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The Messenger

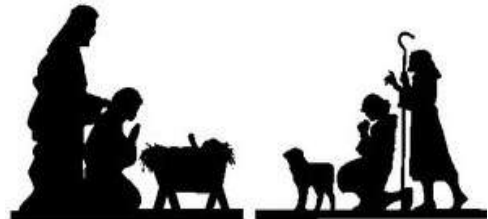
The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

We live in dangerous and turbulent times. The lives ended by terrorists in Paris, their bombing of the Russian commercial jet carrying dozens of vacation seekers, the exodus of refugees from Syria, all drive home the point again and again the fact that these are dangerous times.

So how do we celebrate this Christmas season?

I don't think guns alone can eliminate an ideology of hate. Nor do I think we should enter a state of denial painting a smile on Santa Claus being pulled by eight tiny reindeer. This is not a time for fantasy escapes. But it is a time of "Comfort and Joy."

Remember the circumstances of the birth of Jesus? Israel was held in the grip of a Roman occupation. People nervously crossed the country, like thousands of refugees, seeking their ancestral cities for the Roman census. King Herod was intent on finding and killing this new born "king of the Jews." And, of course, there was no room, no safe place available for Mary to birth the Christ Child. The best the family could do was accept a stable provided by the innkeeper.



And yet, the angel announced, "Behold, I bring you tidings for great joy, for unto you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord." How could the message be so positive in such bleak times? Well, again we turn to the words of the angel who identified the baby Jesus as the Son of the Most High. Yes! God came to be with us. And he is with us today! And this child would be God's way of bringing salvation and victory over sin and death through his cross and resurrection, so that, "All who believe in him would not perish, but have eternal life."

Are the threats and dangers real today? Certainly. And yet, at Christmas, we have the "comfort and joy" that God is with us, and that with him we can walk through all circumstances, knowing that ultimately love will conquer hate. And with him we have the victory of eternal life.

Blessings!

Pastor Michael

Praise and Prayer

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

Scott Stevens - Frank Stevens' nephew. In liver failure in ICU on life support.

Greg Nutt - In Hahnemann Hospital with blood clots in lung and leg.

Sue Nutt - May be facing spinal surgery.

Marion Wertz - Struggling with a vertigo attack.

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

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

Pat Hertzog - In Alaris Health Cherry Hill.

Jo Anne Trout - Serious health issues.

Virginia Morris - asks for prayers.

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.

Diane Dunbar - Isabelle Nutt's aunt. Heart related problems.

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.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

1 David Cundiff
Frances Mockus
Judy Petrongolo

2 Michael Sweeney

6 Carol Bowman

8 Charlotte Wilson
Julie Keller

11 Dakota Wright

12 Mona Sweeney

14 Sandra Mezger

15 Chuck Benson



17 Holly Waleski
Liam Heslin

18 Carolyn Herman
Malayvanh Phommathep

22 John Yezzi
Lisa Phiathep

23 Linda Jacobson

25 Christa Branin

26 Linda Bugoski
Sherwood Wheeler

31 Lloyd Wood
Moses Chandran

3 Mr. Bob Phillips & Rev. Erin
Phillips

27 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hubbard
Mr. & Mrs. David Lamont

