

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FBC

SUNDAY
 Church Library (FLC)..... 9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:40 A.M.
 Sunday School..... 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship Service10:45 A.M.
 Church Library (FLC).....4:30-5:00 P.M.
 Families In Action (FLC thru Nov. 15th)..... 4:30 P.M.
 SPAM 4:50 P.M.
 Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY
 Library..... 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
 Pray & Weigh.....12:00 P.M.
 Boy Scouts..... 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
 Preschool Play Day (FLC).....10:00 A.M.
 Teacher's Meeting (Chapel)..... 5:45 P.M.
 Prayer Meeting (Chapel)..... 6:15 P.M.
 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 P.M.
 ISM (Grades 6-12)..... 6:30 P.M.
 Adult Choir Practice..... 6:30 P.M.

CHANGES OR NEW EVENTS AT FBC

Tuesday, Dec. 1:
 Melody Makers (parlor)..... 9:15 A.M.
 Arts & Crafts (OFH) 1:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 6:
 Lord's Supper.....8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

Thursday, Dec. 10:
 RTA's (FLC).....11:45 A.M.

Sunday, Dec. 13:
 Christmas Program..... 6:00 P.M.

Monday, Dec. 14:
 Deacon's Meeting..... 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 20:
 Business Meeting..... 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 24:
 Christmas Eve (Church office closed)
 Christmas Eve Service..... 6:00 P.M.

Friday, Dec. 25
 Christmas Day (Church office closed)

Thursday, Dec 31:
 New Years Eve (Church office closes at noon)

Friday, Jan. 1:
 New Years Day (Church office closed)



Keith Fuller
 Gary Butler
 Ben Bythewood
 Helen Sloan

If you can't make it to S.S. or church, watch the service on cable channel 2. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Church 10:45 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.



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VITAL SIGNS

Bible Study

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Preschool.....	26	30	26	31	29
Children.....	15	18	19	21	20
Youth.....	54	51	47	45	33
Adults.....	138	152	159	146	141
General Officers.....	4	6	5	6	4
Total in House.....	237	257	256	249	227
Bible Study.....	58	60	38	60	0
Nursing Homes.....	37	33	32	33	37
Total.....	332	350	326	342	264
Av. Attendance to Date.....	299	298	297	296	294

Financial Report thru November

Annual Budget.....	\$686,952.00
Budget Required to Date.....	632,921.93
Budget Received to Date.....	546,471.77
Budget Required Weekly.....	13,507.56
Budget Received.....	52,724.32
Designated.....	1,405.00
Total.....	\$54,129.32

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Office 283-2588 **Prayer Room** 283-8557
 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor.....Ross D. Shelton
 Minister of Worship & Music.....Mark D. Tolar
 Minister to Students.....Todd Pounds
 Sunday School Director.....Richard McCullough
 Pastor's Administrative Assistant.....Kay Katzen
 Education Administrative Assistant.....Richard McCullough
 Organist.....Anne Garner
 Pianist.....Judy Pool
 Director, Child Care Center.....Linda Boyt
 Building Supervisor.....Orrill Davis
 Chairman of Deacons.....Glenn Conner

FIRST NEWS

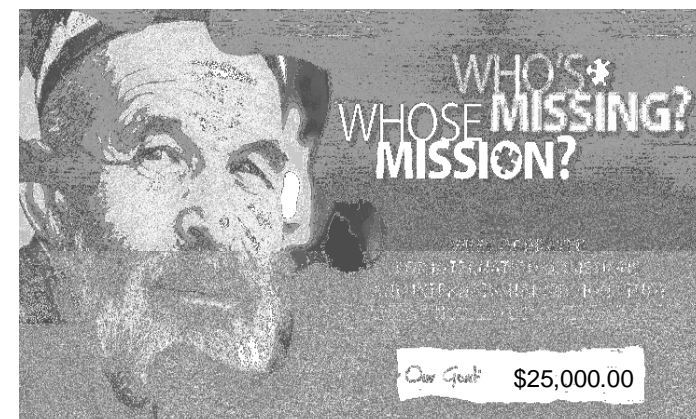
Our mission, centered in worship, is to **REACH** people for Jesus, **CONNECT** them in Christian fellowship, **GROW** together spiritually, and **SERVE** our community and world as we become mature followers of Jesus.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we close out 2009 allow me to thank all of you in one area where our church has been particularly faithful: your financial giving. I am constantly pleased to see how our church meets the financial needs of our ministries even in a down economy. (By-the-way, the pastoral staff and I never know how much people give or do not give. That is kept confidential). Please remember when you give financially to our church you are meeting the current financial needs of the church *and* you are also allowing the church to vision about future possible ministries. That is, your giving allows ministry needs to be met and dreams to be dreamed.

