

THE
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REV. STEVE HOGG, PASTOR



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Your First Baptist Rock Hill Staff

Join us on Christmas Eve

Candle Light Services

Monday, December 24 (3 p.m. - 4 p.m. **or** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

in the Worship Center (*Childcare not provided*)



WELCOME TO THE “FAMILY OF FAITH”



By Baptism: 05 By Letter: 17 By Statement: 08 = ^{Since 09/01/18} **TOTAL: 30**

If you are interested in being baptized, please call Katherine in the Church Office at 803-327-7181 or email her at katherinef@fbcrockhill.org.



B45 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 05
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
in Rooms 324 & 325

GOOD NEWS FROM HOME

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Worship Center

Featuring the
JOY CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Dessert Social to Follow!

Join us as we fellowship with our church family. Bring your favorite homemade Christmas treat to share with everyone.

Memorial Service

*December 12 (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
in the Worship Center*



**A Christmas Party BIG Enough
for the Whole Family!**

An experience for adults & kids (Ages 5th grade & younger)

Wednesday, December 12

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in The Rock

For more info visit the First Kids events page at fbcrockhill.org.



YOUTH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY (Middle & High School Students)

Monday, December 31

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in "The Rock"

Middle School and High School Students, join us for a game of Underground Church on New Year's Eve! Please bring a friend and a snack to share.

WORLD MISSIONS

San Antonio Mission trip

For six days in October and November, a team of six from FBC served alongside Church Planters, Andy and Sarah Stewart, Taproot Church, and local ministries in San Antonio. While on the trip, the team prayer-walked the University of Texas-San Antonio campus they also met with Taproot students' small groups, served meals at a homeless shelter, and worked alongside the Salvation Army building a neighborhood playground. The week was a mix of physical labor, spiritual conversations; time spent on an urban homeless and transitional shelter, and a suburban college campus.

It was a week that was encouraging to our team to see God moving among college students. The week before we arrived, a Taproot student led her roommate to Christ while they were on their way to worship on Sunday. It was also a week where our team (and by extension, First Baptist Church) was able to be a blessing to Andy and Sarah, their team, and the students of Taproot Church.

Andy and Sarah Stewart

Andy and Sarah are a part of a team planting a church in San Antonio with a focus on reaching college students on the campus of University of Texas-San Antonio. They joined two other couples from Fellowship Church in College Station, TX to plant a new church in San Antonio. The team has been meeting in small groups on campus for about a year and, in 2019, will begin outreach groups for young professionals in their community.

The Stewarts have two sons - Noah and Liam - and are expecting a little girl next February.



COMEDY, WORSHIP, AND INSPIRATION with Babbie Mason & Scott Davis



{ Megan Garrett of Casting Crowns |
Melodee DeVevo of Casting Crowns |
Mark Lowry | Babbie Mason | The Nelons |
Billy Lord | Matt Duren... **}**

What do all these Grammy and Dove Award-winning singers have in common? They've joined **Scott Davis** on his brand new studio release, "All Joking Aside." For over 30 years, Scott has traveled the world sharing his unique, family friendly humor, story-telling, and music. Audiences—young and old alike—will enjoy his funny outlook on life.



Babbie Mason is a Dove Award winning, Grammy nominated, musician, and songwriter. In 2010 Babbie was inducted into the **Christian Music Hall of Fame**. She was a regular at **Billie Graham Crusades** and continues to be a favorite at **Women of Faith** and **Beth Moore Conferences**.



Join **Scott Davis** and **Babbie Mason** for an evening filled with music and laughter. Revisit timeless hymns treated to fresh, contemporary arrangements. Enjoy stories and laughter suitable for the entire family. This will be a night to remember!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

Seating is GENERAL ADMISSION—NO RESERVED SEATING.
So, COME EARLY! Bring a Friend! Seats will go FAST!

First Baptist Church, Rock Hill

481 Hood Center Drive • Rock Hill, SC 29730

Sunday, December 16, 2018 • 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$10.00 • Doors open at 6:00 PM

For more information call **803-327-7181** or visit **www.fbcrockhill.org**

World Missions Offering Goal: \$115,000

Given to Date: \$55,545.25

Each year, First Baptist collects a World Missions Offering that goes directly to support national and international missions through the Southern Baptist Convention as well as our partnerships. The offering is another way that we join with Southern Baptists across the nation to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

When you give, you are a part of reaching every nation with the gospel. And those gifts transform lives, from missionaries on the field to the people they're called to serve. In just the last year, Southern Baptist missionaries have engaged 811 new people groups around the world.

Your gifts will help support and care for missionaries who leave the comforts of home to travel around the world and to live in remote, nearly inaccessible areas or in congested metropolitan cities, to share the Good News of Christ with people groups who have never heard the name of Jesus, to learn an unfamiliar language, to love an unfamiliar people.

Your gifts will provide resources like Bibles in local languages, videos of a gospel film and flash drives with the gospel in sign language. They will help train Christians in other countries to share the gospel in culturally relevant ways. Your gifts will also help meet tangible needs like medical missions, job training, agricultural projects and providing for refugee needs.