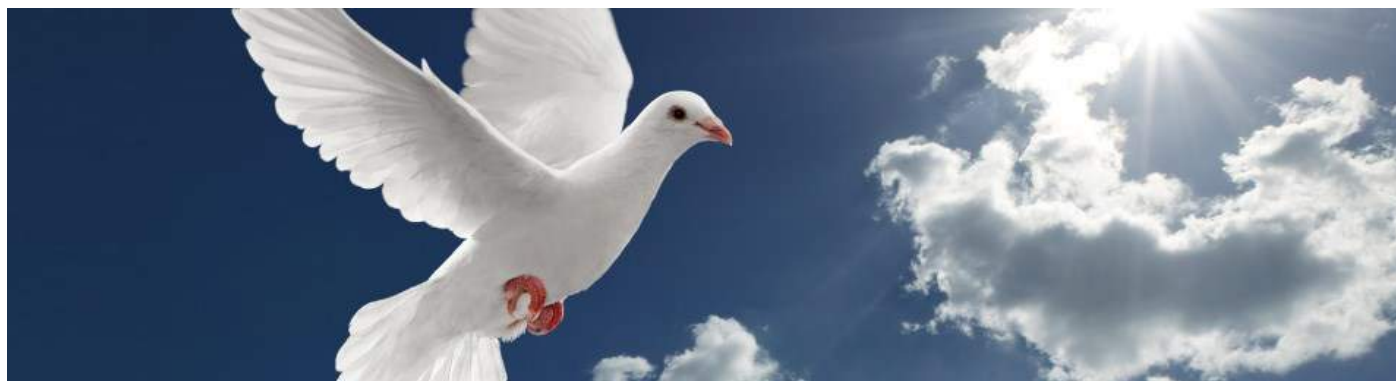
29 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner



First Baptist Community News

Sympathy and condolences are extended to Gerald Martina and the family and friends of Lynn Martina, who has gone home to be with the Lord.

May God's embrace and the love of family and friends comfort you during this time of sorrow.





A special Veterans Day observance was presented by Jim McCullough during the worship service on November 8th. Thank you, Jim, for your service, and for helping us honor all who have served.



We received a lovely thank-you note from artist Michele Foster Lucas and the sisters of Lake Tract Bible Church, after the Women's Fall Kickoff Dinner. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship for all who attended!



Beloved Sisters
of First Baptist,
In this busy life, I
wanted to take out a moment
to thank each and everyone who
welcomed me and the sisters from Lake
Tract Bible Church. It was our pleasure
to fellowship with like hearts for the Lord!
We all had a beautiful blessed time and
your love shined brightly.
As you continue to study and grow in our
Lord's word... know this... We are
praying for you and will
always remember your
kindness towards us.
In this care-
Michele
and the
Sisters
of Lake
Tract

...more than I can say.

Please keep us
in prayer that
we bring forth
much fruit
for the
Gospel!

Thank you to music ministers Eleanor Shockey and Bob Gardner for sharing their musical gifts with us at the “Hand Over Hand” Duet. Many have remarked that the concert was amazing!



Young Life High School Ministry

In a world that gives some teenagers a bad rap, Young Life is bringing out the positive side of today's young people and pointing them toward a hopeful future. A growing group of local high school students is actively participating in Haddonfield Young Life. Each week they are filling the living rooms of local homes for live music, games, skits, and to study the Bible. Through weekly meetings on Tuesday nights, small groups, summer camps, weekend trips, and one-on-one time with an adult leader, Young Life leaders build unconditional relationships with teenagers and model God's love.

Young Life is mainly a volunteer-led organization worldwide and Young Life in Haddonfield is no exception. Young Life leaders, Carmen and Stephanie Pizzo, are currently reaching out to kids at HMHS. Stephanie states, "There's something special about meeting a teen on their level and earning the right to be a part of their life." There are more than ten adults from different local churches on the support committee for Young Life in Haddonfield, working with Carmen and Stephanie and helping to guide the growth of the ministry.

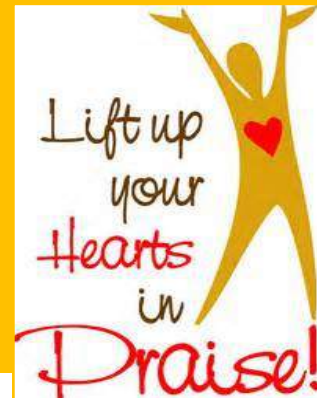
Young Life is a worldwide organization for middle, high school, and college students. Staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them – fun, adventure and friendship. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about something that we think matters most of all – the truth about God and His love for us. Founded in 1941, Young Life has more the 3,000 staff and 30,000 volunteers and is active in more than 75 countries reaching more than one million kids annually. Young Life encourages kids to become involved in local churches and tries to make it clear that Young Life is not a substitute for their local church.

To learn more about Haddonfield Young Life, go to <https://camdencounty.younglife.org>

Join us in the Sanctuary
on the first Sunday of
each month 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!



## 2015 Fellowship Hour Assignments

January - Christian Ed

February - Music & Arts

March - Mission

April - Diaconate

May - Christian Ed

June - Property



July - Finance

August - Music & Arts

September - Diaconate

October - Mission

November - Property

December - Finance



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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>Pastor Michael Off Today<br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)  | <b>2</b><br>Pastor Michael Out of Office during day<br>6:00 PM Christmas Family Night Dinner and Sing-Along (SH)                            | <b>3</b><br>9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH)<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:00 PM Executive Board (BR)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M) | <b>4</b><br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>5</b><br>7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group<br>1:00 PM Cookie Bake (K, SH)<br>3:30 PM Live Nativity Rehearsal                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>6</b><br><br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>10:00 AM Praise & Prayer (S)<br>11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)<br>12:30 PM Quarterly Business Mtg. (Fellowship Hour in SH)  | <b>7</b><br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:00 PM Missions Board (BR)<br>7:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (MR) | <b>8</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>12:00 PM Staff Luncheon<br>7:00 PM Executive Board (BR)                                          | <b>9</b><br>1:30 PM Friends in the Spirit (BR)<br>7:00 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review (BR)                                                                  | <b>10</b><br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)                                                                                                                                                              | <b>11</b><br><br>Model Railroad Show (SH)<br>5:00 PM Nativity Practice<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>7:00 PM <b>LIVE NATIVITY</b><br>7:30 PM <b>LIVE NATIVITY</b> |
| <b>13</b><br><br>Covenant House Gifts Due<br>Model Railroad Show (SH)<br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S) and Baptism<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)<br>7:30 PM Handbell Concert | <b>14</b><br>11:00 AM Friends in Faith<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:30 PM Finance Board (BR)             | <b>15</b><br><b>MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (L)<br>12:00 PM Staff Luncheon | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>17</b><br>9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH)<br>10:00 AM Brown Bag Lunches (K)<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>12:30 PM Women's Christmas Lunch<br>6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B)<br>7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)                                                           | <b>18</b><br><b>RAINDATE FOR LIVE NATIVITY</b><br>4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)<br>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR)                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>20</b><br><br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service with Cantata (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)<br>12:30 PM Lunch before Caroling<br>1:00 PM Caroling                            | <b>21</b><br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)                                                                        | <b>22</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)<br>7:00 PM Quizzie Haddon (SH)                                                                     | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>24</b><br><br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)<br>4:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal<br>5:30 PM Family Candlelight Service w/Nativity Pageant<br>11:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service | <b>25</b><br>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>27</b><br><b>Retired M &amp; M Offering</b><br>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR)<br>9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL)<br>11:00 AM Worship Service (S)<br>11:15 AM Children's SS<br>12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)                                                                                                                                                 | <b>28</b><br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR)<br>7:30 PM Diaconate Meeting (BR)                                      | <b>29</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)                                                                                                    | <b>30</b><br>1:30 PM Friends in the Spirit (BR)                                                                                                             | <b>31</b><br><b>FIRST NIGHT</b><br>9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH)<br>12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                        |

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



# THE STORY

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

### *FOR ALL*

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Pastor Michael is leading a study of “The Story.” All are welcome!

**FRIDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - 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** - Friends in the Spirit: A Christmas fellowship get together will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 12:30 PM. For details, please contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540 or wmezger@aol.com. "The Story" discussion dates in December are Wednesday, 12/9 and 12/30 at 1:30 PM (Board Room.) All are welcome!

