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## A Few Thoughts From Pastor Paul...

### Worship Service Times

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

*Morning Service  
Broadcast on WJLT  
(105.3 FM) at 10:00 am  
and on Channel 72  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

### Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

### Minister on Call

685-3681

**A SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR!** What a wonderful season of Advent! I hope this time of preparation allowed you and your family to truly consider the significance of this season. Thanks to **Mark Slaughter** and the entire music ministry for leading us in worship! Our prayer is that you are better prepared to celebrate the Lord's birth this year.

**2011: A MEMORABLE YEAR!** 2011 will certainly be a year to remember financially as we anticipate surpassing our budget. We consistently were ahead of budget for the majority of the year until the last quarter. Thanks to each of you for your faithfulness to the Lord in giving through First Baptist Church.

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING!** Last Wednesday, December 14 was our final Business Meeting of the year. We had a couple of important agenda items, which were finalized, and I wanted to share them with you. We confirmed ten men to serve as Deacons for the next three years. Each are already ordained, so they will begin their duties in January. They are **David Bivins, Sam Wilson, David Webb, Ray Gillespie, Joe Wilk, Woody Maglinger, Andy Anderson, Doug Cavender, Matt Robbins, and Steve Swift.** I look forward to serving alongside these men! We also approved the construction of a reception desk outside of Sherry's office. Construction will begin between Christmas and New Year's.

**CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY!** We will have only one service on Christmas Day and **Wes Dunn** will be preaching. Our family will be on the road to Texas and I am so glad Wes will be able to be here. If you are in town come and worship at FBC. The New Year's Day schedule will be Sunday School at 9:45 am and one worship service at 11:00 am. **Lee Brown** will be preaching, so begin your new year by worshipping together.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND SPECIAL OFFERING!** Most of you are aware of our special Christmas Eve Lord's Supper service but we have added an additional element this year. We are asking everyone to bring an offering, which 100% will go to our Benevolence Fund. This year has been a very active one in regards to helping people through our Benevolent ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this ministry for 2012. We do have a budgeted line item but we expect another active year and we also believe this is a great way to enhance our Worship during this special service.

**JANUARY 8** will also be a special day as we welcome back to our church **Bruce Ammons.** Bruce will preach in both morning services and then will conduct an afternoon seminar from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The seminar is entitled "**FINANCIAL STRENGTH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**" and here is a sampling of the topics you will hear:

- The 10 Biblical Causes of a "Leaky Bank Account"
- What to do if your 401K has become a 201K
- What we learn from Colonel Sanders that will help us retire with more than enough
- How to be debt free in three years (including mortgage)...featuring the "Debt Free Time Table"
- How "stuff" steals from you
- How to settle financial disagreements in marriage
- How 30 days can change your financial future
- How to find money
- Introduction to the "Debt Domino." It is like putting your "debt snowball" on steroids!
- A surprise money source that may increase your cash flow by \$500 monthly...and it only takes 30 minutes!
- Does money really talk? Or does it listen?

Beginning **FEBRUARY 1** we will be asking every member of the church to participate in **ESSENTIAL 100 CHALLENGE.** MORE INFO SOON!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

*The Strahan family*



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## Holiday Schedule

### No Wednesday Night

### Supper or Activities (Office Open)

Wednesday, December 21

### Office & CLC Hours

Office Closing at 2:30 on December 22

Office Closed December 23 and December 26

CLC Closed December 23 through December 26

### Christmas Eve Candlelight

### Communion Service

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

### Worship Service Information

Sunday, December 25

One Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am

*No Sunday School or Evening Worship Service*

### No Wednesday Night

### Supper or Activities (Office Open)

Wednesday, December 28

### No Newsletter

Thursday, December 29 or January 5

*Your Next newsletter will be dated January 12*

### Worship Service Information

Sunday, January 1

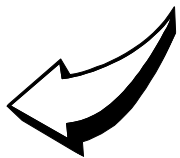
*Sunday School at 9:45 am*

One Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am

### Office & CLC Hours

Closed on Monday, January 2

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this issue for  
more exciting  
news about the  
Church.



