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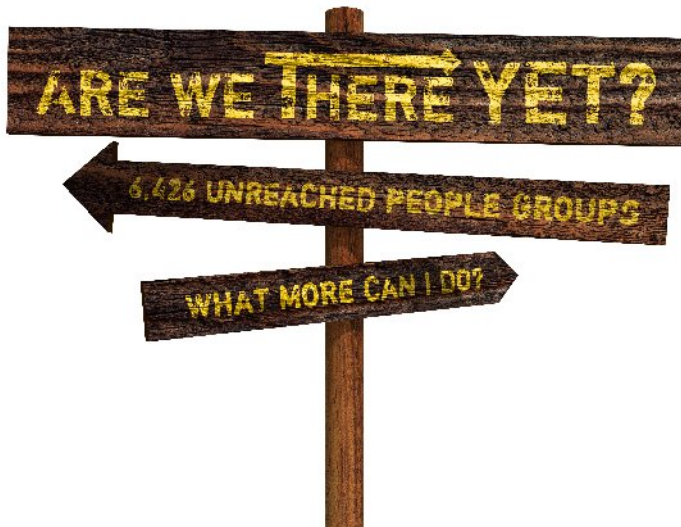
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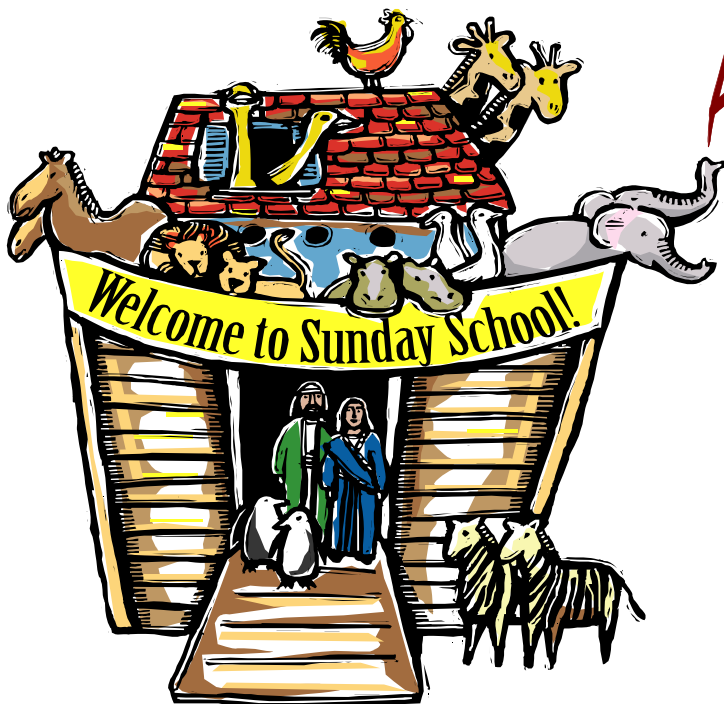
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2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Church Goal: \$ 18,000.00

Received thru Dec. 12, 2010: \$ 11,052.00



All in for Sunday School

Make 2011 the year that you and your family make a fresh commitment to be a part of the FELLOWSHIP and BIBLE STUDY that happens at 9:45 every Sunday morning at First Baptist Church. If you don't know which class to attend, call the church office and we'll help you find the perfect fit!

This year, let's get
"ALL IN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!"

2011

From the Pastor



From the Pastor...

When Jesus was born, Israel was in darkness. The Roman Empire dominated the world exacting taxes and threatening any act of independence. In Jerusalem the religious rulers having fallen away from truth persecuted the Savior born in Bethlehem.

Hundreds of years before His birth, Isaiah prophesied that the people walking in darkness would see a great light (9:2). Jesus was that light.

In the midst of oppression and spiritual blindness many "saw" the light. In their hearts was a simple hope that overcame the gloom of their day.

God's answer to darkness was a single powerful light. As a candle in a darkened room draws the gaze of everyone, so Jesus was a light to behold.

We are surrounded by darkness. I fear it is much darker than we suspect. We are accustomed to and comfortable living in darkness. Like the religious leaders of Jesus' day, we might become so familiar with the darkness that we fail to comprehend the light of the world.

The Bible predicts a time of apostasy before Jesus' triumphant return. This "falling away" from truth will enable evil to consolidate its stranglehold on the lost.

God's solution to apostasy is simple. He sends Jesus' family into a darkened world to shine with the radiant luster of grace, love and truth, overcoming darkness.

Our job is not to define how apostate our time has become. We are not to point out all the elements composing the darkness. We are to shine our lights and dispel the darkness.

During the holidays I enjoy driving around and looking at the lights. Lights are beautiful in the darkness. As the stars light the heavens, so saints are to light up our fallen world. With light we can see. With points of light we can navigate. Light is more powerful than darkness.

I am happy to be a member of a church. As such we can fulfill our calling from God to light the Way this Christmas.

