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The Messenger

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

A Time for Courage

The mood of the country is filled with worry, fear and anger. The fact that two radicalized extremists could commit mass murder at a holiday party in a care facility where one of them worked leads us to feel that if it could happen in San Bernardino, it could happen here. The mass killings in Paris lead us to fear the long reach of ISIS, whose caliphate is centered in Syria and spread throughout the Arab world.

We feel vulnerable and are ready to blame somebody - all Muslims, for example. This is despite the fact that we work with Arab nations in fighting terrorism in the Middle East, and Muslim Americans serve in our armed forces.

Our lower nature responds to vulnerability with hate. Our higher nature responds with courage and reasonable, non-prejudicial steps to protect our citizens, and to combat and destroy the brutal ideology and strongholds of radical Islam. We need to respond not with hatred and simplistic approaches such as mass killings of whole Arab populations, which is itself a war crime. But we need to let courage emerge, which comes from spiritual maturity. Psalm 118:6 says, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear." We are not assured that no harm can come to us, but we will not be intimidated.

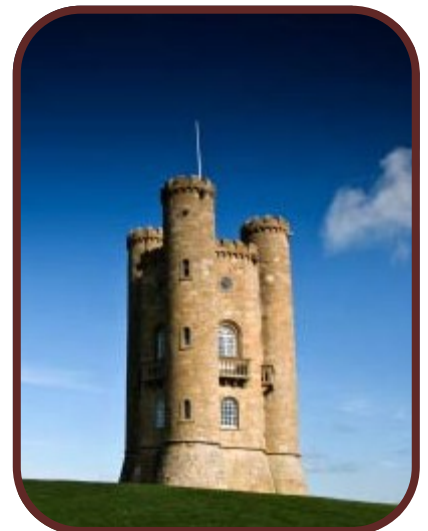
Where does courage come from? Jesus, who endured the cross in this brutal world, said "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Matthew 10:28) We will not stand idly by in the face of organized spontaneous terrorism. But we will not be directed by fear and hate either. Rather, we will respond with courage, faith, and reasoned countermeasures.



And though this world
with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
~Martin Luther

Blessings!

Pastor Michael



Praise and Prayer Requests

Greg Nutt - Praise that he is home from hospital/rehabilitation.

Eleanor Gatzke - Sandra Dennion's mother. In hospital with severe back pain and decreased mobility.

Bobbie Clouston - Having surgery to place rod in her back.

John Hennessey - Pray for relief from very high blood pressure.

Bob Fish - Elaine Bugoski's brother; recovering from surgery.

Walker Hinkle - age 5; lung problems and speech problems; pray for healing & development.

Eva - Requests prayers for healing and comfort.

Vito - Requests for prayers for healing after massive heart attack.

Scott Stevens - Frank Stevens' nephew; prayers for continued recovery after liver transplant.

Patricia Williams - Melissa Fagin's mother; recovering from double lung transplant.

Mary Carroll - Has terminal cancer. Please pray for deep loving times with the Lord, and her family and friends, and also relief of physical pain.

John Nazak - Is receiving hospice care. Prayers for peace.

Sue Nutt - May be facing spinal surgery.

Kathy Seymour - Sandra Mezger's friend. Health issues.

Madeline Williams - Madeline Yezzi's mother. Prayers for good health and blessings.

Jo Anne Trout - Serious health issues.

Donald Steadman - Marilyn Steadman's brother. Re-occurrence of cancer.

Jaclyn Smith - Friend of Madeline Yezzi. Health issues.

Jack Yezzi - father of John Yezzi. Dealing with medical issues.

Lisa - friend of Jim and Sandra Dennion. Sciatica.

Brenda Lee Watson's family - Please pray for a relative with heroin addiction.

Mary Tharom - Marilyn Steadman's friend. Brain injury from fall.

Shirley Printz - Elaine Nieukirk's sister. Pray for her continued healing.

Mark Schuler - Isabelle Nutt's uncle. Health issue.

Felecia Whitkey - Friend of Ken Guy. Cancer.

Brian Carpenter - Friend of Julie Eckert. Cancer.

Diane Dunbar - Marilyn Nutt's sister. Health issues.