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** - will meet on **December 14 at 11:00 a.m.** at Kathy Voldish's home for Christmas Brunch. The regular gatherings will resume in 2016 at **9:30 a.m.** for Christian fellowship and study. We will be using “The Story” as our study guide. Call Sue Nazak at 856-321-9360 if you would like to join this group.

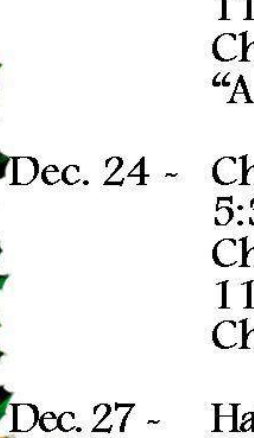

### *FOR MEN*

**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 **December 12 at Mt. Olivet.** Women are welcome!





## Come Celebrate the Christmas Season at The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

- Nov. 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service ~ Lighting of the Christmas tree; Children sing around the tree
- Dec. 2 ~ 6:00 PM ~ Christmas Family Dinner & Carol Sing Along
- Dec. 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service ~ Solos from Handel's Messiah
- Dec. 11 ~ Presentations at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM  
Annual Outdoor Children's Live Nativity on Kings Hwy  
Animals, music, cookies and cocoa for all!  
(Rain Date 12/18)
- Dec. 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service ~ Carillon Ringers will play during service.  
7:30 PM ~ Concert by the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble, followed by Reception
- Dec. 19 ~ Children's Carol Choir goes to Walnut Theatre to see Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"
- Dec. 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent  
11:00AM Worship Service ~ Chancel Choir and Carol Choir, with members of Carillon Ringers, present "A Christmas Choral Celebration"
- Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve  
5:30 PM ~ Family Candlelight Service with Children's Christmas Pageant  
11:00 PM ~ Traditional Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, and Harp
- Dec. 27 ~ Hallelujah Chorus ~ Everyone invited to sing after service!
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## CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT POT-LUCK DINNER AND SINGING!

Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall

Come for a wonderful evening of fellowship with your church family. Please sign up to bring a specific item (hams, potato dishes, vegetable dishes, desserts). Beverages, tossed salad, rolls and butter will be provided. Please also sign up to help set up and/or clean up. Sign up sheet is in the Middleton Room.

After dinner David & Eleanor Shockey will lead us in Christmas Carol singing.



## OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY Friday, December 11th at 7 & 7:30 p.m. (Rain Date December 18)

- Rehearsal and costume fitting **Saturday, Dec. 5** at 4:00 p.m.
- On **December 11**, please gather at **5:15 pm** for rehearsal and dinner before the program.



Join with the entire community and share the story of Jesus' birth. Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors! There will be live animals! Hot chocolate and cookies for all!



## Christmas Memorial Flowers



If you would like to remember or honor a special person by ordering a poinsettia to adorn our Sanctuary during Advent, please fill out one of the envelopes available in the Middleton Room. The cost is \$8.50. Please make checks payable to “First Baptist Church of Haddonfield.” Orders may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the Church Office.

You may take your plant home or you may have your plant delivered to a homebound member of the congregation. Plants will be on display beginning **November 29th through Christmas.**



## Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m.



After church on 12/20 we will be going Christmas Caroling to the homebound members of our congregation. Sharing the joy of Christmas with some of our special friends has become a highlight of the season for those who participate. We will eat lunch first (bring your own!), and then we will head out. We will also be delivering cookies made by the children and youth of our congregation. Join us, all are invited!!!

**CHILDREN'S COOKIE BAKE**  
**For Homebound Church Members**  
**Saturday, December 5**  
**1-3 PM in the Church Social Hall**



This is a great opportunity for the children to learn to serve while having fun in Christian fellowship. The cookies baked will be given to members of our congregation who are unable to participate in church services/activities.

Children must be accompanied by an adult (safety issues) to help with the activity. Please bring your prepared cookie dough or purchased cookie rolls and cookie sheets with you. Extra oven mitts are always appreciated. Sprinkles, icing, etc. will be provided along with treats for all. Volunteers who would like to help with cookie bake are welcome!!!!!! The more the merrier!

Cookies not used for "Cookies for the shut-ins" will be used to help with cookies distributed following the **LIVE NATIVITY** on December 11.

Please contact Jane Brick @ 856-428-5389 if you or your children/grandchildren plan to attend.



**Calling all FBC bakers...**

Cookies needed to hand out during our Live Nativity performances. Please place in packages of three and deliver to the church by 12 noon on **Friday December, 11th.**

Please let Sandra Dennion know the number of cookie bags you can provide at (H) 609-267-7208 or (C) 609-634-2462.



# **The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield** *Presents the*



*The Joy of the Season as Heard Through Handbells*

**Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 PM**

Reception will follow performance

856-429-2326

[www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](http://www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org)

[www.phillybells.org](http://www.phillybells.org)

Donation of \$5.00 minimum per adult is appreciated  
124 Kings Highway E. (across from Tanner St)



## Carol Choir

On December 19, the children of the Carol Choir will be visiting Philadelphia to attend Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Walnut Street Theatre. Any child who has sung with the Carol Choir at any time over the last year is invited. (The cost has been underwritten by a generous memorial gift to the Carol Choir.) We are delighted by the prospect of this festive outing!



## Christmas Cantata

### Christmas Choral Celebration

On the fifth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Sunday, December 20th, the Chancel Choir, Carol Choir and members of the Carillon Ringers will present "A Christmas Choral Celebration" in the 11:00 worship service. Including many familiar Christmas Carols and accompanied by organ, piano, percussion and oboe, this musical offering will enrich your understanding of the Incarnation as well as gladden your hearts with the delights of well-known seasonal melodies.

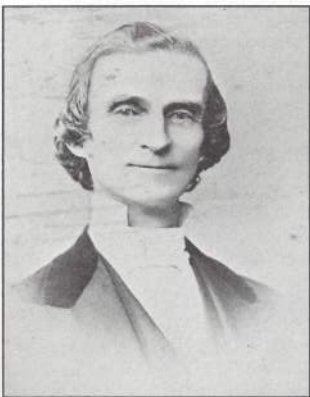


## Environmental Group

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.



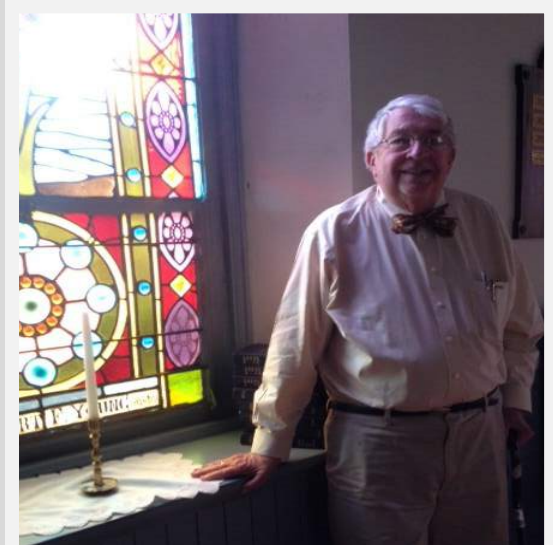
Robert F. Young  
1861 - 1884

After being welcomed by Pastor Michael and Sherry Gardner, two special guests attended the Historical Committee's meeting this past November, Mr. Robert and Mrs. Mary Garrett. Pictured below is Robert Fletcher Young Garrett, Esq. He is standing next to the stained-glass window in our sanctuary dedicated to his great-great grandfather, The Rev. Robert Fletcher Young, a former pastor for twenty three years of The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield from 1861 to 1884. Rev. Young is interred in our Haddonfield Baptist Cemetery.

