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The Lifeline



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Pastor's Corner



As we close a terrific chapter in the life of First Baptist Church (*40 Days of Community*) and enter this wonderful time of the year, I am mindful of the blessed things God has done. Deuteronomy 11:2 calls us to "consider the instruction of the Lord your God, His greatness, His mighty hand and His outstretched arm." He has taught us, stunned us, changed us and given us mercy. Consider how our Lord has worked through us:

- At crisis pregnancy centers
- In nursing homes
- Through loving and witnessing to an atheist
- By adopting individuals and families
- By giving money, tires (to me!), and time to minister to others
- By cleaning homes, our church auditorium, and yards
- By cooking meals, sending cards, and innumerable other gestures of love and kindness

And the list could go on! God did so much through so many in such a short time! Don't let that spiritual momentum wane! May our Lord continue to do His mighty works through us so that our communities awaken to a God who actually knows them and cares about their needs: spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational!

In His grip,
Bro. Lloyd



Student Ministry



Parent/Teen

Fellowship
December 3rd
Finger foods
and family game time!



"Honour thy
father and
thy mother..."
Exodus 20:12

Youth Christmas Party!
December 15th at 6 pm
Awesome food, games,
and white elephant
game.



Brotherhood Breakfast
Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00 a.m. @ Camp Baldwin
(See Ray Collins for more info)

Goodie Bags for Gulf Area Ministries
December 11th (See Nan Roach for more info)

PrimeTimers Christmas Program
Thursday, December 14th @ 10:30 a.m.
(See Earl Lee for more info)

Chili and Caroling
Sunday, December 17th @ 5:00 p.m.

C.D.C. Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
(See SueAnn Boone for more info)

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24th @ 10:00 a.m.
December 24th @ 6:00 p.m.



☑ "One Quiet Night" - Invite your friends to join us for our Christmas musical on either Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, December 10th at 10:45 a.m. It's a modern day musical about what can happen to the Christmas spirit if we let it.

☑ Chili and Caroling - Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. Let's be a blessing to our community by lifting some spirits with Christmas carols. Then we'll come back to the church and warm up with homemade chili.

☑ Christmas Eve Communion Service - Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. Let's focus on the true meaning of Christmas with our church family as we experience the Christmas story in scripture and song.

Bro. Craig <><



presented by:

The FBC Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / One Morning Service

December Events

- ▶ **December 2**
Brotherhood Breakfast - 8:00 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 3** -
Deacons Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 6** -
Church Council Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 9** -
"One Quiet Night" - 6:30 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 10** -
"One Quiet Night" - 10:45 a.m.
ONE MORNING SERVICE @ 10:45
Lottie Moon In-Gathering
 - ▶ **December 11** -
Youth Event - 4:00 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 13** -
Finance Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 14** -
PrimeTimers Meeting - 10:30 a.m.
 - ▶ **December 17** -
Chili and Caroling - 5:00 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 19** -
C.D.C. Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 20** -
C.D.C. Christmas Program - 6:00 p.m.
 - ▶ **December 24** -
ONE MORNING WORSHIP @ 10:00
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 p.m.
- Family Week - December 25-29 (No Activities)**



Week of Prayer for
International Missions

and
International Mission Study

December 3-10, 2006

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

**That all peoples
may know Him**

National Goal: \$150 million

Our Goal: **\$27,000.00**

FBC Ministry Opportunities

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Worship Service
9:30 A.M. Bible Study for All Ages
4:00 P.M. ESL (English as a Second Language) Class
4:30 P.M. FirstPlace
4:45 P.M. Youth Choir (every other Sunday)
5:00 P.M. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Veggie Connection (3's, 4's and Pre-K)
6:00 P.M. Children's Ministry Activities
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service
6:00 P.M. Youth Ministry Activities

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

4:45 P.M. Family Night Supper
6:00 P.M. Intercessory Prayer and Bible Study
6:00 P.M. Music and Missions (Age 3 thru 5th Grade)
6:00 P.M. Jr. and Sr. High BREAKPOINT
6:45 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal