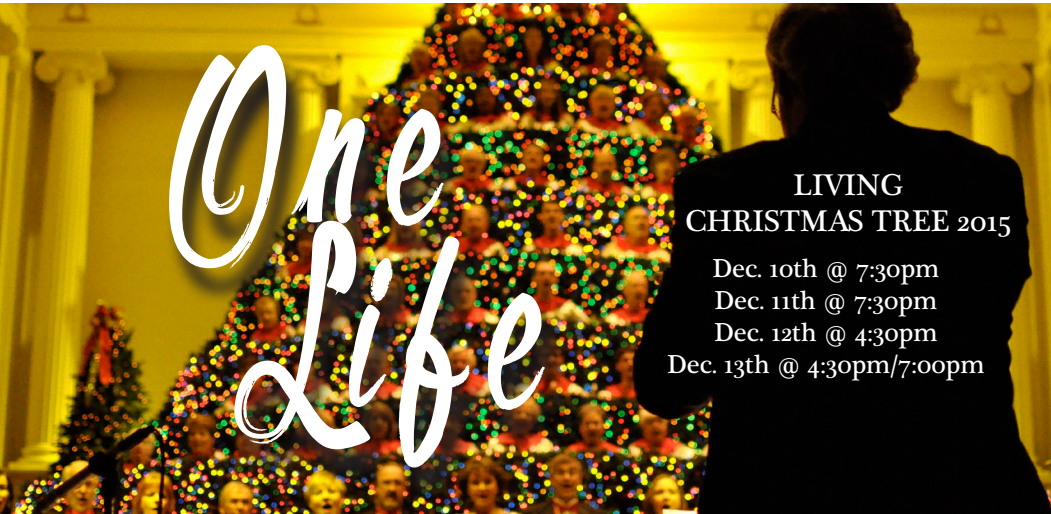


1st CONNECTIONS

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LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2015

Dec. 10th @ 7:30pm
Dec. 11th @ 7:30pm
Dec. 12th @ 4:30pm
Dec. 13th @ 4:30pm/7:00pm

Dear Church,

“In Joppa there was a disciple named Dorcas who was always doing good and helping the poor.” Paul encounters her in Acts 9. She is one of my favorite heroes in the New Testament. Over the years I’ve known a number of saints like her who make me want to work harder at putting my faith into action.

Laurine Davenport is one of them. In all my years here, Laurine has been a steady, faithful, encouraging presence in my life and in this church. She has done much good, and she has done so constantly, quietly, and untiringly. Who even knows how many new U.S. citizens were coached and taught by her? She has welcomed the stranger, made immigrants feel at home, taught many to converse in English, and given herself in hospitality in Christ’s name. The fruits of God’s Spirit are abundant in her full life and quiet ministry. This month Laurine moved to Roswell to be near her family, and I miss her already. I miss her kindness, her humility, her spirit of service and devotion to God and to this family of God. She’ll still be listening and supporting from Roswell, but I want her back here! I know she’s made the right choice for her and her family at this time in her life, but I still don’t like it! God places wonderful people in our lives. God will have to work extra hard to fill Laurine’s place with someone else who “is always doing good.”

It is now the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and I look forward to it all – with you, each of you, all of you.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill Coates

Worship

8:30am in the Chapel, 10:50am in the Sanctuary
WATCH LIVE: fbcgainesville.org, LISTEN LIVE: 99.3FM

December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

“The Work God Has Begun”

OT: Malachi 3:1-4 NT: Philippians 1:3-11

MUSIC MEDITATION: God Is With Us

Rachel Smith, Solo

OFFERTORY PRAISE: Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Sanctuary Ringers, Steve Coldiron, Director (10:50am)
Mark Green Piano (8:30am)

CHORAL WORSHIP: Born in Me

Agape Choir (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)
With Brooke Morters, Soloist

December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

“Repentance and Joy?”

OT: Zephaniah 3:14-20 NT: Luke 3:7-18

MUSIC MEDITATION: Heaven Everywhere

Kelly Coldiron, Solo

OFFERTORY PRAISE: Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella
John Kerrick, Violin; Mark Green, Piano

December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Believe and Sing”

OT: Micah 2:2-5a NT: Luke 1:46-55

MUSIC MEDITATION: In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Bruce Fields, Vocals/Guitar, Della Ruth Johnson, Organ

OFFERTORY PRAISE: Christ is Born in Bethlehem

Exaltation! Orchestra (10:50am)

Duet: Della Ruth Johnson, Organ

& Amy Hulsey, Piano (8:30am)

CHORAL WORSHIP: Unto Us

Hope Choir (8:30am), Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Hallelujah! from MESSIAH
Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

December 24th

Christmas Eve: Carols and Candlelight

5:30pm in the Sanctuary

“A Nod of Recognition”

SPECIAL MUSIC: Joseph’s Song Patton Gilbert, Solo

What Strangers Are These? Ladies’ Ensemble

Alicia Donnell, Flute; Benjamin Garner, Guitar

December 27th

First Sunday After Christmas

No 8:30am Worship or Sunday School

9:30am Churchwide Breakfast | Banquet Hall

10:50am Worship | Sanctuary

“Jesus the Student”

OT: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 NT: Luke 2:41-52

MUSIC MEDITATION: Mary, Did You Know?

