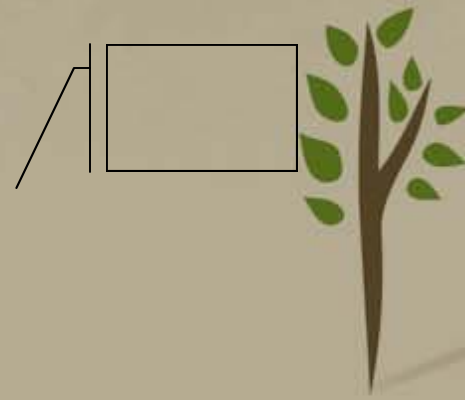


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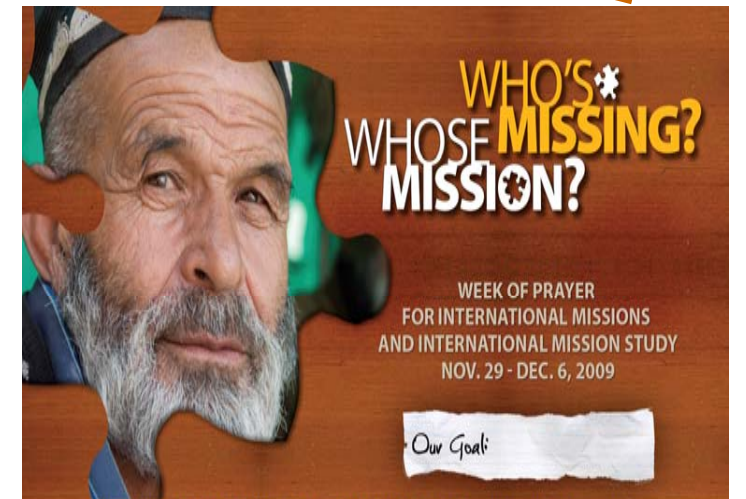


"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The might God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

May God graciously bless you all with a glorious Christmas . . .

The Ministers and the entire FBC church Staff.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL FOR 2009 \$ 30,000



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING* National Goal: \$175 million
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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



Your Faithfulness

Financially, December is always the best month of the church year in terms of tithes and offerings. If you have fallen behind in your giving...or have been unusually blessed...or simply compute your tithe at year's end, I would encourage you to experience the joy of giving faithfully, generously, and even sacrificially to Christ through the church budget. To receive contribution credit, gifts must be brought to the church office by **noon** or postmarked by **midnight** on December 31. I believe God will richly bless your faith and faithfulness.

It is a joy to serve as your Pastor. May the Lord grant you and yours a glorious Christmas!

Howard L. Gates
Matthew 1:21



Our Blessed Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ
Who Died For Our Sins
Invites You To
A Supper In His Honor
December 20, 2009
5:00 PM
Silent and Candlelight

Lottie Moon

There is no better way to honor Christ than to be part of winning others to Him. Throughout December we as Southern Baptists have a unique opportunity in worldwide evangelism through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our goal this year is \$30,000, all of which goes to assist our missionaries around the earth. We launch the effort with a Week of Prayer, November 29 thru December 6, in which we ask you to pray for missions each day. I hope you will have a worthy part in both praying and giving.

Celebrating the Birth of Christ

We celebrate the coming of Christ in so many special ways at First Baptist. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the dates and times of the following special events: Children's Choir presentation (with congregational carol singing), Celebration Choir musical, Silent Lord's Supper, Christmas Eve service, Live Nativity, and Mexico Mission trip. Each Sunday morning from November 29 to year's end, we will have Sunday School at 9:45 and one combined worship service at 11:00. Every Lord's Day, in our worship, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to FBC

BY STATEMENT:
Matt Gaetz—November 1

BY LETTER:

Ken & Jeanne Robinson - November 8
Clayton & DeAnna Coker— November 8
Joshua Bishop November 15
Lee & Jenni Dorman November 22

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Hannah Robinson
Alexis Robinson
Ryan Ashley

BAPTISM:

Wyatt Winslette November 22
Leo Hicks November 22

WANTING TO SHARE THEIR JOY WITH FRIENDS, MENTORS, CLASSMATES, AND THE ,FBC FAMILY YOU ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF

