









# The Beacon

A Publication of First Baptist Church Hooks, TX.

# December 2019



### **Sunday Schedule**

8:45 a.m. Prayer Room 9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Drill

5:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship



## **Wednesday Evening Schedule**

5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal6:30 p.m. Youth E.P.I.C. - Youth area

6:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Program

6:30 p.m. Prayer/Worship

Jesus is the reason for the season №

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  Decorate the Church	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
		6:30pm	Choir Practice 6pm			* Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8 am Youth Center
<b>←</b>	Lottle Moon Week of Prayer					*Choir Practice 9-11am
8 Deacon Mtg 8 am	9 Ladies Bible Study 10 am - Conf. room	10	11	12 Seniors for the Hornets	13	14
FBC Choir Christmas Cantata "His Name is Jesus" Morning Service		*Order Sunday School Literature		12 pm Antioch Christian Church		
15	16 Ladies Bible Study 10 am - Conf. room	17	18 Heroes Pantry 12:30pm @ Trinity Presbyterian  Children's Party (W.O.W.) 6:30pm	19	20	21 winter School Company (1987)
22 "Reflection & Remembrance" 6pm	23 Ladies Bible Study 10 am - Conf. room	24  Christmas Eve Service 6pm	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29 Business Meeting to vote on 2019 budget	30 Ladies Bible Study 10 am - Conf. room	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR			



# Honorariums and Memorials \* received in November 2019

\*Designated for the FBC Building Fund unless otherwise noted.

# In Honor of

Shirley Abney
Betty Spiropoulos
Robert Franklin
Marguerite Henderson
Shannon Whitten
Wayne Poteet
Sandra Hammons
<u>Bill Whitten</u>
Alliene Duke

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Eddie & Jean Trout Jeff & Eleisha Peavey Harry & Selvia Greenwood

Frankie Cooksey
Susan Dunn

HEROES PANTRY Trinity Presbyterian Dec. 18 - 12:30 pm

## In Memory of

Gary Rose Royce Smith <u>Diana Melton</u> Jeff & Eleisha Peavey

Whitfield "Bo" Miles
Clarence & Tracy Anthony
The Smith Family

# Deacons on Call

December 1
Eddie Trout
December 8
Mike Smith
December 15
Wayne Poteet
December 22
Bill Whitten

December 29
Jim Manson

Deacon's Meeting Sunday, Dec. 8 - 8 am Youth Center



Saturday, Dec. 7 8 am Youth Center



# **Lottie Moon**

Week of Payer

1<sup>st</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>

Offering

Month of

December











1	Clayton Little	13
2	Katherine Richardson	14
3	Michael Webb	16
3	Charles Evans	17
3	Will Hoppe	18
4	Marilyn Nielsen	18
5	Opal Romine	19
6	Terri Rowe	19
6	Kendal Rowe	22
7	Bobbie White	22
7	Crystal McDonald	23
7	Mary Feasel	24
8	Mark Reamer	27
8	Vickie Townley	27
8	Elizabeth Murphy	28
9	Larry Coburn	30
9	Wesley Coburn	30
10	Preston Carr	31
11	Justin Gabert	31
12	Seth Williamson	31
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	2 3 3 3 4 5 6 6 7 7 7 8 8 8 8 9 9 10 11 12	2 Katherine Richardson 3 Michael Webb 3 Charles Evans 3 Will Hoppe 4 Marilyn Nielsen 5 Opal Romine 6 Terri Rowe 6 Kendal Rowe 7 Bobbie White 7 Crystal McDonald 7 Mary Feasel 8 Mark Reamer 8 Vickie Townley 8 Elizabeth Murphy 9 Larry Coburn 9 Wesley Coburn 10 Preston Carr 11 Justin Gabert 12 Seth Williamson





### **EVERY Gift...**

"Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

- James 1:16-17 (NIV 2011)

Temptation is a problem, let's just get that out of the way. We are tempted by many things. Some of us are tempted by money; some by material things such as cars, houses, boats, or clothes. Some are tempted by food, especially with the holiday season upon us. The terrible thing about temptation is not the temptation itself, it's the fact that we give into the temptation. We are all tempted, but we don't all give into the temptation. This is the context of the above scripture. In fact, James is clear to say that temptation in the form of deception does not come from the Lord. He is giving great advice to encourage us to stay away from the evils of the world. My advice, follow what James (more importantly, God) is saying.

However, I want us to see what James is ALSO saying. Not only is James letting us know that deception does not come from God, but that good and perfect gifts come from God. He does not change, He does not deceive. Not only does God NOT deceive, but He also gives GOOD and PERFERCT gifts. It would be one thing if God never lied to us. But to give us a gift, that is more that He had to do.

Think about the best gift you ever received from a person. Maybe you received a gift from a friend, a parent, or a spouse that knew you so well that they gave you that "perfect" gift. You sat in awe. You didn't know what to say because you were amazed that the person simply "knew what to give." You were touched, not only by the gift, but by the thought behind the gift as well. It was truly perfect.

God is able to give gifts better than any person because He knows us inside and out. He created us. He knows what we need, when we need it, and how we need it. That's why His gifts are both good AND perfect. Scriptures teaches that He gives EVERY good and perfect gift. Therefore, God is responsible for all the good in our lives, the best of which is the gift of eternal life. During this season, I pray that you have the ability to pass along many good gifts to others, but especially the "good and perfect" gift of salvation, knowing that it is a blessing from God Himself.

In His Service, Bro. Grant

# Parsnips & Turnips au Gratin

www.tasteofhome.com

Prep Time: 20 min. Bake Time: 15 min Yield: 8 servings

### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 1-1/4 pounds turnips, peeled and sliced
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

#### Directions:

- 1. Place parsnips and turnips in a large saucepan; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5-7 minutes or until crisp-tender.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the soup, milk and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese until melted. Drain vegetables; transfer to an 11x7-in. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour sauce over vegetables.
- 3. Combine bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered, at 400° for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender and crumbs are golden brown. *Freeze option*: Cool unbaked casserole; cover and freeze. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 375°. Bake casserole as directed, increasing time as necessary to heat through and for a thermometer inserted in center to read 165°.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

FBC Hooks Goal: \$750