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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.*

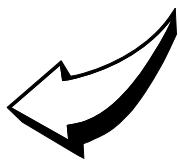
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Minister on Call
685-3681

December 8-15
Matt Mason

December 15-22
Mark Slaughter

See inside
this issue for
more exciting
news about the
Church.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Christmas

Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
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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
(The office will be open on Friday, December 26)

Worship Service Information

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

**No Wednesday Night
Supper or Activities**

Wednesday, December 31 (Office Open)

No Newsletter

Thursday, December 25 or January 1

Office Closed January 1

(The office will be open on Friday, January 2)

**First On
Missions**
GOAL: \$210,000
RECEIVED:
\$74,533.35
as of 11/30/08



GIFTS FOR "JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS" Most of you are aware of the ministry to children whose parents are in jail. This is a wonderful ministry coordinated and organized by the **Daviess McLean Baptist Association**. At the time of this writing they were still about 100 gifts short of what they needed. The greatest need was for baby gifts. Before you go out and buy some make sure you give **Leslie** a call at the Baptist building. Their phone number is **684-2378**. They will be making delivery of those gifts this week as well. If you can help in making deliveries, routes will be available on Friday and Leslie can assist you with that.

FIRST ON MISSIONS! We are gaining on our goal but we still need everyone working together to make it happen. Just a reminder for all of us, the more we give to **FOM** the more each of our ministries will benefit. Thanks for your faithfulness.

CONGRATULATIONS! Linda Waller is celebrating 20 years of faithful service to the music ministry here at FBC.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC! We are enjoying some very good Christmas music from our choirs and coming up you will want to mark on your calendars **December 14 and 21**. Each of those Sunday evenings will be set-aside for some special times of beautiful Christmas Worship music. Check out the calendar and don't miss it!

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS! A member of our church asked me the other day about the true meaning of Christmas. I didn't write the following but I believe it explains the true meaning very well.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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

Paul



Becoming Fully Devoted Followers of Christ

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First Baptist Church *Becoming Fully Devoted Followers of Christ!*



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.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All contributions must be post-marked on or before December 31 and received in the church office by January 2 to be counted for 2008 tax purposes.

You may also drop your contribution off at the church office on Wednesday, December 31 until 4:30 pm.

MEN'S FASTBREAK BASKETBALL 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 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.

Christmas Poinsettias

In memory of: Jack Somerville by his family; Emmett McKinney and Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Jagoe Sr. by Carlos and Ethel Jagoe; Jack and Joan Fisher by Amy Fisher; and Henry Phelps by Ovellia and family.

In honor of: Hazel McKinney by Carlos & Ethel Jagoe.

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.

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

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

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Contact Suzie or Becky in the church office for additional information or to sign up.

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, December 11

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

Friday, December 12

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.....Children's Party

Saturday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 14

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.....First Christmas
7:00 p.m.....Deacons' Meeting

Monday, December 15

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 16

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.....Promise Keepers
5:00 p.m.....Upwards
5:15 p.m.....Zumba

Wednesday, December 17

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 30, 2008

Sunday School..... 538
Nursing Home 35
Jail..... 80

Total..... 653

D.T. Total 370

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$47,532.45

Weekly Budget Offering:\$32,717.85

Designated:\$ 772.00

STV Offering:.....\$ 215.00

FOM Offering:\$ 7,187.00

Total Offering:.....\$40,891.85

Budget Goal to Date:\$2,281,557.60

Budget Offering to Date:.....\$2,045,682.46

Amount Under:\$ 235,875.14

YTD STV Offering\$26,362.45

YTD FOM.....\$74,533.35

In the Hospital...

Kathryn Dillow, Juel Matthews, Janet Turner, and Earle Adams.

Sympathy...

Christian love and sympathy to Bob Julian and Brett Julian in the death of MaDonna Cunningham, sister and aunt respectively who died November 28 in Indianapolis, IN; Roberta Driesler in the death of her husband, Morris Driesler who died December 4; the family of Adelle Mobberly who died December 4, in Beaver Dam, KY; and John Connor and family in the death of his wife, Betty Baker Connor who died November 23.

Children's Skate Night (grades K-5th grade)

Monday, December 22 from 6:00-9:00 pm

Call the church office for more details.

2009 Senior Adult Travel Preview Party

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
in the CLC Parlor at 2:00 pm

Trips planned are: Atlanta-Calloway Garden; Alaskan Cruise; Greece-Journey to the Land of St. Paul; and the Rockettes in Nashville. Plus our annual regulars: a KY State Park; Derby Dinner; and Mystery Trip.





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