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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Music Ministry to present Emmanuel: God With Us tonight

The First Baptist musicians will present a program of Christmas music tonight at 6:00 p.m. Two choirs, handbells, and the orchestra will be performing selections of old and new carols. Our annual tasting party will be held following the concert.

The theme for this year's musical is *Emmanuel: God With Us*. "This year we are centering on the name Emmanuel which means 'God with us,'" Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms said. "Our choirs will be singing a variety of songs that speak of Emmanuel and the promise of God's presence."



The Chi Rho Youth Choir will sing several songs as part of *Emmanuel: God With Us* tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Plans for the program include a variety of musical styles from the adult choir, Chi Rho Youth Choir, orchestra and handbells. The Sanctuary choir will sing a vast selection of songs while the 40-voice Chi Rho Youth Choir will also be featured in the program singing four songs.

The First Baptist church orchestra will be playing several solo features. In addition to choirs and orchestra, the adult handbell team will also be playing. The Praise Ringers will be performing a couple of familiar Christmas songs. The congregation will be invited to sing familiar Christmas carols with the choir and orchestra throughout the program.

The annual Christmas tasting party will be held following the concert in the Family Life Center. Admission is free and open to the public. Nursery service will be provided during the musical.

Remember your commitment to pray daily for:

- 1) Strength and healing for our marriages
- 2) Our pastor and for power in the pulpit
- 3) Revival (humility, heart, health)



Mission Opportunities

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions
Church Goal: \$40,000
Total to date: \$4,215.00

Discipleship Opportunities

Beth Moore study Esther Begins January 4 at 4:30 p.m. Room 177
Lisa Hammons will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book.

Missions 101: To the Ends of the Earth by Dr. Jerry Rankin Begins January 4 at 5:00 p.m. Room 175

Pete Helton will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book.

Marriage Enrichment: Love and Respect
Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Room 145

Randall and Debbie Ramsey will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book. Call 954-0329 for more info.

Scripture Memory

There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19

Church staff

Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music & Senior Adults*
Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Collegiates*
Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*
Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*
Alain Edel, *Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.

*If you are able, please stand as indicated.
Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in *The Baptist Hymnal*.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Greeting	Ruth 2:4; Psalm 118:24	Jonathan Nelms
*Prelude	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist	arr. Keyser
	"Christmas Joy and Glory" (10:45) FBC Orchestra	arr. Cranfill
Songs of Celebration (10:45)	"Hurry to Bethlehem" "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	arr. Mayo arr. Johnson
	Music Makers Younger Children's Choir (grades 1-3) Tammy Wilson, director	
*Lighting the Third Candle of Advent	Jeff and Becky Crosier (8:15) Shellee and Jacob Warren (10:45)	

*Responsive Reading including Isaiah 60:1-3 and Malachi 4:2

*Carol 88	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	MENDELSSOHN
Welcome and Fellowship		Mike Head

*Hymn 579	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	Kendrick
Choir Anthem	"Look Up, Children" Sanctuary Choir	Althouse

*Prayer for Upward and Devoted Coaches	Charlie Hutchinson
*Carol	"Joy Has Dawned" Gety/Townend

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon	"Joy"	Steve Farris
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*Commitment Hymn 305 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer
Jerry Joyner (8:15)
Chris Wilson (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music	"Mary, Did You Know?" (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist	arr. Wyrzten
	"Gesu Bambino" (10:45) Praise Ringers Handbell Team Todd Arnold, director	arr. Wagner

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology	"Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"	HYMN TO JOY
Sharing Spiritual Decisions		Bill Stone

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26	Jonathan
*Departing Chorus	"As We Go"	arr. Shippis
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of Virginia Lee Brown who is celebrating a special birthday. They are given by her family.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Please join us tonight for a festival of Christmas music entitled

Emmanuel: God With Us.

This delightful concert of Christmas carols will feature the Sanctuary Choir, Chi Rho Youth Choir, Praise Ringers Handbell Team, and the FBC Orchestra. Invite your family and friends.