As we shared information from the church's history books, cemetery records and the Garretts' knowledge of their family and Haddonfield, it became evident what was taking place was a labor of love. Mr. Garrett is also related to The Rev. Marvin Eastwood who served as pastor from 1844 to 1846.

We sincerely thank Robert and Mary for contacting the church and their wonderful interest and enthusiasm for the heritage we share.

~Margaret Hunt, Betty Willingmyre,  
Sandra Mezger - FBC, Historical Committee

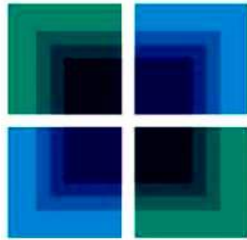




The cold Winter weather will be here before we know it.

Please help keep those less fortunate warm by donating to the Covenant House Christmas

coat and boot collection. The cards are ready and will be in the Middleton Room. Contact Jim Dennion at 609-267-8850 with any questions. Gifts are due on December 13.



Retired  
Ministers +  
Missionaries  
Offering  
2014

**WE WILL RECEIVE THE RETIRED MINISTERS AND  
MISSIONARIES OFFERING ON DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

The offering supports those who have devoted their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope that RMMO will continue to serve as a rich tradition for ABC congregations and be an inspiration for so many who have served with gladness.

**PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$750 THIS YEAR.**



**Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$452 to provide Bibles to soldiers. What a blessing it is to be able to help serve the spiritual needs of our military personnel.**



Submissions for The Messenger are due to the office no later than the 15th of each month, to ensure timely delivery.

**Just a  
reminder...**



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 send the information to Judy in the Church Office at [jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](mailto:jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org) or call Judy at 856-429-2326



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



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Keep up with our events, updates and announcements!!! Check out our Facebook page and "Like" us!

Our page name is:

["First Baptist Church of Haddonfield"](#)

## CEDARS OF LEBANON 2020

GOAL: \$2,000 - Current Total: \$853.25

The goal is to raise \$2,000 a year for the next 5 years to provide scholarships for kids to attend Camp Lebanon.

I'm sure we can raise \$2,000 in 2015 if we try hard enough! Envelopes are available in The Middleton Room for this special ongoing collection. Donors are asked to make their check out to **First Baptist Church** and write "**Cedars of Lebanon**" on the memo line.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Another opportunity to serve our Lord...



Share God's Word

Have you considered teaching our young children about the love of Christ and the blessings you have received? Lead teachers and assistant teachers are needed for Nursery, K-5 and Middle School. Join our group of dedicated teachers. If you would like to learn more about the Sunday School Program, contact Jane Brick at 856-428-5389 or Sandra Dennion at 609-267-7208.

Nursery

Volunteers

Needed

Adult volunteers are needed for the Nursery. We need an extra pair of hands to help with the little ones on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (Or, if you can only come during the church service from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., that will help too!)

If you are interested in helping with this very important, very fulfilling ministry, please contact Sandra Dennion at 609-267-7208 or Marilyn Nutt at 856-845-8615. You'll be helping FBC AND you get paid in tiny hugs and kisses!







## Let the Stable Still Astonish by Leslie Leyland Fields

Let the stable still astonish:  
Straw-dirt floor, dull eyes,  
Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;  
Crumbling, crooked walls;  
No bed to carry that pain,  
And then, the child, rag-wrapped laid to cry  
In a trough.  
Who would have chosen this?  
Who would have said:  
“Yes, Let the God of Heaven and Earth be born  
in this place.”  
Who but the same God  
Who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts  
And says,  
“Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth be born  
in THIS place.”

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

**Deadline to submit for next issue: December 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<br>Sandy Williams, Custodian | <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>~ 11:00 AM Worship Service<br>~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School<br><br><u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u><br>~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service<br>~ Communion is served at the<br>11 am worship service |
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***Celebrate  
Christmas at  
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of Haddonfield!***

***CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICES***

***5:30 PM - Family  
Service with  
Candlelight & Nativity  
Pageant  
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11:00 PM - Traditional
Candlelight Service***