New Praises and Prayer Requests

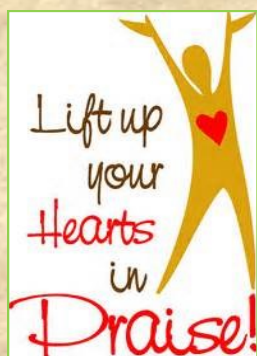
To add someone to the prayer chain, contact Linda Jacobson at 856-354-1031 or fill out a blue prayer card. Please mark on the card if you would like your prayer placed in the bulletin. We love to hear updates and praises as well as concerns! Please notify the office if someone can be removed.

Please Continue to Pray for These People With Ongoing Needs

John and Sue Nazak; Jan Gardner; Connie Asquith; Sandy Williams; Ivan & Rachel Ann Avery; Jim Dennion's niece, Nicole; Jim & Pam McCullough's grandchildren Kate McCullough, Hugh & Luke, Pam McCullough's sister, Joan; Margo Schreiber's friend Joanne; Liam; Nancy Hubbard; Marilyn Nutt's sister Bobbie Clouston; Pat Papa; Mildred Mayes; Alma Goodman's daughter-in-law Randi; Pastor Erin Phillips; Brian Brick; John Reheis; teen with eating disorder (Jane Brick's friend); Allan & Janet (Eleanor Shockey's brother and sister-in-law); Loue & Campbell Families; Kelli Dreyer; Diane Ott; Jim Reinick; Sue Marinello.

January Birthdays

4	Jan Gardner	17	Philip Thomson Robert Redman, III
5	Bill Hoeberg	19	Aimee Heslin
12	Eric Fagin	20	Keith Hurley
13	Natalie Stewart	24	Karen Hoisington
14	Christopher Heslin	26	Michael Rumer Sue Waleski
16	Paul Stewart	27	Betty Willingmyre



Beginning January 10, Join us in the Sanctuary every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for a Praise and Prayer service, led by Jason Hahn and Pastor Michael.

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Come and lift your hearts in praise for the one who Created us, loves us, and died so that we may live!

## Sanctuary Flower Dedications



The new Flower Chart for 2016 is available. If you would like to honor or remember a special person or date in the coming year by dedicating the sanctuary flowers, please sign up using the chart on the desk in the Middleton Room. You can also call or email Judy in the church office. The cost is \$40 and you may take one or both of the vases home with you or have them delivered to a home-bound or ill church member. Payment is due by the week of your dedication and can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office marked "Flowers." Checks should be made payable to "First Baptist Church" with "Flowers" on the memo line.



## Quizzie Haddon!


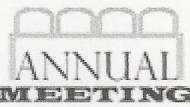
This monthly fun night continues on the **4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Social Hall**. If you enjoy friendly competition and answering trivia questions, this is the event for you! Come as a small team or join an existing team. Snacks and beverage provided. Free will offering will be taken. All are invited!

**December's Winners were "Oy to the World"**  
**Vanessa R, Debi K, Stephanie C, Maryrose M, Tom L.**



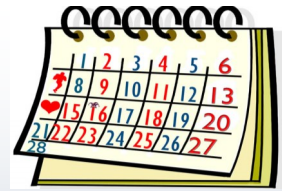


# January

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| 3<br><br>Service of Communion<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)                                                                                                            | 4<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>9:30 AM Friends in Faith<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:00 PM Missions Board (BR) | 5<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)                                                       | 6<br><br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>Epiphany<br>10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer | 7<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH)<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)                                  | 8<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>6:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B)                      |
| 10<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)                                                                                                                    | 11<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:30 PM Finance Board (BR)                             | 12<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>11:00 AM Garden Club (SH)<br>7:00 PM Executive Board (BR) | 13<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer<br>1:30 PM Friends in the Spirit (BR)                                                           | 14<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)                                                              | 15<br>Eleanor and David Vacation<br>MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE<br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) |
| 17<br>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR<br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)                                                                                                    | 18<br>Martin L. King, Jr. Day<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)                                                              | 19<br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)                                                     | 20<br>10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer<br>12:00 PM Artisans (SH)<br>7:30 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review (BR)                                                         | 21<br>Pastor Michael Off Today<br>9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH)<br>10:00 AM Brown Bag Lunches (K)<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M) | 22<br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)                                                         |
| 24<br><br>ANNUAL MEETING<br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)<br>4:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B) | 25<br>9:30 AM Friends in Faith @ FBC<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:30 PM Diaconate Meeting (BR)                     | 26<br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>7:00 PM Quizzie Haddon (SH)                                                             | 27<br>10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer<br>1:30 PM Friends in the Spirit (BR)                                                                                         | 28<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)                                                                                            | 29<br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)                                                         |
| 31<br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH (SH)<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)                                                                                                          |                                   |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                 |

KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room

# Mark Your Calendars!



## **ATTENTION ALL BOARD CHAIRS & TREASURERS:**

- ◆ **Annual Reports Due By 1/17** - Judy will be on vacation from January 23 through January 30, so in order for the Annual Report to be prepared and available to the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting, please submit your **WRITTEN** annual report and/or financial report to the church office **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**.

### **BOARD MEETINGS IN JANUARY**

Monday, January 4 at 7:00 PM - Missions Board

Monday, January 11 at 7:30 PM - Finance Board

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM - Executive Board

Monday, January 25 at 7:30 PM - Diaconate



The Annual Business Meeting of The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield will be held after the worship service on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Lunch will be served.



In November of last year, the compressor in the church freezer called it quits! A replacement freezer was purchased using money raised by past Vegetable Soup Luncheons. We depend upon your support of the Vegetable Soup Luncheons, and we thank you! Looking forward to this year's soup luncheon on February 5! See back of Messenger for more details.

Submissions for The Messenger are due to the office no later than the 15th of each month, to ensure timely delivery. If you'd like something included in The Messenger, please make sure it gets to Judy by the 15th! You may email it to Judy at [jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](mailto:jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org) or drop it off at the church office Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

### **WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

If you have a birthday or wedding anniversary to add to our list, please let us know!



# First Baptist Community News



A special welcome to the following people who became members of the church on December 13, 2015.

Baptism: Barbara Walcott

New Members: Barbara Walcott, Jason Hahn, Jennifer Locker & Virginia Morris



On November 29, 2015, The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield Puppet Ministry made their debut!

"Jesus is the Light of the World"

Pictured are Ken Guy and Tammy Rankine

Wishing you and those you love,  
a Christmas filled with joy and peace.



With love,  
The kids and staff at Covenant House New Jersey

Dear Mission Board & members of First Baptist-

Once again we thank you humbly for providing necessary new warm coats & boots to the youth we serve at our Camden site. But more so, thank you for being Christ's hands & feet to them in this way... May they feel His perfect love in your gift to them!

Serve & serve,

Jen Williams



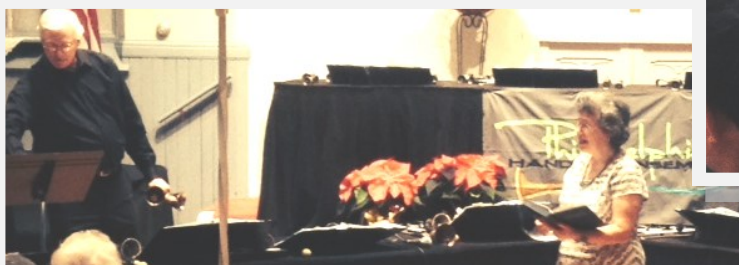
# Christmas Family Night Dinner and Sing-Along







## Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble Concert



Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the Handbell Concert and Live Nativity so beautiful and meaningful. Now a tradition looked forward to by so many!

## Live Nativity





The Carol Choir children enjoyed a wonderful trip into Philadelphia on December 19th (by train!) to see and hear Dicken's Christmas Carol. Afterwards we had pizza at Milano's just down the street from the theatre. Lots of fun and fellowship!



# THE STORY

## STUDIES and GROUPS FOCUSING ON STUDY OF THE BIBLE USING “THE STORY”

### *FOR ALL*

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Will resume on January 10, and will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Tom Minuti and Bill Keane are leading a study of “**The Story.**” All are welcome!

**FRIDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Will resume on January 15, and will meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Bill and Kathleen Keane are leading a study of “**The Story.**” All are welcome!

### *FOR WOMEN*

**FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT** - Will meet on **January 13 and 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Board Room. We will be studying “**The Story.**” If you have questions, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540. All are welcome!

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** - Will meet January 4 at the home of Eileen Black. We'll gather at 9:30 for fellowship and a continuation of our study of “**The Story**”. On January 25, we will meet at FBC to clean the kitchen in preparation for the soup luncheon. February 1st will find us at FBC chopping vegetables for the soup luncheon. Women of all ages are welcome to give us a try. Call Sue Nazak with questions at 856-321-9360.