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## Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
8:00 am- 4:30 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

*Please check the FBC calendar for any special Holiday Hours!*

There will be no evening youth activities on the following dates:  
**December 21**  
**December 25**  
**December 28**  
**January 1**

## AWANA

During the months of December and January, Awana will be making blankets to give to those in need. We are needing fleece pieces measuring 58-60 in. X 2-2 1/2 yards. We will take any color or design. You can drop them off at the Preschool desk or the church office.



**Students:** Sign up now for Serve & Ski 2012! We will serve the Owensboro community on Saturday, January 14 and will ski on Monday, January 16. All who serve on Saturday will be able to ski at a discounted rate. Visit [FBCStudentsOnline.org](http://FBCStudentsOnline.org) to sign up or contact Lee Brown with any questions.

## 2011-2012 FBC High School Boys Basketball Schedule

All games are played at Owensboro Christian  
January 7 ..... 1:00 pm  
January 14 ..... 11:00 am  
*Come out and support these young men.*

There will be no **Fitness @ First** Classes from *December 21-January 3* due to the Christmas and New Years Holidays.

## FIRST FITNESS CHALLENGE

**WHAT:** Kick off the first of the year with some exercise. Log mileage by walking, running, biking, fitness classes and playing basketball.

**WHO:** All Adult Sunday School Classes

**WHY:** For some, bragging rights....for others, fun, fellowship, a healthy heart and happy feet!

**WHEN:** January 3, 2011 – February 14, 2011

**WHERE:** Christian Life Center (CLC)

Prizes Awarded for:  
Sunday School Participation  
Sunday School Class Distance  
Male and Female Distance



## Calendar of Activities

**Thursday, December 22**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Office Closing at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 23**  
Office and CLC Closed

**Saturday, December 24**  
CLC Closed  
5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 25**  
CLC Closed  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship

**Monday, December 26**  
Office & CLC Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 29**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 30**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 31**  
CLC open 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1**  
CLC Closed  
9:45 a.m. .... Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship

**Monday, January 2**  
Office & CLC Closed

**Tuesday, January 3**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
6:00 a.m. .... Early Risers  
5:15 p.m. .... Praise Band

**Wednesday, January 4**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
4:45 p.m. .... Family Supper  
5:30 p.m. .... AWANA  
5:45 p.m. .... Orchestra  
6:00 p.m. .... Bible Study & SS  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, January 5**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 6**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 7**  
CLC open 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 8**  
CLC Closed  
8:30 a.m. .... Classic Worship  
9:45 a.m. .... Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. .... Elevate Worship  
3:00 p.m. .... Financial Peace

**Monday, January 9**  
CLC hours

**Tuesday, January 10**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
6:00 a.m. .... Early Risers  
5:15 a.m. .... Praise Band

**Wednesday, January 11**  
CLC open 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
4:45 p.m. .... Family Supper  
5:30 p.m. .... AWANA  
5:45 p.m. .... Orchestra  
6:00 p.m. .... Bible Study & SS  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir

## Ministry Reports

**Sunday, December 11, 2011**  
Sunday School..... 700  
Nursing Home..... 31  
Jail..... 70  
**Total..... 801**  
**D.T..... 220**

### Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:..\$43,931.20  
Weekly Budget Offering: .....\$54,717.68  
Designated: .....\$ 2,577.00  
STV Offering: .....\$ 22.00  
FOM Offering:.....\$ 13,159.00  
**Total Offering:.....\$70,475.68**  
Budget Goal to Date:.....\$2,196,560.00  
Budget Offering to Date:.....\$2,159,312.21  
**Amount: .....\$ (37,247.79)**

YTD STV Offering .....\$ 20,747.50  
YTD FOM.....\$123,331.25

**Hospital...**Peggy Bivin, Aileen Horn, Cora Tucker, Clyde Willis and Celena Keel (Louisville).

**Congratulations...**Torrey Grooms and Alyson (Orth) Grooms who were married December 10.

**Sympathy...**Christian love and sympathy to Karen Bishop in the death of her grandmother.

## Merry Christmas

We give God all the Glory for 2011 and the opportunities we have had to minister peace and goodwill.

May your Christmas be filled with joy and the new year bring you and your family many blessings.

Love and Thanks from the entire Staff of First Baptist Church