The annual Christmas tasting party will be held following the concert in the Family Life Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Nursery service will be provided during the musical.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Doug Winford - Chief Deacon
David Hutcherson
Joe Church
Richard Newman
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Cashion

Wednesday Dinner - 12/17

Christmas Meal: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, ambrosia, rolls, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/17

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Patricia Fuller, Janet Elliot, Bill Stone
5:45 - Steve Farris, Damen Andrews, Jessica Young, Bobbie Gist

Extended Session - 12/14

Bed Babies - Linda Wade, Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Danni McCaslin

2's - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

3's - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$32,461.77
Difference from Goal	+\$2,674.12
Total Designated Gifts	\$5,886.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$38,347.77
Budget Goal to Date	\$685,116.04
Budget Gifts to Date	\$595,015.29
Difference from Goal	-\$90,100.75
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$612,672.58
Decrease from Prior Year	\$17,657.29
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$22,538.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,682,934.63

Sunday School Attendance

December 7, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	53
Children	58
Youth	47
Adults	355
Total	517



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Pastor's Heart

I know that you will be spiritually fed and challenged today as Steve shares from God's word. I know, too, that you will be delighted and uplifted as our musicians bring this year's Christmas musical to you tonight. You are in excellent hands as the pastor's family spends a week away on a timely and much needed vacation. I look forward to seeing you when we return for our Christmas Eve service together.

Here is some basic information that will help you as you discern God's will in your giving this season. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes up **50 percent** of the International Mission Board's total income. You can see why this special offering is essential. In fact, every penny given to the Lottie Moon Offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the gospel overseas.

The offering began as Lottie Moon, a missionary to China, wrote home to churches asking for support of the mission during the Christmas season. The Woman's Missionary Union took up the challenge and continues this emphasis in our day.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allows you and me to join in a strategic partnership with our Southern Baptist Missionaries to reach the whole world for Jesus. It also enables your missionaries to spend their time working to reach lost souls instead of spending precious time raising their own support.

Here are some statistics from our Board on Missionary Support. **How much does it cost to support a missionary?**

- \$41,258.77 a year
- \$3,438.23 a month
- \$793.44 a week
- \$113.04 a day
- \$4.71 an hour
- \$.08 a minute

I know that you will want to be a part of this global effort for Jesus. Pray and ask God what He would have you give and then simply be obedient. That is all that the Lord asks of anyone.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Hot chocolate at Christmas Parade



THANK YOU !! THANK YOU!!

Brenda Boyington and the 55 + Ministry team provided leadership for the serving of 1150 cups of hot chocolate to folks watching the Christmas parade Tuesday night December 2. Two locations were set up to distribute the hot chocolate. Many others helped with the ministry including RA's, youth, college students, deacons, moms, dads, children, and church staff.

Bulletin Board

YOUTH

Youth Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 19
6:00-9:00 p.m.

All youth and leaders are invited for lots of delicious food, great fellowship and fun. We will go to three host homes for appetizers, main course and dessert. Those needing a ride should meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. We plan to return by 9:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Invite a friend to come with you. Please sign up by December 14.



Centrifuge Camp

July 13-18, 2009

Union University in Jackson, TN

The theme this year is *Move...the Faith Journey*. Youth in 7th-12th grade will enjoy awesome worship, team building recreation, dynamic Bible studies and church group times. The cost is \$287. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit on or before January 28. See Bill Stone for more information.



55+

Everybody Birthday Party

January 11

Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Sunday school or call church office for your reservation by January 7.

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Camp

July 6-10, 2009

Tocca Falls, Georgia

Crosspoint will teach campers in 4th-8th grade how to combine excellence in sports with a relationship with Jesus Christ. Centri-Kid offers 3rd-6th graders high-energy worship, age appropriate Bible study and tons of fun. The cost is \$257. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit on or before January 28. See Colleen Cox for more information.



Bible Buddies

Bible Buddies will not meet for the rest of December. Bible Buddies will resume on Sunday, January 4.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 p.m.

This is a very special service of worship centering on the Lord's Supper. The service usually lasts about 45 minutes and is very family friendly. Plan now to join us for a memorable time of worship.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Dec. 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch
4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers
Choirchimes
4:30 P.M. Orchestra (Sanctuary)
5:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
(Choir Room)
Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
5:30 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
(Old Chapel)
6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical
Tasting Party to Follow

Monday, Dec. 15

7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Dec. 16

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Dec. 17

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. First Place #143
Children's Choirs Reh.
Supper Line Opens
5:30 P.M. Youth Choir Caroling
Party - Cox's
6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg. - Chapel
Children's Mission
Groups
7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

Thursday, Dec. 18

9:30 A.M. CBS

Friday, Dec. 19

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
6:00 P.M. Yth. Progressive
Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 20

Sunday, Dec. 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Stewardship Verse

We are to be content with what we have.

Let your way of life be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." Heb. 13:5