See you Sunday,

Brother Ken

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Coming Next Month

- Jan. 3 Office Closed
- Jan. 4 Moms in Touch @ 9 am
- Jan. 5 Bible Drill @ 5:30
Missions Organizations @ 7 pm
- Jan. 9 Financial Peace Univ. @ 4 pm
Beth Moore @ 4:15 pm
Children's Choirs & Youth Choir @ 5 pm
- Jan. 11 No Women on Mission in Jan.
- Jan. 12 Sr. Adult Choir @ 10:30 am
- Jan. 16 Deacons Meeting @ 7 pm
- Jan. 17 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 19 XYZ Mtg./Luncheon @ 11 am
- Jan. 23 Church Conference @ 7 pm
Youth/Parent FUGE & CentriKid
Parent Registration @ 7:15 pm
- Jan. 26 Sr. Adult Choir @ 10:30 am
- Jan. 28 GA Mid Winter Retreat
- Jan. 30 Baptist Men's Day
Manna Kitchen Offering
No Evening Services (5th Sun.)

Welcome Our New Member

Joining by Baptism



Cheryl Lewis

More News for You and Your Family



FUGE Combo Camp!

June 19-26, 2011

This year we will be going to **Glorieta, New Mexico** for FUGE.

It is time to sign up. Turn in your \$50 non-refundable deposit by **January 23rd**... and tell Rick your choice... **M-FUGE** or **C-FUGE**. You must decide when you sign up.



HOT HEARTS

February 4 & 5

Cost: \$ 25

Sign-up Deadline is **January 12th**.



GA & ACTEEN Mid Winter Retreat

Lakeview Baptist Assembly

January 28-29, 2011

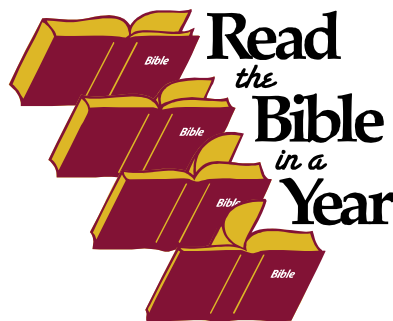
Cost is \$45 and is due by **January 7th**.

See **Sue Anderson** for more information



Looking for Your Place to Serve?

53 children have prayed to receive Christ through this ministry (16 of those this school year) on the campus of Crestview Elementary. If you want to know more, call **Camille @ 903-278-0718** and/or visit www.kidsbeachclub.org.



"Through the Bible in a Year" reading guides will be available on the ledge in the vestibule soon.



CHURCH WIDE BABY SHOWER

The Women on Mission, Too ladies will host a church wide baby shower during the month of January. Items will go to support First Choice Pregnancy Center. Please join us in this project.

Lists with needed items will be in shopping carts in the hallways.



NEW SCHEDULE, SAME LENGTH...

Friday, June 24 -
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

This camp is for all children who have completed 3rd grade thru 6th grade. We'll be going back to Austin College in Sherman, TX. The cost for the 5 day camp is \$200.

We'll have an informational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 23rd @ 7:15 pm. It is time for us to sign up. Your \$50 non-refundable deposit is due no later than **February 6th**.

If you get a new neighbor, call the church office and let us know so we can invite them to come and be our guests!





With Sympathy

The Staff and entire church family extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

- ... Bruce Birdwell
- ... Isabell Barfield
- ... Pat Owen
- ... Blanche Atchley
- ... Perrylene Sneed (Tracey Doyle's mother)
- ... Mae Chisum (Larry Chisum's mother)
- ... Artie McDaniel (Clarence & Rae Sampson's son-in-law)
- ... Hallie Dollar (Bill Dollar's mother)
- ... Vicki Cozell (Paul Wakefield's niece)
- ... Florence Nelson (J. P. Vinson's sister)
- ... Christine Johnson (Monet Thompson and Garvis Curtis' sister)
- ... Ken Hickerson (Todd Hickerson's grandfather)
- ... David Freeman (Cathy Bryant's uncle)
- ... Joyce Covert (Mary Tegel's cousin)

To be posted, sympathy notes must be called into the church office, 903.628.2531.



The following "Thank You" notes have been received through the church office and can be read on the "Thank You" Board located outside the Fellowship Hall:

The Family of Mae Chisum
 The Family of Perrylene Sneed
 The Family of Hallie Dollar
 Josh Bryant

The Bartholomew Family
 (This family stayed in our facility during Hurricane Katrina)

Congratulations
 to....



Holt & Elizabeth Spradlin
 On the birth of

Maci Lynn Spradlin

Born December 6, 2010.
 She weighed in at 9 lbs. 4 oz. and
 measured 20 inches in length.

