

First Baptist Church
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December Van Drivers

Sun. December 4 - Susie Emery - (740) 213-7305

Sun., December 11 - Gary Brown - (740) 934-2007

Sun., December 18 - Don Harmon - (740) 472-1442

Sun., December 25 - Dennis Dick - (740) 472-1972

If you need a ride to church, please call the van driver of the week.



Church Plant Update

The church planting team is made up of Gary Brown, Larry & Susie Emery, Brian & Sheila McKee, and Ken & Gwynn Stewart. The group is working diligently toward the next step in the process of planting a church by August 1, 2012 (only 9 months away).

Currently the church planting team is gathering information on a possible location for a plant as well as developing some basic ideas on how to search out a church planter. Please be in prayer for the entire team as well as the church planter that God will give us when the time comes.

The team would also like to encourage you to make praying for the church plant a priority in your Sunday school classes and to let them know if there are any recommendations for members of your class. More information will be given when available. Thanks.

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Striving to Present Everyone Complete in Christ

(Colossians 1:28-29)

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Service Times

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Reflections

It's Christmas time again. For roughly the 2015th time the people of the world will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. 2015 because Jesus was most likely born between 4-6 BC, though you could also say his birth wasn't even celebrated until long after he had died and rose again. Either way, we are now at that point in the year where we can focus on what Jesus was willing to do to save us.

Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in

human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Christ was willing to humble himself and come to earth so that we might have eternal life. Praise God.

I also want to take a brief moment and express my thanks to the prayer warriors who have been praying for 10 minutes a day since February. Each prayer warrior took one specific day of the week to pray for the church and for the pastor. It is my prayer that you all were dedicated to the time you chose and

faithfully prayed for these past 10 months. Let me encourage you to finish well by continuing to pray on your day throughout December. After that your commitment is complete. So thank you to all 22 prayer warriors that have served this year.

Now as we close out 2011 and get ready to bring in 2012 let me share with you some things you can expect over the next few weeks and months.

The next three Sunday mornings (Dec. 4, 11, 18) I am going to be bringing to you a series called *Operation Completion*. This is a series that will

lay out for our church the discipleship process that myself and the deacons have been working on since October. It will be an opportunity for me to explain the direction we are going to try to lead the church as well as offer you valuable insight into your own growth as a Christian.

After that we will have a Christmas service and beginning in January we will start a study on 1-3 John. You can begin preparing for that study now by reading through 1 John a few times this month. Who knows, maybe one of you will memorize it!). Merry Christmas to y'all.

~ Pastor Adam Townsend

2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

**Every year First Baptist Church as a Southern Baptist Church supports the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
Our church goal is \$1500.00**

Who Was Lottie Moon?

Lottie Moon - the namesake of the IMB's international missions offering has become something of a legend to Southern Baptists. But in her time Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. She was a hard-working, deep-loving Southern Baptist who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus. In fact, she was like today's missionaries!

Why was this offering named for the early China missionary?

Throughout her career Lottie Moon wrote numerous letters home urging Southern Baptists to greater missions involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists' first Christmas offering for international missions - enough to send three new missionaries to China. The Week of Prayer for International Missions, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis, begins Sunday, December 4, 2011. This year's offering goal is \$175 million, and 100% of all you give goes to support the work of missionaries on the field. Ninety-nine years after Moon's death, her legacy continues to make a positive impact on the people of East Asia and the world!



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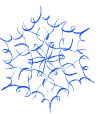
Our services (Sunday morning & evening) are webcasted live at woodsfieldfbc.com. Please report problems to fbc@woodsfieldfbc.com or Pastor Adam.

