FIRST THINGS FIRST

November 2025



MISSION IN ACTION

On October 31st, some of our younger adults handed out candy to the kids trick-or-treating on Bedford Avenue. It was an opportunity for us to demonstrate the abundance of God's love. This was quite a hit as well, because they were out of candy and packed up by 6:30! Thank you church family for your thoughtful donations!

ON MISSION

Thank you FBC for your generous contribution to the Claire Parker Foundation! This organization provides a Care Box into the hands of every family fighting pediatric cancer in the region as soon as they walk through the hospital doors. What began as a tragic story for one family became a blessing to thousands!





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

On November 7th, our church family gathered to celebrate a very special milestone—Marguerite Finch turned 96 years young! Surrounded by friends and warm wishes, Marguerite's joy lit up the room as we honored her remarkable life and faithful spirit.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



The Estelle Brooks Circle has joyfully completed its third annual Christmas ornament project! These beautiful hand-made ornaments will be gifted to church members and guests as a heartfelt token of the season. Ornaments will be available for pick-up beginning the first Sunday of Advent. A special thanks goes to Linda Harding for her leadership and dedication in heading this cherished tradition. Let these ornaments be a reminder of the love and fellowship that bind our church family together.

AUTUMN CARE

Local churches are collecting NEW unwrapped items to provide to Autumn Care for their annual Christmas Store. The Christmas Store gives residents an opportunity to pick out small gifts (at no cost) for their family. Remember that the joy is in the giving and many residents miss being able to shop for their family. Please donate by December 14th.

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on December 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

DAWN

Donations needed for a simple bean soup:
2 – 3 cans of vegetables (corn, peas, butter beans, green beans & carrots)
2 cans of beans (kidney, black, white or pinto)
4 cups of vegetable broth
1 can of diced tomatoes
2 small cans of tomato juice (5.5 ounces – comes in a pack of 6).

They are also in need for some canned tomato and chicken noodle soup.

COMING UP

November 23	Graduate Recognition
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
November 30	Christmas Mailbox opens
December 1	CBF Global Missons offering
December 14	Last day for Autumn Care gifts
December 14	4th Quarter Business Meeting
December 21	Christmas Music & Luncheon

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be reporting to Greensboro to catch up on Navy chaplaincy duties the week of December 8 - 13.
He will also be there this Saturday to participate in a Change of Command ceremony.