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**The First Baptist Church
of Haddonfield**

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The Messenger

WHAT'S UNDER YOUR TREE?

I suppose giving presents at Christmas started with the three wise men. You know – gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold symbolized the royalty of Jesus, the King of Kings. Frankincense symbolized the divine holiness of the Christ child. Incense was used by the high priest when he entered the holy of holies in the Temple of Jerusalem. And myrrh, an ointment used for embalming, pointed to the death of the Savior on the cross.

What are you looking for under your tree? There might be some gold under the tree in the form of a necklace or earrings. But there probably won't be any frankincense or myrrh. More likely, there will be socks and shirts for dad, a scarf for mom and maybe a Toy Story action figure like Buzz Lightyear the astronaut for the kids or grand kids. What are you looking for under your tree this year?



The only people who enjoyed the very first Christmas 2010 years ago were the people who were looking for it. "The angels told the shepherds, 'You'll find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And the shepherds said, 'Let's go and see!'" (Luke 2) They found Jesus because they were searching. They were seeking him.

When you look under the Christmas tree for presents this year, remember to look for Jesus. If you look for him, you'll find him.

Blessings!

Michael

Pastor Michael

**Merry
Christmas**

Pastor Elin

Vaughan

Jimmy

Bos

*David &
Eleanor*

FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 8th

6:00 PM

Join us for a Traditional Christmas Dinner
After dinner, there will be a carol sing led by
David and Eleanor Shockey.



LIVING NATIVITY

Participants are needed for the Living Nativity. Those children participating on Friday, December 10th need to arrive at the church by 5:00 PM. We will run through our rehearsal, enjoy pizza and get into our costumes before our two shows at 7:00 and 7:30 PM. We are looking forward to this exciting and enriching outreach for the community!

COOKIES

We will need cookies to serve with the hot chocolate at the Living Nativity on December 10th. Please put 3 cookies in a bag and place them in the basket in the chapel by December 9th. We will need about 125 bags. Thank you!

Cookies
Needed



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Participants are needed for the Children's Pageant on Friday, Dec. 24th (5:30 PM). Casting for parts will take place during Sunday School on Dec. 5th and rehearsals will be held after the Worship Service on December 12th and 19th.

GIRL'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE

On December 1st, 6:00-7:00, the first available Wednesday following the fall LOGOS season, all girls Middle and High school age are invited to join me (Eleanor) in the choir room. The goals - to sing some Christmas music, to learn to sing well and to have a good time hanging out together. Great musicianship not needed; hugs mandatory. Transportation can be arranged if getting there is difficult. (The immediate commitment is only for four Wednesdays in December.) Be expecting a personal invitation if you fall in this age category :-)



CAROLING, CAROLING!

A group of carolers will be gathering to sing Christmas Carols in the homes of various shut-ins and other elderly people on Sunday, December 12th following the morning service. We will have a simple soup lunch at 12:30, and be off by 1:30 to

share the love and joy of Christ at Christmas, to those who are home bound and sometimes very lonely. It is often the highlight of the season not only for the listeners, but for the singers as well! Please plan to join us. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the chapel, or speak to Eleanor or David Shockey.



DECEMBER MESSENGER/BULLETIN DEADLINES

- ~Monday, Dec. 13th, 10 AM for Jan. Messenger
- ~Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 10 AM for Christmas Eve and Sunday, Dec. 26th Bulletin & Announcements.
- ~Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 10 AM for New Year's Eve and Sunday, Jan. 2nd Bulletin & Announcements.



RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING

Since 1935, American Baptists have contributed to special offerings received in their churches for retired ABC ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) was established in 1977.

Through this annual offering, American Baptist congregations say thank you in a tangible way to the denomination's retired ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. The offering provides them with:

- Emergency and other financial assistance, based on financial need; and
- "Thank You" checks, based on 15 or more years of ABC service.

The RMMO will be collected on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Our goal for this offering is \$1000.00. The Mission Board thanks you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this offering.

Please give generously,
The Mission Board

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Lounge at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) on:

Tuesday, December 7th, 14th, 21st

Tuesday, January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Come and join us as we follow the life of our Lord in the Book Matthew! For more information, please contact Jim Dennion (609-267-7208).