Brian Buckelew to Denise Deager

12 December 2009
First Baptist Church, FWB
21 First Street
4:00-7:00

BAR-B-QUE
CASUAL ATTIRE
THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS SUFFICIENT

We realize this is the Christmas season and some may have Christmas parties to attend. Come early, visit with Brian and Denise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

<i>Division</i>	<i>11/1</i>	<i>11/8</i>	<i>11/15</i>	<i>11/22</i>	<i>Avg. (4-Wk)</i>
Preschool	55	63	55	56	57
Children	53	57	60	54	56
Special Ed	11	15	10	13	12
Youth	55	48	60	37	50
Adults	296	300	321	300	304
Single Adults	63	58	60	53	58
Gen. Officers	12	12	12	12	12
TOTAL	545	553	578	525	550

Children in Crisis needs our help in providing grounds maintenance ONE Saturday each month Please contact Don Langley if you can assist in this mission endeavor... 863-1723 or 341-5510. Several SS Depts. or groups can commit to one or more months. PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP!

We mourn with you



Dale Winslette in the death of his brother;
Steve Baker in the death of his mother;
Stan Shaneyfelt in the death of his brother.



Live NATIVITY

Begins on December 16 At Santa Rosa Mall



FBC Music Ministry

Each display of light we see during the December month can remind us that Jesus is the “light of the world”. The apostles Matthew and John repeatedly used the word “light” to describe Jesus’ redemptive power and mission. Matthew wrote, “The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” (Matt. 4:16, NIV) John stated, “The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.”

(Jn. 1:9, NIV)

Come join the Celebration Choir and Orchestra as we celebrate the “light of the world.”

December 13th @ 5:00 pm



We exist to give kids a foundation for FAITH, teaching them to IMITATE Christ, RESPOND to God and SERVE others as a part of God's TEAM.

“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the reverence of the LORD.” Psalm 34:11

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Sat, Dec 19 8:30—10:30am

At the Live Nativity

Bring the whole family as we celebrate Christ and His birth!



DECEMBER'S IMPORTANT DATES

December 6th: Children's music and carol sing

December 13th: Celebration Choir & Orchestra Presentation

December 20th: Silent Lord's Supper

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service



Gift Ideas!!!

As you run around town thinking of gift ideas for others, do not forget that we have items available each week at the end of First Kids 252. We have CD's of all of the music we sing as well as T-shirts for sale. All proceeds supports First Kids 252 so come by and check us out!



www.twitter.com/firstkidschurch

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service with Choir
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service with Praise Team
 5:30 PM Small Groups
 6:00 Evening Worship

Monday

8:00 AM Monday Morning Ministry
 9:00 AM SR Adult Exercise, CLC

Tuesday

12:00 PM Alanon, B10
 1:00 PM Griefshare, CLC (13-wk study)
 6:00 PM Pilates, CLC

Wednesday

9:30 AM International Bible Study, B23
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, M105
 10:30 AM Wednesday Friends, B16
 3:30 PM Prayer in Welcome Center
 4:30 PM -5:45 PM Family Supper
 5:30 PM Media Center Open
 5:45 PM Bible Study
 5:45 PM Preschool/Children Choirs
 6:00 PM Youth—Resound, CS Bldg, 3rd Floor
 6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Mission Friends, RA's, GA's
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 7:30 PM Praise Band

Thursday

9:30 AM International English School
 12:00 PM Alanon, B10
 5:00 PM Bible Study (Browning), M103
 6:00 PM Pilates, CLC

Friday

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study, M103

Family Supper Menu's

Dec 2—Lasagna, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Garlic/Parmesan Flat Bread, dessert