Proud Great Grandparents:
 James & Michaele Odle

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- Shirley Brooks & Peggy DeSantis, Accompanists
- Julie Rothwell, Nursery Coordinator

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, December 12, 2010

ATTENDANCE

BIBLE STUDY (FBC & OTM).....	373
WORSHIP (FBC & OTM).....	462
Kid's Beach Club (Tuesday, 12/7/10).....	128

WEEKLY OFFERING REQUIRED

FBC	\$18,382.58
OTM.....	\$322.23

OFFERING RECEIVED

FBC	\$14,221.29
OTM	\$102.00

CONTACTS

Reporting	12
Contacts	49

Wednesday (12/8/10)

Total Attendance	193
Mission Organization Attendance	82



January FBC Birthdays



Becky Buller - 01/01
Earl Anderson - 01/02
Cathy Bryant - 01/02
Mikki Perry - 01/02
Paul Basham - 01/03
Mike Harkins - 01/03
Janet May - 01/03
Dylan Norman - 01/04
Beth Barthel - 01/04
Sidney Epperson - 01/05
J.B. Land - 01/05
Jeanita McIntyre - 01/05
Stella Scott - 01/05
Jimmie Sinquefield - 01/05
Thomas Daniels - 01/06
Reese Burkett - 01/06/2010
O.B. Phillips - 01/07
Emma White - 01/07
Ann Haarmeyer - 01/08
Stephanie Capps - 01/09
Michelle Graves - 01/09
Ruth Knight - 01/09
Jackie Laney - 01/09
Brenda Williams - 01/09
Jessica Higgs - 01/10
Lauren Cherry - 01/10
Nancy Bevers - 01/10
John Dear - 01/10
Don Garza - 01/10
Sue Hilton - 01/10
Keven Williams - 01/10
Gage Baird - 01/11
Frances Ellis - 01/11
Jerry Higgs - 01/11
Mike Reich - 01/11
Martha Glass - 01/12
Lucy Holloway - 01/12
Mark Mayo - 01/12
Conley Hennigan - 01/13
Carah Garrett - 01/13
Max Atchley - 01/13
Delbert Bodeker - 01/13
Peggy Flanery - 01/13
Robert Morris - 01/13
Zona Thompson - 01/13

Katlin Wright - 01/14
Christi Baird - 01/14
Sara Rothwell - 01/15
JoAnn Cunningham - 01/16
Jill Rolf - 01/16
Bruce Roseberry - 01/16
Seth Buller - 01/17
Zelda Grider - 01/17
Gabrielle Dike - 01/18
Bailey Henderson - 01/19
Christopher Poole - 01/19
Fay Daniel - 01/19
James Roberts - 01/19
Deborah Buchanan - 01/20
Greg Cowling - 01/20
Carmon Zaunbrecher - 01/20
Roger Stone - 01/21
Emma Birdwell - 01/21
Christy McCarter - 01/21
Beverly Sanderford - 01/21
Coy Sevier - 01/21
Andrew Dike - 01/22
Garrian Hanna - 01/22
Rylee Burden - 01/22
L.G. Kelley - 01/22
Zachry Baker - 01/24
Jacey Thomas - 01/24
Brittani Wallen - 01/24
Mitch Newton - 01/24
Donna O'Rear - 01/24
Gerald Tegel - 01/24
Michael Watson - 01/25
Jenna Harkins - 01/26
Amanda Lee - 01/26
Wade Jr Crittenden - 01/27
Frances Fox - 01/27
Brody Metcalf - 01/28
Catharine Oglesby - 01/28
John Talbot - 01/28
Melinda Carlow - 01/29
Danielle Randle - 01/30
Whitney Magdefessel - 01/30
David Harmon - 01/30
Brittany May - 01/31

If we missed your birthday on this list, please call the church office at 903-628-2531 and let us know.

January 2011

First Baptist Church, New Boston Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 6:00 PM Baptismal Service	3 6:00 PM Fit to Serve <i>NB ISD Holiday</i> New Year's Day holiday Office Closed	4 Staff Calendar meeting away from church	5 7:00 PM Missions Organizations Resume	6 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	7	8
9 12:00 PM Easter Pageant Luncheon and Rehearsal - FULL 12:00 PM SLT Mtg. (YR) 4:15 PM Beth Moore Study	10 6:00 PM Fit to Serve Easter Pageant CHOIR Sectionals - 6:30; CAST Rehearsal - 7:15	11 No Women on Mission in January	12 10:30 AM Senior Adult Choir	13 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	14	15
16 4:15 PM Beth Moore Study 7:00 PM Deacons Mtg.	17 6:00 PM Fit to Serve Martin Luther King Day <i>NB ISD Holiday</i> Office Closed	18 BBA Ex Bd Mtg. @ Noon, BCM	19 11:00 AM XYZ	20 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	21	22 2:00 PM -3:30 PM Wedding Shower in the H.R. for Lauren Cherry
23 4:15 PM Beth Moore Study 7:00 PM Church Conference YOUTH/Parent FUGE Registration Mtg (ch)	24 6:00 PM Fit to Serve Easter Pageant CHOIR Sectionals - 6:30; CAST Rehearsal - 7:15	25	26 10:30 AM Senior Adult Choir	27 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	28 GA Mid-Winter Camp	29 9:00 AM Sacred Music Festival FBC, Texarkana GA Mid Winter Camp
30 6:00 PM Youth To Skate America 5th Sunday - No Evening Services Baptist Men's Day Manna Kitchen Off.	31 6:00 PM Fit to Serve <i>NB ISD Holiday</i>					