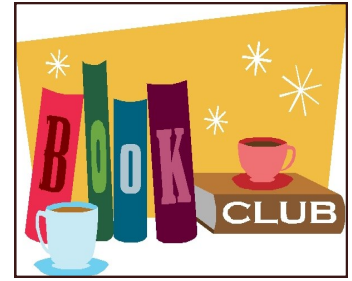
### *FOR MEN*

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** - The breakfasts take place at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between First Baptist and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. The next one will be **January 9 at FBC.** Women are welcome!



## **WOMEN'S BOOK & BREAKFAST - Next meeting is Friday, February 12**

One of our own at First Baptist has been published...Carol Chandler Malcarney is the author of *Liberty Street - World War II Correspondence between Janice Y. Chandler & Alfred G. Chandler M.D.* For a copy and background of the book, please visit [www.carolchandlermalcarney.com](http://www.carolchandlermalcarney.com). The author will be our guest on Friday, February 12 at the Bistro Restaurant, 57 East Kings Highway at 10:00 AM. For information concerning this event, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.



### **Environmental Group**

Have you ever wanted to put the thoughtful and beautiful greeting cards you receive to an additional and worthwhile use? The Environmental Group will once again be collecting your cards to send to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children. This is a residential facility for abused, abandoned and neglected children in Boulder City, Nevada. In the months of January and February, a collection box for your used cards (all occasions) will be set up in the Middleton Room. Card donating tips: 5"x 7" or smaller is preferred; only the card front will be used; Hallmark, Disney and American Greeting cards cannot be accepted. This Recycled Card Program helps St. Jude's Ranch continue their programs and services through the sale of cards redesigned from those donated.



For more information regarding this project, or the Committee, contact Marlea Gruver at 856-427-7288 or Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.



**If you would like to receive The Messenger by email (and see it in full color!), please let Judy know!**



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**Our page name is:**

**"First Baptist Church of Haddonfield"**



**The Diaconate Food Drive is ongoing. You may place items in the large wooden box in the Middleton Room. Share your blessings. Every item helps, thank you!**

**The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield**  
**124 Kings Highway East**  
**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

**Deadline to submit for next issue: January 15th!**

**WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER.**

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| <u>Church Staff:</u><br>The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, Pastor<br>Eleanor Shockey, Organist<br>Dr. David Shockey, Director of Chancel Choir<br>Robert Gardner, Director of Handbells<br>Jane Brick, Sunday School Superintendent<br>Judy Petrongolo, Office Administrator<br>Betty Willingmyre, Cemetery Administrator | <u>Church Office Hours:</u><br>Monday through Friday<br>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM<br>Phone: 856-429-2326<br>Fax: 856-795-3680<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Cemetery Phone: 856-429-1644 | <u>Every Sunday</u><br>~ 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study<br>~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service<br>~ 11:00 AM Worship Service<br>~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School<br><br><u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u><br>~ Communion is served at the<br>11 am worship service |
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## **The Annual Vegetable Beef Soup Luncheon is coming!** **Friday, February 5, 2016 - 11 AM to 2 PM**



Come and enjoy delicious homemade Vegetable Beef Soup, roll, beverage and homemade dessert for \$10. You can also order soup to go! Sign-up to help or place your order using the sheets on the table in The Middleton Room.

### **"Soup Week" Schedule**

**Monday, February 1 at 9 AM** - Preparation of meat and veggies. Men & women are needed. Bring a lunch, your favorite sharp knife, apron and a cutting board and join the fun!

**Thursday, February 4** - Set-up Day. We need help setting tables, etc.

**Friday, February 5, THE BIG DAY!!!** - We need servers, ladlers, and dishwashers. We will be blocking off the parking lot for people to attend. If you have a Baptist parking permit on your car, please park the next aisle over to leave room for our guests.

**DESSERTS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS LUNCHEON** - Call Jane Brick, Eileen Black or Betsy Wood if you can provide a dessert.

***Many hands make light work...*** all are encouraged to help in this traditional outreach to the community. Please contact Jane Brick (856-428-5389) or Betsy Wood (856-795-9378) if you can help in any way. Thank you!