Also, please remember that end-of-year giving is an important part of our budget being met. Our staff will be here until noon on December 31st in order to process any end-of-year giving. The most important thing to remember when it comes to giving financially to our church is that God's command to give tithes (10% of our earnings) and offerings (special gifts beyond tithing) is accompanied with the promise found in Malachi 3: 10: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Let me encourage you, especially our young adults, to "test God" and see what he does when we obey His word in the area of finances. Thank you for being a generous church and believing that God's abundance and blessing are in store for us as we live obediently. Have a Merry Christmas and let us pray for what God is going to do in 2010!

Pastor Ross



HALLELUJAH— LIGHT HAS COME!

December 13, 2009

Time: 6:00 P.M.

At FBC Woodville

A Christmas program including the Celebration Choir, SPAM, Praise Team, and the Children's Choir.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Prayer Room: 409-283-8557 November 30, 2009 Vol. 50—No. 11



The First Family expresses their Christian love and sympathy to:
Family of Lillian Pool

With
Sympathy

With Gratitude

To First Baptist Church of Woodville,

Thank you so much for allowing me to come and share about what the Lord is doing here at SONlight. It was a great pleasure for Lydia and I to attend the church and see the spiritual life present among the members

We pray that the Lord will bless the church and keep it safe. That He would direct and guide you in His perfect will.

Grace and peace,
David Tate

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and meals during my time of recovery from my surgery. It is a blessing to have friends and loved ones who care about us in a time of illness.

Yours in Christ,
Tamberly McCullough

Baptist Standard

If you would like to receive the *Baptist Standard* for next year please contact the church office by December 20, 2009. The subscription cost for 2010 is \$16.00.

A Window Into Jacob's Ladder

Our 3 and 4 year old children enjoy Mrs. Freddie's tasty lunches in our cafeteria. They are delighted by Mr. Orrill, Mr. Eduardo, and Mr. Charles on their birthdays. The men don their sombreros and pretend guitars and sing "Happy Birthday" with great gusto!

Our teachers have been talking with the children about Thanksgiving and the many good things God has given us. They are collecting canned goods to share with others. Even the littlest walker enjoys putting a can in our big box.

One of our staff was eating dinner with her family this week. When she went to pay her bill, the waiter told her it had already been paid by a family who has a child in our center!

May you have a God blessed Christmas.

In Christ's love
Linda

New Members & Decisions

Contact the church office for
new member information.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Anyone planning to give their tithe or extra giving must have it postmarked by December 31, 2009 to be counted on this year's offerings. Any giving after that date will be counted toward 2010 giving.

**RTA'S
(Recycled Teenagers)
Thursday, Family Life Center
December 10, 11:45 a.m.
Bring a covered dish
and a favorite game if you wish!**

December Birthdays

1: Kaye Spurlock, Jimmy Watts 2: Claire Kenesson 3: Ivy Jo Cook 4: Gracelyn Jackson 5: Irene Tucker, Cody Butler 6: Byron Holley, Johnny White, Aaron Garess 7: Lee Clark, 8: Judy Waldrep 9: Charlotte Weaver, Robert Greenwood, Joe Darsey, Randy Mott 10: J.D. Cunningham 12: Glen Conner 13: Ed Sanderson, Lloyd Jenkins 15: Ronnie Pryor, Keith Fuller, William Robinson, Andrew Bell, Ryan Turner 16: Lois Hendrix, Jim Parker, Casey McCollum, Martin Spurlock 17: Elaine Tubb, Kristi Miller 18: James Collier, Judy Butler, Calan Wainwright 19: Dr. Gayle Burton, Kathy Carruth, Philip Martin 20: Lindsey Whisenhant 21: Bubba Dear 22: Malcolm Worrell, Mason Polk 23: Kaela Hassig 24: Billie Polk, Ann Odom, Darla Dear 26: Johnnie Gail Simpkins 27: Dot O'Neal 28: Jerry Clark, B.J. Fink 29: Jim Pool 30: Dr. Curtis Garner, Leif Babin 31: Lona Topolinski



SPAM LEADS IN COMMUNITY Our students really turned out for the community wide Thanksgiving Service. Thanks to our students for kicking off the service at Fellowship. I am so thankful for them and their commitment. They will also lead in our Christmas Concert on Sunday the 13th. Thank you, church, for your support to them prayerfully, spiritually, and financially.

THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP TEAM Patti Tucker and her team of volunteers have done it again. Our Thanksgiving lunch was great and offered our church family the chance to be together all at one time. We are a blessed church family and we should not take these blessings for granted. Please take a moment to express your gratitude to those who work hard to provide quality meals and fellowship opportunities.

THANKS TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY What a year this has been. It has been a year of change and not just change but big change. The church as a whole has responded greatly to the opportunities for growth and outreach. In all this, I want to thank our Music Ministry. Our instrumentalists and singers have risen to the new schedule of two services. Our people are open to new styles and new songs of praise and worship with different times as well. Our Classic service offers a great venue for organ and piano duets along with great hymns of the faith. It is an earlier time as well that helps some families in their Sunday schedule. The Celebration service continues to evolve with contemporary instrumental accompaniment. It is a time for people to worship in whatever way they feel most comfortable. The two services offer opportunities for a fresh encounter and intimacy with the Holy Spirit. The best thing about all of the above is that folks are unselfish in their view of worship for themselves and others! That puts a smile on my face and joy in my heart! We are all different and thank God that we are!

Halleluiah—Light Has Come! Our choir, choreography team, lights, and sound teams have been working hard to bring us one our very best nights of Christmas music that we have ever had. This will be a great night that you don't want to miss. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend and neighbor to come. This night will feature the Celebration Choir, SPAM Choir, Praise Team, original narration, and a personal Christmas message from our pastor. Take this night and make it a time of personal and corporate worship as we gather together to share the story and songs of Christmas. Again, a special word of thanks to our teams that are working hard to make this night a reality. Remaining rehearsals include:

December	02	Wed	6:30 to 8:00
	06	Sun	6:45 to 8:00
	09	Wed	6:30 to 8:30 Dress Rehearsal
	12	Sat	6:30 to 8:30 Dress Rehearsal #2
	13	Sun	5:00 Curtain Call
			6:00 Performance

Dessert reception for choir, lights, sound, and their families to follow!

Light and Sound Cues Sunday afternoon Dec 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Mark



Grades 6-12

MISSION POSSIBLE: REACH SEEKERS - BUILD BELIEVERS

FUGE 2010: I want to encourage you to pay your \$50 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible (due by February 1, 2010) for FUGE 2010 at Ridgcrest North Carolina. This will open your camp account and allow you to begin putting money into your account to pay down your balance. We will send out monthly statements to those that have opened their accounts with a deposit. We are planning various opportunities for you to raise funds for camp. We will communicate specifics as opportunities are solidified. You will only receive credit from fundraisers that you work ... showing up and making an appearance is not enough.

Fundraising Opportunities: We will have two or three opportunities for your teenagers to raise money for FUGE 2010 in December. We will work concessions for two basketball tournaments scheduled for December 10-12 and December 28-30. There will be a sign in sheet. Funds will be shared with teenagers who show up and work.

DNow Weekend: January 15-17, 2010. We will conduct our DNow at the Pineywoods Baptist Encampment located in Woodlake, Texas, twelve miles west of Corrigan on Highway 287. Activities begin Friday evening with registration at 5:45 p.m. at the FLC. Teenagers will be taken to the camp after registrations are complete. The registration fee is **\$35** per person if you register before **December 14, 2009**, and \$50 after. If you did not receive an information letter with registration and release forms please contact Todd at the church office.

HURT Seminar: As part of the DNow Weekend, the youth ministry will sponsor a seminar for all the adults of our church and the community. The seminar is scheduled for Sunday evening, January 17, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The seminar offers both understanding the inside of kids' lives and world and strategies for effectively reaching them. The presenter is Dr. Chris Alston, D. Min., Campus Pastor and Director of Leadership Development, Clear Creek Community Church in the Greater Clear Lake area. He is also Adjunct Assistant Professor in Youth and Family Ministry Fuller Theological Seminary - Texas.

Snack Drive: Thank you, church, for the terrific response to meet our need for snacks and drinks for Wednesday Night Worship. A lot of our teenagers come straight from school activities to church and are hungry and thirsty. It is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,
Todd

December Schedule

13th PM Halleluiah—Light Has Come
27th No p.m. Service
16th -30th No Choir rehearsal
24th Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.