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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.

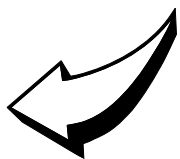
Minister on Call
685-3681

December 15-22
Mark Slaughter

December 22-29
Bob Farmer

Dec. 29-Jan. 5
Wesley Dunn

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




**Christmas
Eve Service**

Observance of the Lord's Supper

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


Merry Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"
Luke 2:14

*We give God all the Glory for 2008
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**



FIRST CHRISTMAS! We enjoyed a wonderful experience of Worship last Sunday evening. Thanks to Mark and the Music ministry for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to our Lord.

FIRST ON MISSION FINAL PUSH! Our goal is \$210,000.00. I realize there is a long way to go but I am not counting you out. I have seen God do some amazing things financially through you every year. I am praying and asking God to do it again. There are two Sundays left in this year. You still have time to give. WE CAN DO IT!!!! With God all things are possible. Don't forget to pray for the Missionaries especially during the holidays. I was reminded of that through an email Jeff Gray sent me recently. I assured him we would be praying. I don't think he would mind me sharing that email with you. Here it is;

Dear Pastor Paul,

I wanted to wish you and our FBC family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. FBC has been such a blessing this year! We know that our strength comes from Him through your intercession. We have in fact moved into Mozambique and are beginning to settle in and unpack our boxes. The kids love the place and spend each afternoon playing with kids in the village. Haley and Vivian are speaking Chiyawo better with each passing day. Yesterday, I heard Vivian throw a little Portuguese into her Chiyawo! We're also glad to have Amanda home for the holidays as we have missed her. She loves school and is doing well. Praise God!

This will be our third Christmas away from friends and family. This season is probably the most difficult time for most missionaries. HOWEVER, the Lord laid something on my heart and I thought I would share it with you. Christmas is an amazing holiday but we often forget what it's all about...So, yesterday in my quiet time the Lord laid something on my heart. Here it goes...

Typically, Easter is the time that we focus on the days leading up to Calvary and the pain that Jesus experienced. Yesterday I realized that the sacrifice began at Bethlehem and not Calvary. It is my prayer that God will give me the strength to submit myself to Him daily and that I would find great joy in sacrificing myself for the sake of my Lord and King. What a merciful and loving God we serve. It is our prayer that FBC experience the true joy of this blessed season by remembering the great sacrifice that was made at Bethlehem.

We love you in the Triumphant and Blessed Name of Jesus!

Jeff and The Girls

Jesus Loves You Chiyawo: Isa Akunonyela Wawo gajenji

From my family to you thanks for all the cards, gifts, and words of encouragement this year...Merry Christmas!

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.

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

First On Missions

GOAL: \$210,000

**RECEIVED:
\$93,826.35**

(Total as of December 7)

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, December 18

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.....Upwards

5:15 p.m.....Zumba

Friday, December 19

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

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.Access Assured

7:00 p.m.Business Meeting

Monday, December 22

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.Zumba

9:45 a.m.Strength Training

6:00 p.m.Children's Skate Night

Tuesday, December 23

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

6:00 a.m.Promise Keepers

5:15 p.m.Zumba

Wednesday, December 24

OFFICE & CLC CLOSED

5:00 p.m.Christmas Eve Service

For additional calendar information please go to www.fbcowb.org/calendar.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm)

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, Jan. 2 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm)

For members of the church who are interested in spending 9 minutes that can save your life, and prevent stroke, Life Line Screening will be here, Monday, January 26. The stroke test is painless and non-invasive and just takes 9 minutes. Please call 1-800-679-5609 to make your appointment. We care about your health.

Worship Service

Our Traditional Service is aired on Channel 72 on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION...

The Western Recorder will not publish the next two weeks because of the holidays. The next newsletter you will receive will be dated January 8.

Check out our website at www.fbcowb.org for contact information, programs, resources calendar of events, Wednesday night supper menu, and more...

Christmas Concert Access Assured
(Youth Ensemble)
Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 pm

Ministry Reports

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Sunday School..... 596

Nursing Home 30

Jail..... 78

Total..... 704

D.T. Total 359

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$47,532.45

Weekly Budget Offering:\$56,472.47

Designated:\$ 1,673.52

STV Offering:.....\$ 2,065.00

FOM Offering:\$19,293.00

Total Offering:.....\$79,503.99

Budget Goal to Date:\$2,329,090.05

Budget Offering to Date:.....\$2,102,154.93

Amount Under:\$ 226,935.12

YTD STV Offering\$28,427.45

YTD FOM.....\$93,826.35

In the Hospital...

Kathryn Dillow, Peggy Bivin, Juel Matthews, Linda Waller and Lorraine Claypool.

Sympathy...

Christian love and sympathy to Roberta Driesler in the death of her husband, **Morris Driesler** who died December 4.

Poinsettias...

In memory of: **Halbert Tucker** by Cora, Glenn, DeAnn, Bradley and Owen Tucker; **Paul and Ruth Ferguson** by Bruce Ferguson; **Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Toler** by Bruce Ferguson; and **Marvin Clark, Jr.** by Evelyn and family.

KIDZ CORNER information for Children and Parents...

Hop on Frogger Blogger for up to the minute details of events, informative news and pictures. "What is Frogger Blogger?" you might ask. Well, go to www.fbcowb.org and click on the Ministry tab, then Children's Ministry, and then jump on the Frogger Blogger and find out for yourself.

Skate Night (grades K-5th grade)

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

Coming up in January! Saturday, Jan. 17

Bowling for grades K-5 and a trip to the Museum of Science and History for the preschoolers. Just look on the FBC website and hop on Frogger Blogger for the times and more details.