Sarah Morters, Vocals/Guitar

OFFERTORY PRAISE: Mercer Crook, Oboe

with Della Ruth Johnson, Piano

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06 1st @ 1st Luncheon Churchwide luncheon in the Banquet Hall after the 10:50am Worship Service!

Family Christmas Program 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring Children's Choirs (grades 1-5), Jubilation (Student Orchestra), Middle School & High School Handbell Choirs. Also, the Sonlight Choir will sing three songs on the Living Christmas Tree choreographed with beautiful lighting. Refreshments will be served on the front porch before the program!

09 Last Night of Wednesday Activities For the fall semester.

Younger Children's Christmas Program 6:00pm in quadrant A of the Banquet Hall. Everyone is invited to come as our little ones share their joy through singing!

10-13 "One Life" The Living Christmas Tree Thursday, December 10th at 7:30pm. Friday, December 11th at 7:30pm (**This performance will be streamed live at www.fbcgainesville.org**). Saturday, December 12th at 4:30pm. Sunday, December 13th at 4:30pm and 7:00pm. Reserve FREE tickets at www.fbcgainesville.org!

Canned Food Drive for the Food Pantry Please bring canned food items when you attend the Living Christmas Tree.

13 Angel Tree Gifts Due Please return Angel Tree gifts in the Welcome Center.

14 Estes-Dozier Mission Meeting 10:15am in the Parlor. Our guest speaker will be the Director of Challenged Child. A salad lunch will be served.

18 Preschool & Children's Ministry: Christmas Party 5:30pm-8:30pm. Children will meet in the children's wing and preschool in the nursery. Celebrate Christmas with crafts, games, snacks, and a movie! \$5/child. RSVP: jennyburns1@gmail.com or karawheeler.fbc@gmail.com. RSVP required by December 13th.

Students: Christmas Lock-In 7:00pm-8:00am in the Youth Area. We'll go Ice Skating and then enjoy movies and games in our Christmas pajamas! Cost: \$10 for ice skating. Register at www.fbcgainesville.org.

19 Worship at the Hall County Correctional Institute 5:00pm-8:00pm. Depart from FBC. Help us serve dinner and lead worship! Please donate (meat) sandwiches for the evening! Drop-off at the Banquet Hall Portico from 10:00am-2:00pm on December 19th. To attend the service, please contact Janet Early at jearly14@gmail.com. (18 years and older)

20 Pathways: Christmas Party Welcome home college students! Come reunite with friends and celebrate Christmas. Join us for lunch right after 10:50am Worship at the Zoercher's house (1488 Heritage Place, Gainesville, 3050).

24 Christmas Eve Service: Carols and Candlelight 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Join us in worship as we sing traditional carols and enjoy special music presented by our Ladies' Ensemble and one of our students, Patton Gilbert. Come experience the beautiful sight when we light 1,300 candles to celebrate our Savior's birth.

25 Church Offices Closed Merry Christmas!

27 Sunday Worship Please note that on this Sunday we will not have an 8:30am Worship Service or Sunday School. Join us for a churchwide breakfast at 9:30am in the Banquet Hall and 10:50am Worship in the Sanctuary!

31 Church Office Open to Receive Year-End Gifts 8:30am-5:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY

- 01 Church Offices Closed
- 03 Communion Sunday
1st @ 1st Luncheon
- 04 FLC: New Year, New You
- 06 Wednesday Activities Resume
- 09 Students: Saturday Serve
- 10 Coffee Talk for Guests/Visitors
- 12 Training for Reading Mentors
- 21 Young Adults: Theology on Tap
- 22 Adults w/ Seniority: Lunch Bunch
- 22-24 High School Ski Trip
- 29-30 The SUMMIT w/ Lauren Winner
- 31-Feb 7 Family Promise Host Week

FBC would like to express our deepest sympathy to the following:

Family and Friends in the death of
Ellen Dunagan

Jack Jacobi in the death of his wife
Ruth Jacobi

Keith Finch in the death of his sister
Judy Freeman

Ashley Gee in the death of her grandmother, **Brenda Seay**

Family and friends in the death of
Jane Hulsey

Debra Howington in the death of her mother-in-law **Ann Satterfield**

Cliff Johns in the death his brother
Bill Johns

Family and Friends in the death of
Edna Wilson

SUNDAY GIFTS

Oct 11th, 2015	Oct 25th, 2015
Wkly Req: \$57,465.00	Wkly Req: \$57,465.00
Wkly Rec: \$66,730.31	Wkly Rec: \$46,720.83
Yr Req: \$2,356,065.00	Yr Req: \$2,470,995.00
Yr Rec: \$2,227,500.31	Yr Rec: \$2,311,975.97
Deficit: \$128,564.69	Deficit \$159,019.03
Oct 18th, 2015	Nov 1, 2015
Wkly Req: \$57,465.00	Wkly Req: \$57,465.00
Wkly Rec: \$37,755.83	Wkly Rec: \$67,887.53
Yr Req: \$2,413,530.00	Yr Req: \$ 2,528,460.00
Yr Rec: \$2,265,255.14	Yr Rec: \$2,379,863.50
Deficit: \$148,274.86	Deficit: \$148,596.50

Welcome new Members!



Bob & Linda Orwig

Mason McGill



Johnny Burkett

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SUMMIT
with Lauren Winner
JANUARY 29TH & 30TH
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An Encore Evening with...
JOHN McDERMOTT
Saturday, March 12th, 2016
7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Tickets: www.fbcgainesville.tix.com