Dec 9— Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls, dessert

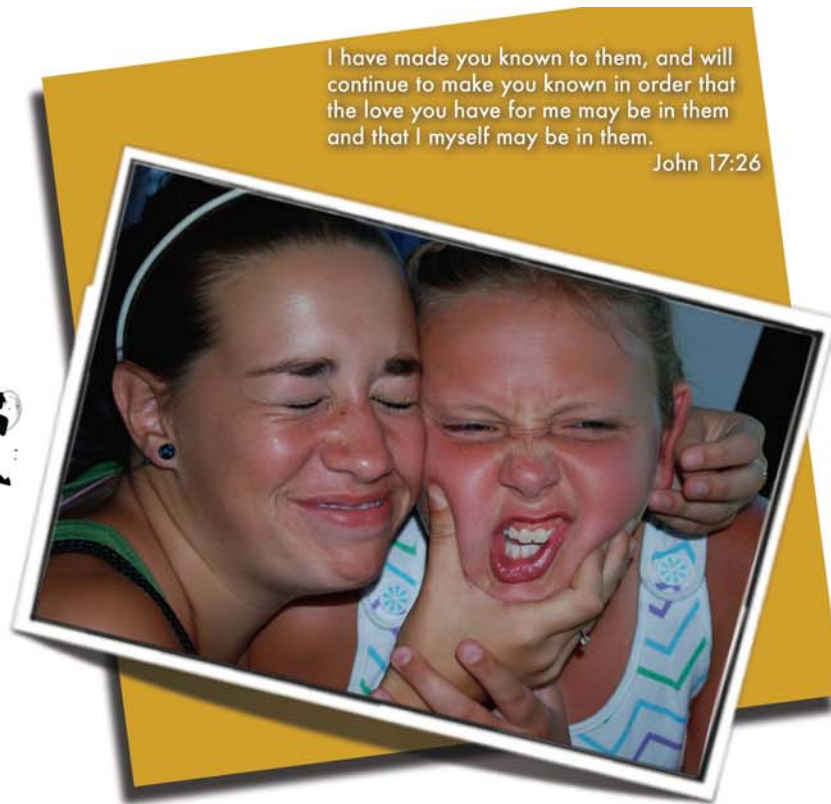
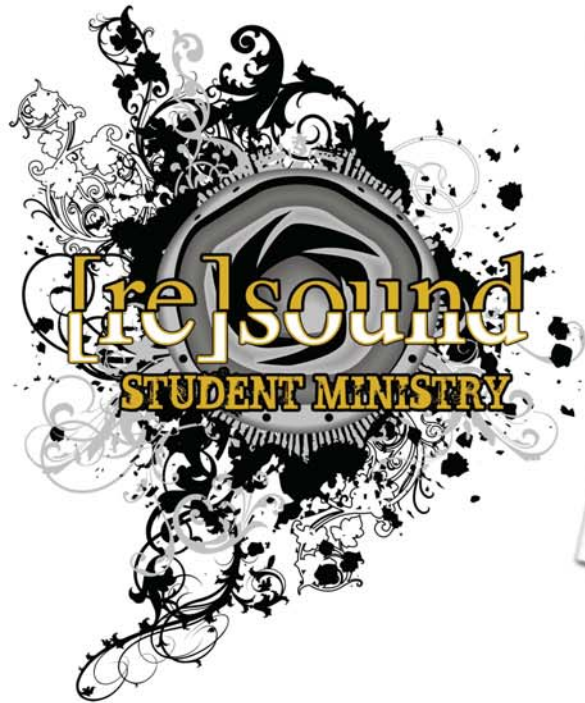
Dec 16 — Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert

White Meat is an additional \$1.00 and reservation required for all chicken meals.

December 2009 Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	Week of Prayer for International Missions—Lottie Moon—November 29– December 6			Prayer for Missions Welcome Center 10a	 Tea Party	Ladies Christmas Tea Fellowship Hall 3p
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
One Morning Worship 11 AM 1-3 p Angel Tree Party Children's Music 5p		Prayer for Missions at Kelly Bennett's Home 630p MA04-MA09 Fellowship	Current Missions MA08 Mtg-M103		Prime Timers 11:30 am	Brian Buckelew Reception 4-7p Fellowship Hall
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
One Morning Worship 11 AM Adult Choir Musical 5p	Deacon's Banquet 6p	Finance Com., 11:30am Current Missions 10:30a	Church Conference Live Nativity Begins at Santa Rosa Mall		 NewsLetter DEADLINE	Breakfast in Bethlehem at Live Nativity 830a
20	21	22	23	24	25	
One Morning Worship 11 AM Silent Lord's Supper 5p	 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE		Evening Services at Live Nativity	Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Church Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
One Morning Worship 11 AM No Evening Services			No Evening Services	 ATTENTION! 2009 Contribution Due by 12pm	 Happy New Year! Church Office Closed	



I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.
John 17:26

CLC News



Practice for basketball and cheerleading begins in December, and games will start in January 2010. We are in need of referees for the basketball games. Please contact the CLC if you can assist in the games. The last Upward practice before the holiday break is Thursday, December 17th.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENIN' @ [RE]SOUND STUDENT MINISTRY...