2011 FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The 2011 Flower Calendar Sign-up Sheet is out! Flowers may be ordered by signing up on the form in the Chapel or calling the church office (429-2326). Arrangements cost \$40 and can be paid for by putting a check in the offering plate (CLEARLY MARKED for flowers) or by mailing a check (or dropping it off) to the attention of FLOWERS to the church office. Payment is not requested until just prior to the date requested. Reserve your special dates now because they do fill up (if a date has already been requested, you can request side flowers - just call the office).

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR ERIN PHILLIPS

The season of Advent is here and the expectancy that it brings for many of us is exciting. However, the season also brings us chaos, moments of exhaustion and sometimes even frustration. I wrote the following acrostic to help us focus our energy and help us to keep Jesus at the center of this Season:

*A*ttitude of gratitude-In *The Message* translation of the Bible, Colossians 4:2 reads, "Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude." God has placed so many blessings in our lives. We often pray and after our prayer go on with our day without having a real expectation that our prayers may be answered. During this Advent season, stay alert and be grateful for all of the answered prayers that God places in your life.

*D*edication to our Savior- Have you realized that you cannot do it all alone? Have you heaped all of the stresses of life onto your own shoulders and come crashing down? Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). If you are weary, weak and tired give your life to Jesus – Dedicate your life to Him.

*V*enture to the other side of the road. Rev. Dr. Bruce Main urged us to "Cross the Road" just as Jesus did in his life. The season of Advent offers us many opportunities for service and mission to others. It may take a few extra minutes or hours of your day, but if we are to call ourselves true disciples, we must truly follow Jesus and cross the road. There are many opportunities to cross the road this season...donate food to the local food bank...cook a meal for a neighbor that may be shut-in...help a child...send a card to a relative that you have not spoken with this year....spend an hour serving food at a soup kitchen...the possibilities are endless. Christmas is not about getting, it's about giving – and it's not just about gift giving – it's about giving of yourself to Christ and to others.

*E*xperience fully the blessings in your life. As you walk through each day (even start with just one day) stop and take notice of ALL of the blessings in your life. Take it to an extreme....stop to smell the pine scent of the Christmas trees as you walk your child to school...touch and feel the texture of your favorite blanket that keeps you warm all night...taste your favorite foods throughout the season and fully experience the deep and rich flavors...hear the church bells ringing and the carolers singing your favorite Christmas song...see the beautiful colors of the night sky and the stars that God sent to guide us. Taking time to experience all of these senses will help us to better understand the fullness of the blessings in our lives.

*N*oel! The French translation of "noel" is birthday. Birthdays are for celebrating. The final stanza of the traditional Christmas Carol, *The First Noel*, urges us to join together to sing praises to God for the marvels of His creation and for the salvation provided through Christ's shed blood. Let us join together as a church, family, and community to sing praise to our God throughout this season.

*T*he wait is over – a baby is born. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Be blessed this Christmas season!
Pastor Erin

QUIZZIE HADDON TRIVIA NIGHT

Quizzie Haddon Trivia Night will take place on Tuesday, December 28 at 7 PM. Remember, Fourth Tuesday for Trivia! Come solo or bring a small team of family and friends for a night of friendly competition. Questions are of a general nature. Snacks and beverage will be provided. A freewill donation will be taken for the benefit of the Shine Forth Renovation Campaign.



Last month's winners were "The Pumpkins" - Chip Chapman, Mark & Emily & Chris Guerrieri, Jan Gardner and Jack Bernsee. Questions included: (1) What is Kevin Kolb's jersey number?; (2) Who played the parts of June and Ward Cleaver?; (3) Transylvania is in what modern country? (1) 4 (2) Barbara Billingsley and Hugh Beaumont (3) Romania

CONSECRATION SUNDAY/STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't turned in your Commitment Card yet, please send them to me as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a Commitment Card and would like one, please call me (856-354-0505). Also, offering envelopes will be available in the lounge soon. Again, if you would like to use envelopes for your giving and don't have any, call me.

