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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.*

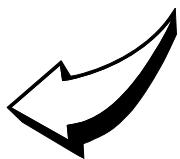
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Minister on Call
685-3681

December 1-8
Suzie Horner

December 8-15
Matt Mason

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this issue for
more exciting
news about the
Church.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Resound Concert & Children's Choir



Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

First Christmas

Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
More information on page 3

Access Assured Concert

Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

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

Office Closed

December 24 and December 25

Worship Service Information

Sunday, December 28
One Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am
NO Evening Worship Service

No Wednesday Night

Supper or Activities (Office Open)
Wednesday, December 31

No Newsletter

Thursday, December 25 or January 1

Office Closed January 1

THANKSGIVING! I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with family and good food. We are blessed and have so much for which to be thankful. We enjoyed our holidays with some of our family. God is good all the time. Here are a few thoughts from Pastor Ron about the holidays I think you will enjoy.

Thanksgiving was more about family and fellowship than presents and personal satisfaction. I could be wrong, but I think that is more what our faith would have us to be focused on at Christmas too.

Wouldn't it be great if instead of doing Christmas the way it's been every year for as long as we can remember to change it...at least in some small way this year? A few suggestions...

- 1. This year really do something that is totally for someone else WITHOUT spending one penny for a present.*
- 2. This year sit around and tell stories. Relive fond memories of wonderful things that God has done.*
- 3. Take some time to really thank God for our blessings. Be purposeful by naming the blessings...and don't hold back.*
- 4. Look your family in the eye and tell them you love them... one by one... and what your prayers are for them.*

A BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR! This is a very busy time of the year for most people and especially those in retail. My prayer is that I do not get so caught up in the festive celebration and commercialization of Christmas and forget the real meaning of it all. Jesus Christ was born! Immanuel, God with Us! Celebrate with family, friends, and those less fortunate all the while remembering the purpose of it all. Share the good news with someone this week.

FIRST ON MISSIONS! Don't forget about the shoes as you put them on and take them off we are praying for Missions and our involvement physically and financially.

PLEDGE CARDS! If you haven't turned in your pledge card you still have time. I want to make perfectly clear the pledge you make is not binding but is an estimate for many whose income fluctuates during the year. None of us can predict what life will bring in the year 2009 but it is helpful for our church to make sure we are in line financially. God is still in charge and we depend upon Him for everything.

From my family to you ...WE LOVE YOU!

Paul


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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Those of you who have children in the Children's Ministry, don't forget to send your email address to bwillis@fbcowb.org. **THANK YOU!**

Newsletter information must be submitted in writing no later than Friday at 9:00 a.m. for the following week's newsletter.

You may fax your information (683-8067) or email it to myoung@fbcowb.org.

Senior Adult Country Ham Breakfast and Bible Study

Friday, December 5
8:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Tickets \$1

Denny Waldroup presents
Andrew "The Apostle of Small Things"

Christmas Basket Contributions NEEDED....

During the next few weeks we will be taking MONETARY donations to go towards "FOOD GIFT CERTIFICATES" for families in need at Christmas. We urge everyone to prayerfully consider your part in this much needed program. Contact the church office for additional information.

MEN'S FASTBREAK LEAGUE...

The Men's Church Basketball League begins in January, consisting of one game per week on either a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night. Any men interested in participating on the FBC team, please contact Susan Taylor or Wesley Dunn in the CLC. Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 14.

Christmas Poinsettias

In memory of: Allene Mazzara by Ed Mazzara; Allene Mazzara by daughters, Kim, Donna & Allison; Christine Hayes & Paula Bryson by Jerry & Sherry Kasinger; Frank Parks & Paul Waldroup by Denny & Lee Waldroup; Trib Ball by New Ladies Class; Jean Tolin & Fred Tolin by Shane, Barbara & Hayden Wilson; their Loved Ones by Rob & Jan Carlton; Mr. & Mrs. James M. Davis by Don and Martha Stroud; and Eugene Stroud by Don & Martha Stroud.

In honor of: their Loved Ones by Rob & Jan Carlton; and Mrs. Gertrude Stroud by Don & Martha Stroud.

Preschool/Children's Christmas Party & Parent's Night Out

Friday, December 12 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY...As we approach the Christmas season we wanted to make everyone aware of a ministry opportunity that your Sunday School class or your family may want to participate in. The Children's Ministry has observed that there are children and families here at First Baptist that may need some extra help at Christmas this year. If you or your class are interested in helping, please contact Suzie Horner in the church office or Becky Mobley at 929-1945 or Heather Wood, FBC's Financial Secretary. Any donations are appreciated and need to be received by December 12.

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, December 4

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.....Upwards
5:15 p.m.....Zumba

Friday, December 5

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.....Finance Mtg.
8:00 a.m.....Sr. Adult Breakfast

Saturday, December 6

CLC open 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7

CLC Closed
Library open 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.....Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.....Bible Study
11:00 a.m.....Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.....K-12 Choirs
6:00 p.m.....Children's Concerts

Monday, December 8

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.....Zumba
9:45 a.m.....Strength Training
5:00 p.m.....Upwards

Tuesday, December 9

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.....Promise Keepers
10:00 a.m.....Ladies Bible Study
5:15 p.m.....Zumba

Wednesday, December 10

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.....Zumba
9:45 a.m.....Strength Training
4:45 p.m.....Family Supper
5:30 p.m.....TeamKid & Orchestra
6:00 p.m.....Bible Study & Youth
7:00 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir

Ministry Reports

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Sunday School..... 631
Nursing Home 33
Jail..... 82
Total..... 746

D.T. Total (No Wednesday Night) 139

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$47,532.45
Weekly Budget Offering:\$35,458.28
Designated:\$ 2,798.00
STV Offering:.....\$ 55.00
FOM Offering:\$ 6,465.00
Total Offering:.....\$44,776.28
Budget Goal to Date:\$2,234,025.15
Budget Offering to Date:.....\$2,012,964.61
Amount Under:\$ 221,060.54
YTD STV Offering\$26,147.45
YTD FOM.....\$67,881.35

In the Hospital...Kathryn Dillow and Lindsey Horn.

Sympathy...Christian love and sympathy to Blake and Brock Taylor in the death of their great-grandmother, Brownie Taylor; Matt Mason and family in the death of his grandmother, Nell Mason; Eddie James in the death of his brother-in-law, Wendell Leach; Marian Wilson and family in the death of her husband, George S. Wilson, III; the family of Corinna Marie Thomas; Diane Mackey in the death of her mother, Mary Ella Burns Johnson; Mandy Mayfield in the death of her grandmother, Virginia Rumage Clary; and Sherry Monroe and Liz Floyd in the death of Maxine Heath, mother and grandmother respectively.

Christian Women Connecting...

Attention all young adult ladies and women of the church (18 and older)

Coming Event in 2009

Saturday, February 28
Conference and Lunch
Guest Speaker: Cindi Wood
Author of "Frazzled Female"

Anne Graham Lotz *presents:*

PURSuing MORE OF JESUS
March 6-March 8 in Colorado Springs, CO



Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church



First Christmas

Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm

First Christmas is going to be a wonderful time of worship and celebrating the glorious music of the Christmas season. Please invite someone to join you on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm as we come together to sing and proclaim the birth of our Savior. The choir and orchestra will present a wide variety of music from spirituals, traditional carols, modern songs, to classical music of the 17th century. All will be done beautifully and in such a way to honor the Lord and encourage us all. Come and join the celebration...We hope to see you there!

**Access Assured
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 pm**

Presented by the Worship Ministry of First Baptist Church