"Because you gave, I'm able to access remote areas of Central Asia and explain the gospel with people God is already drawing to Himself," one missionary reports to Southern Baptists. "With your help, we are bringing light to the dark places among unreached people groups." Every dollar you give makes a difference.

As you pray about what you can give to the World Missions Offering, know that every gift, no matter how big or how small, helps. Here are a few ways your gifts are used:

\$1 provides a hot meal for a refugee family.

\$5 covers the cost of 20 clean syringes for our medical missionaries.

\$20 pays for 10 New Testaments in a local language of an unreached people group.

\$80 buys a sewing machine for a job training class for women trapped in poverty to learn a viable trade.

\$150 covers the cost of in-country language study for our missionaries.

\$600 pays for satellite phones for missionaries in remote places.

\$2300 provides the funds to train and launch a new missionary to the field.

It doesn't matter whether you can give \$1, \$5, \$20, \$80, \$150, \$600 or \$2300. Every gift that you give will be used to share the gospel and to reach the nations.

WORLD
MISSIONS

Update from Elliott & Heather Sneed

On November 18, Elliott announced to the Discovery Church family that he would be transitioning to a new position as Pastor of Crossroads Church of Long Island in Farmingdale, NY in January, 2019. Moving forward, Discovery will be led by Kolja Keller and a team of elders. FBC has supported Elliott and Discovery since their beginning in 2011. While our financial commitment will come to an end in August, 2019, we can continue to support Discovery Church and the Sneeds with our prayers.

2019 Mission Trips

Below are details about our 2019 mission trips. We will have informational meetings on February 10 for each of the trips.

Rochester, NY (April 3-8)

Our team will be working with Discovery Church and Kolja Keller to host an Easter Egg hunt as an outreach to their community. Along with the egg hunt, there will be promotion for their Easter Service and servant outreach projects in their community.

Birmingham, UK (June 14-23 and June 20-30)

Working with IMB Missionaries, Kenny and Kristy Dubnick, we will host a children's Backyard Bible Club at Oikos Church on the High Street of Erdington. Part of the week will also be spent handing out invitations for the Bible Club and prayer walking. On Saturday, there will be a community outreach event at the Café. A second team will work with IMB Missionaries, Stan and Gay Littleford, in the town of Dudley handing out invitations to a block party, leading children's activities in a café, and hosting a Saturday outreach event. The teams will overlap in order to provide enough man power for the Saturday outreach event in Erdington.

Surabaya, Indonesia (August)

In 2019, we are beginning a new partnership with IMB missionaries in Surabaya, Indonesia. Indonesia is the most-populous Muslim country in the world. Surabaya is the second largest city in Indonesia with a population of over 3 million. We will support their church-planting efforts in the large, urban area around Surabaya.

Kissimmee, FL (September 28 - October 4)

Give Kids the World Village is a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. We will be serving those families for a week.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

The tithes and offerings of God's people make all our ministries at FBC possible. Thank you for giving and please remember that you can claim a charitable contribution for 2018 by submitting your contribution one of the following ways:

- Placing it in the offering plate on or before December 30
- Delivering it to the Church Office on or before December 31
- Submitting it online before midnight, December 31
- Mailing it to the Church Office with a postmark of December 31 or earlier

Online contributions may be made at fbcrockhill.org/online-giving.

Contributions placed in the offering plate on the first Sunday of January 2019 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2018 (even if the check is back-dated to 2018 or was actually written in 2018).

These requirements are set by the IRS.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before you receive a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nov 04.....	726
Nov 11.....	673
Nov 18.....	637
Nov 25.....	537

GIVING

BUDGET

Given Nov 04 - Nov 25.....	\$154,750.75
Given to Date.....	\$533,497.10
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$636,155.00

SIX IN 6 PART 2 CAMPAIGN

Given Nov 04 - Nov 25.....	\$32,367.74
Given to Date.....	\$416,796.25
Total Commitments.....	\$1,319,022.00

STAFF NEWS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jaelon Brice (Dec. 03)
James Craig (Dec. 19)
Carol Chatas (Dec. 26)
Holly Matthews (Dec. 27)

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY:

Steve Hogg (1987)

SYMPATHY

The Staff and Congregation of First Baptist Church extend deepest sympathy to **Susan Herron** on the death of her father, Charles Richard Amos; and to **Tim Robinson and his family**, on the death of his father, Phillip Gene Robinson.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Kevin and Olivia Sanfilippo** on the November 1 birth of their daughter, Susan Paisley Sanfilippo. Also, congratulations to siblings, Rockland and Shepherd.

Congratulations to **Vance and Mary Gibson** on the November 8 birth of their son, David Michael Gibson. Also, congratulations to big sister, Zoey.

MEMORIALS

Linda Feemster Tid Walden

HONORARIUMS

Don & Ava McGinnis



We Exist to...

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