Sherry Gardner, Financial Secretary



Having fun planting daffodil bulbs in honor of Veterans Day!
Planting sponsored by Environmental Group - Thank you to
Soup/Rummage Sale Committee for covering cost of bulbs.

PLEASE WELCOME

Welcome to our new church custodian, Vaughn McRae. Minister McRae serves as youth minister at Refuge Temple Ministries in Camden, NJ. Vaughn's hours at First Baptist Church are 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday

CARING HEARTS MINISTRY

The Caring Hearts Ministry helps families with HIV-positive and AIDS patients. Our church has supported the Ministry over the years through the Mission Board and through personal support of our members.

The upcoming project is the Holiday Giveaway Party.

For Holiday Giveaway Party Donations of **New Socks** are needed. They can be in bags of six or single pairs, any size from infant to adult, either gender. If you would like to donate these items, please bring them to church by **Sunday December 12**. There will be a container marked "Caring Hearts" in the chapel.

Volunteers are welcome for both events. For more details, call Saowanee Sweeney at 856-751-6416.

CARING MINISTRIES

Need meals, errands, transportation, etc? Please call Sandra Dennion, Margo Schreiber or Sue Nazak.

BREAKFAST CHEESECAKE

Here's a recipe for cheesecake that is so delicious and is easy to bake. It is taken from the Gooseberry Patch, Coming Home for Christmas. You need:

2 8-oz cans crescent roll dough

2 8-oz pkgs. cream cheese

1 ½ C. sugar, divided

1 large egg, separated

1 tsp. Vanilla

½ C. nuts, chopped

Spread one can crescent roll dough in a 13" x 9" pan, pressing the perforations together to seal. Combine the cream cheese, one cup of sugar, egg yolk and vanilla and spread on top of the rolls. Lay second can of dough on top of cheese mixture. Beat egg white and brush on top. Mix remaining sugar and nuts together and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. This tastes like cheese Danish and is so easy to make.

Submitted by Betty Willingmyre



December

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December 2010

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM Newcomers	2 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	3	4
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Church (SL) 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School 11:15 AM Christmas Pageant Casting	6 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study (L)	8 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	9 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:15 PM Bear Den (SL) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	10  5:00 PM Living Nativity Pizza Party & Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cub Pack Committee (SR)	11 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast (1st Baptist SH)
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26 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Church (SL) 11:00 AM Worship w/Youth 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School	27 Office Closed for Holiday 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Diaconate	28 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Quizzie Haddon (SH) 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study (L)	29	30 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	31  New Year's Eve 11:00 PM New Year's Eve Service	

KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, C - Chapel, 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

Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

December

- 1 David Cundiff
Frances Mockus
- 2 Michael Sweeney
- 3 Bette Kerswill
- 6 Carol Bowman
- 8 Charlotte Wilson
Julie Keller
- 11 Dakota Wright
- 12 Mona Sweeney
- 13 Imogene McKee
- 14 Sandra Mezger
- 15 Bryanna Carr
Charles 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

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!

December

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Phillips
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Revell
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. David Lamont
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hubbard
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner

CALENDAR MEETING

There will be a calendar meeting on January 15, 2010 to discuss the 2011 calendar. All Board & Committee Chairs (and other interested parties) are invited to either come themselves or send a representative. Please mark your calendars now. Coffee and sweets will be available.



WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- ★ **Friends in the Spirit:** Join us in the church boardroom as we study and discuss the Book of Romans. The upcoming meeting date is Thursday, December 9th at 1:30 PM. Bring your Bibles and we will provide the study guides. On December 16th, a Christmas gathering is planned at a local restaurant. Please contact Sandra Mezger at 429-7540 if you would like to join in.
- ★ **The Mustard Seed** will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM at the home of Candy Curry. Please call Jan Gardner at 856-858-1091 for more info.
- ★ **Friends in Faith** – We are studying a guide by Cynthia Heald - BECOMING A WOMAN OF GRACE. It is introspective and uplifting. We gather at 9:30 AM for fellowship, study and prayer. You are invited!! Dec. 6 at Carol Hoeberg's home. Call Sue Nazak 856-321-9360 for more details and directions.

