



TOWER TOPICS

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Niagara Falls, New York 14301

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 L.I.F.E.	5	6	7 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	8	9	10
11 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Sunday lunch 2:00 Organ Program by James Flood	12	13	14 7:00 Diaconate/Trustees	15	16	17
18 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 3:00 Christmas Tea	19	20  Hanukkah begins	21  Winter begins	22	23	24  4:30 Music 5:00 Service
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship	26  Kwanza	27	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve



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DECEMBER 2011 **SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH**

Sunday	12/4	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 L.I.F.E.
Wednesday	12/7	12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon
Sunday	12/11	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch 2:00 Organ Program by James Flood
Wednesday	12/14	7:00 Trustees/Diaconate Mtg
Sunday	12/18	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Christmas Tea
Saturday	12/24	4:30 Pre-Service Music 5:00 Worship Service
Sunday	12/25	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Christmas Worship

December Birthdays

2	Gladys Lewis
10	Kathleen Buckley
17	Donna Flood
17	Arline Whetham
21	Mark Clark Jr.
21	Mark Clark Sr.
27	Jason Clark
28	Bonnie Cook

Please continue to pray for: Mark Clark, Carole Buchalski, Marge Blakely, Hal Faba, Margaret Payne, Dawn Schutz, Mike Gunther, Robert Hgan, Tara Clifton, Judy Einstein, Jack Mercer, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church Family, our Country and all those who serve our Country.

Mark Boesken, Jr., was recently named South Carolina Social Studies Teacher of Distinction at the Social Studies Conference in Greenville, S.C. He received the 2011 Palmetto award for district social studies teachers based on their dedication and

commitment to academic excellence. Mark is the son of Mark and Deborah Boesken.

L.I.F.E.

"CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS"

December 4, 2011

5:00 P.M.

Bring a \$1.00 Gift for Exchange

Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to pass.

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

We will be adopting a family for Christmas again this year! I've listed the items the children have on their wish lists and I will have cards at the church so that you can chose which item you are able to purchase.

The mom has 3 children, a 13 year old daughter, a 10 year old daughter and a 1 year old son. We will be supplying the mom with a gift certificate to Tops and a food basket. We need to have everything in to the church by Sunday, December 11th.

The 13 year old daughter wears a women's size 18 in pants and large to extra large in a shirt. She enjoys crafts, Michael Jackson music, Glee items and the anime character, Domo.

The 10 year old daughter wears a junior girl's size 14. On her wish list is a pair of size 7 roller blades, a cheaper Wii game and earrings. She also likes crafts.

The one year son wears a size 2T. He's looking for Little People toys, trucks, animals and anything Toy Story.

Consider what you want to help put under their Christmas tree this year. I'm adding a batch of chocolate chip cookies, too!

Kath Ordiway

Order form for Christmas Poinsettia plants
All orders, with payment, must be in by 12/5

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Quantity: _____ x \$7.00 = _____
In Honor/Memory Of _____
Quantity for Pick up/Delivered to Shut-In _____

The traditional Christmas Tea prepared by the Ladies of the Church will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 P.M. Gisela Scott will be presenting the program. All women and girls are warmly encouraged to attend. Come and enjoy the tea, cookies and the fellowship.

From the Moderator

The calendar countdown to Christmas is on. As we look to our church for inspiration and Christian focus, let us not forget our Christmas Offering Envelopes. This important financial consideration is an important part of our budget.

The winter month bring stormy weather challenges which may necessitate closings. Our diaconate/trustees committee will use our informal phone tree to notify members of services or activities of any cancellations.

Community Mission is seeking food donations for its Christmas celebration for the needy. See Kathleen Ordiway's article for what is needed. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the November Third Sunday benefit for Heart, Love, and Soul.

The Mitten Tree (Mission Tree) is up in the Friendship Room. Gloves for adults, mittens and hats for children of all ages are needed. Personal care items such as toothpaste, deodorant, soap, and toilette paper are not covered by food stamps and are needed as well. Our collection this year will go to Community Mission because the local need is so great.

In As Much Candy Elves have been candy making

this month and stirred up 500 boxes of delicious Butter Crunch. This year's sweet treats are \$8 per box and can be ordered through Hazel or Carole. Candy elves this year were: **Hazel Baxter, Carole and Hank Buchalski, Betty Einstein, David and Michelle Marten, Donna Flood, Chuck Compton, Marge Bozigar, Ron Bowser and Kay Buckley.** Thank you all for your hard work during the five days and counting of measuring, stirring, spreading, weighing and boxing which brought the sweet smells of another success to First Baptist Church.

Organist **Jim Flood** will present the **Second Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m.** for the **Gift of Music recital** featuring various pieces of historical interest from soft and sweet to lively and entertaining. A reception of holiday goodies will follow his seasonal presentation.

Please return the enclosed Christmas envelopes with your gift, what ever you can afford, to First Baptist when you attend service on Christmas Eve, 4:30 P.M. and Christmas morning at 11:00 A.M. Come and share your faith with us. All are welcome.

Have a beautiful and Blessed Christmas!