**Insomnia
Youth Lock-In**

When: Friday, December 11th 9pm - 8am
Where: First Baptist Church CLC
What: This lock-in will be combined with the First United Methodist Church's youth ministry. We will have pizza, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, lot's of coffee (mainly for me!), Dodge Ball and may even have a DJ Hero Battle!



[re]verb groups will not meet during month of December! We will complete the current book on Sunday, January 10th. The following Sunday we will begin our new study. The next book is "Forgotten God", by Francis Chan.

Check it out @

www.facebook.com/forgottengodbyfrancischan



**What: Flag Football
Where: CHS Practice Fields
When: Sunday 2:00 - 4:00pm**

Important Dates:

- 12/5 - Yard Work Day @ Children in Crisis...8 am till finished
- 12/6 - Children's Musical in Sanctuary
- 12/11 - Insomnia Youth Lock-In
- 12/13 - Christmas Musical in Sanctuary
- 12/20 - Youth Christmas Party @ the McDonald's House 7pm
- 12/23 - No [re]sound
- 12/30 - No [re]sound

Regular Weekly Schedule

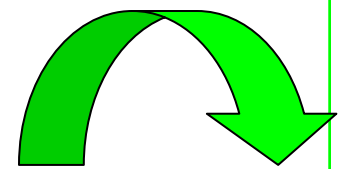
Wednesday @ 6pm : [re]sound

Sunday @ 9:45 am : AXIS Bible Study

Sunday @ 6:00 pm : [re]verb small groups

Follow us on facebook @ www.facebook.com/resound

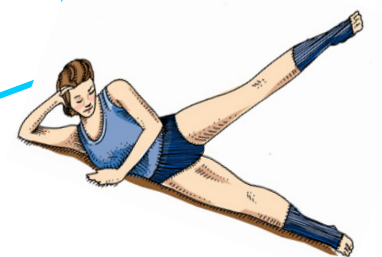
Extended Hours Projected in CLC January - March 2010	
Sunday	closed
Monday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm



NOTICE...
The CLC will Be closed Thursday, December 24th And reopen Monday January 4th.



DECEMBER 18, 5:00 pm
DECEMBER 19, 9:00 AM
IN THE clc café.





**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5TH**
3:00—5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Our theme is based on the book by Janice Mussell entitled, "Tea In Season." Tables will be decorated to represent the seasons of the Year.
Cost is \$10.00 per person. Call the church Office for availability of tickets for this very special event.

**Our Tithes & Offerings
November 22, 2009**

Budget	\$ 33,318.79
Bldg Fund	219.00
Playground	160.00
Other Gifts	348.00
TOTAL	\$ 34,046.79

Budget	1,609,913.56
Received	1,430,505.45

**YTD (as of 11/22):
Playground Fund \$43,884.93**



- Highlights of the Month**
- 5th Ladies' Christmas Tea
 - 6th Children's Music Night
 - 11th Prime Timers
 - 13th Celebration Choir Musical
 - 14th Deacon Christmas Banquet
 - 16th Live Nativity begins-SR Mall
 - 19th Breakfast at Bethlehem-SR Mall
 - 20th Silent Lord's Supper, 5:00
 - 24th Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm



One Morning Worship
11:00 am
For the following Sundays:
December 6
December 13
December 20
December 27

No Evening Worship
December 27



Prime Time Notes

*We are
One Family
Growing Together*



Our Thanksgiving PrimeTimers was one of the most blessed events we have had this year. The Trio from Santa Rosa Assoc. was so inspiring. We had 103 in attendance. The high level of Christian fellowship was so evident. Thanks to all who made this glorious event such a blessing!



**PrimeTimers Christmas
Celebration**
December 11; 11:30 am

FEATURING:
"Gloryland" from Shalimar Methodist Church. This is a wonderful group and will feature many Christmas favorites.
DON'T MISS IT!
Sign up in SS or call Jan today!
We expect a big turnout for this one.



*Laura Britton Thompson
Born 10/30/09
Proud Parents: Jamee and De
Grandparents: Nancy & Bob Lee
Great Grandmother: Betsy Etheredge*

*Bailey Jane Harrison
Born 10/30/09
Proud Parents: Steve & Becky*