00	75,343.00
Budget Receipts	76,321.00	78,321.00
Goals Met	978.00	2,978.00
Alms	753.00	753.00
Designated	3,223.00	3,223.00

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 30, 2022





Announcements

Ladies Christmas Craft Afternoon

Sunday, November 13, 2022

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Choose your craft - Christmas door hang or Christmas Gnomes. Cost is \$10.00. Registration and payment is required by Sunday, November 6.



Wednesday Evening Menus

The meal is served 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child. You DO NOT need a reservation.

November 9
baked potato & salad bar

November 16
boston butt

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, November 17, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Joe Hudson will present the program. Lunch will be served at 12:00. The menu includes chicken pie, green beans, glazed carrots, and pumpkin gooey cake. Cost of the meal is \$6.00. Please reserve your seat by Monday, November 14 at noon.

Where's The Meat

Our church is one of the lead sponsors of United Way's, "Where's the Meat Campaign." With the difficulty of finding and purchasing protein, our food pantries are not able to give what's needed to hungry families. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to do bulk purchases of meat.

So far we have raised just under \$10,000. We have a deal in place with Food Lion to use our purchasing power to get \$4,500 of meat in one pound packages delivered to nine Iredell food pantries in the next few weeks. This will provide 18,000 meals! We will continue to make bulk purchases as funds come in. United Way has sent us a note thanking First Baptist Church for our leadership and gifts.

Angel Ornaments Needed

Our angel tree is in need of new ornaments! If you have any ornaments you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday mornings.