Members of the Women's Friendship/Discipleship Groups will be providing hospitality after Sunday services during the month of December.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 18 at 1 PM in the church lounge. If you are interested in learning about the history of the church, please join us. For information about the group, contact Margaret Hunt 428-9717.



WOMEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Reading Fellowship will be meeting on December 3rd to discuss the book, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Location of gathering is the Jersey Java & Tea Cafe, 140 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield at 10:00 AM. On January 14th, the book discussion will be on Brooklyn by Colm Toibin. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Mezger 429-7540 or Saowance Sweeney 751-6416.



Tour of the Holy Land!

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Leaving June 25, 2011

A Life-time Opportunity

Information on Chapel table or call Pastor Michael today!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Orders for Red Poinsettias are now being taken for the Advent season for single-branched plants at \$8.00 each. You can take your plant home after the service on the week it is being used (you will be called) or you can have it delivered to a shut-in (please order the small for shut-ins). There are envelopes on the table in the Chapel or you can use this form.



_____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$ 8.00 each (4 or more blooms)

\$ _____ Donation toward decorations

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ I would like to take my plant(s) home.

_____ I would like my plant(s) to be sent to a shut-in.

BYF CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Once again, the BYF will be sponsoring the Church Christmas Card Project. Watch for the box to place the Christmas cards you would normally mail to church members and friends. The BYF will sort them alphabetically and you will be able to pick up those sent to you on Sundays!



The money you would have spent on postage would then be given to the BYF. Please place your monetary gift into the red money box. We are suggesting a donation of at least \$5.00 for every adult. If you want to participate but cannot afford the donation, it's okay ... just follow the same procedure. Any questions, please call Erin at 856-429-2326 ext 103. Thank you for your participation.

FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP "GOD'S GREEN HOUSE"

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. – Psalm

19:1-3 "God speaks to us through two books: the written Word of God and the masterpiece of creation." The Environmental Group will meet on Monday, January 24th at 7:30 PM in the church lounge. We invite you to attend if you have a concern for this area of ministry.



FAMILY NEWS – PRAY FOR ...

Joyce Carr; Ruth Ford; Megan, James & Hugh Creegan; Amy Halsted; Peg Redman's granddaughter; George Clauston; Amy Melichad; Sam Borders; Lorraine Burns (Joyce Carr's sister); Gail Benson; Catherine Royall; Connie Asquith; Jean Matthew's son, Bob Reagan; Robert & Diane Redman; and Yulia & Jesse Bagwell. To place some one on the prayer list, call Linda Jacobson at 354-1031.

Team Willingmyre walked October 24th at Cooper River Park. We, as a team, collected over \$800 for making strides toward a world with more birthdays. Thanks to all that made a contribution to our team. We hope to be walking again next year.

– Betty Willingmyre

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, *Pastor*
The Rev. Erin Phillips, *Assistant Pastor*
Dr. David Shockey, *Director of Chancel Choir*
Eleanor Shockey, *Organist*
Robert Gardner, *Director of Handbells*

Sunday Services (mid-Sept - mid-June): 11:00 AM
Sunday Services (mid-June - mid-Sept): 10:00 AM
Children's Sunday School: 11:10 AM (Summer 10:10 AM)
Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM & 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Summer Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM

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ADVENT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HADDONFIELD



Sunday, November 28 – 11:00 AM
First Sunday in Advent
Worship Service



Sunday, December 19 – 11:00 AM
Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship Service
with Carillon Ringers

Sunday, December 5 – 11:00 AM
Second Sunday in Advent
Worship Service with Harp



Friday, December 24
5:30 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Family Service and
Nativity Pageant

11:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Friday, December 10 – 7 & 7:30 PM
Living Nativity with live animals and music
Hot Cocoa and Cookies for all
Rain Date: Friday, December 17

Sunday, December 12 – 11:00 AM
Third Sunday in Advent Worship Service
Chancel Choir Cantata
“Rejoice, Earth and Heaven”
with Tympani and Strings



Friday, December 31
11:00 PM – 11:45 PM
New Year's Eve
Communion Celebration Service