Previous Sermons Also Available Online

Unable to listen to the live webcast? You can also listen to our previous sermons online. This is a great way to review and/or catch up on what you have missed. www.woodsfieldfbc.com



December 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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GA's Every Sunday evening except the 3rd Sunday 6-7 PM	Walking Ministry M-W-F 9:00 AM Bible Study Monday's				WOM Christmas Dinner @ 6:30 PM	
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING EMPHASIS - CHURCH GOAL \$1500						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lord's Supper AM Trustees Mtg. @ 12 PM Deacon Mtg. @ 4:45 PM Business Mtg. @ 6 PM			Church Dinner @ 6 PM Church Wide Christmas Caroling @ 6:30 PM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Preschool /Children Christmas Party Missions Meetings @ 6 PM			Tweens/Nursing Home Craft Night @ 6:30	Senior Ladies Fellowship @ 11:30AM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			"Little Drummer Boy" - Veggie Tale Movie @ 6:30 PM			Christmas Eve Service @ 7 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day 			TK/Tweens Game Night @ 6:30 PM Budget Comm. Mtg. @ 7:30 PM			

Walk-the-Walk Going Back to 9:00

The ladies are going back to the old time 9:00 - 9:45 AM for walking and the Monday Bible Study at 9:45 AM, "A Confident Heart" by Renee Swope. If you have any questions please see Susie Emery or Sheila Walkley.

December Anniversaries

Dec. 02 - John & Raegan Lucio
Dec. 17 - Gary & Jean Lake

December Birthdays

Dec. 09 Ola Loveday
David Zehnder
Dec. 11 Amanda Caretti
Dec. 13 Greg Caretti
Mary Holter
Dec. 14 Timothy Townsend
Dec. 17 Anna Brown
Angie Rice
Dec. 20 David Cline
Dec. 21 Ken Stewart
Jessica Moore
Dec. 30 Michelene Rader

Christmas Eve Services

Sat., Dec. 24 @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Morning Services

Sun., Dec. 25

Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Worship Service - 10:45 AM
NO Evening Service

First Wednesday Fellowship

Wed., Dec. 7 @ 6:00 PM

Come and fellowship and enjoy supper before Wednesday night class. Just bring your appetite!

First Baptist Church Ladies Christmas Dinner

Fri., Dec. 2 @ 6:30 PM

Alpine Room

(Swiss Hills Vocational Center)

Cost: \$10.00

Menu:

Baked Steak/Stuffed Chicken Breast

Potato Casserole - Green Bean Casserole

Salad - Rolls - Drinks - Desserts

Missions Meetings

Sun., Dec. 11 @ 6:00 PM

The December Women on Mission & B-Men meetings have been moved up one week in order to discuss how best our missions meetings can support the new discipleship strategy of the church. Included will be a discussion on possibly changing our mission meetings to another day and time (e.g. 3rd Wed. @ 5:30PM). Please come and share your ideas with the group.



Christmas Schedule

Wed., Dec. 7th - Church Wide Christmas Caroling - 6:30 PM

Wed., Dec. 21st - "The Little Drummer Boy" - 6:30 PM

Sat., Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM

Sun., Dec. 25th - Sunday School - 9:30 AM - Worship Service - 10:45 AM - NO PM Services

The Little Drummer Boy

Now Showing

Wed., Dec. 21 @ 6:30 PM

*Come and bring a friend for a movie
and popcorn! All ages welcome!*



Operation Christmas Child FINAL Update!

Thanks to everyone for helping with the Shoebox ministry. The church members that brought in items, money for shipping, youth for wrapping boxes, TeamKID's & Tweens for packing and delivering to drop-off point. This is truly a "cooperative" endeavor! All tasks are needed and appreciated! We were able to send 38 boxes this year. Remember to watch next year starting in July or August for a list of items to donate! Thanks Angie Dick for all your work on this ministry. It wouldn't have gone smoothly without you! We DO appreciate you!



FBC's World Hunger Offering

Your gifts to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund do make a difference. Every dollar given goes directly to feeding hungry people either by providing food or helping them to learn how to grow their own food. No administrative costs are associated with this fund. These funds are used for direct hunger ministry as well as agricultural education.

Total Collected from FBC: \$245.67
Thank You Church!

