



# The Beacon

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THEREFORE, IF  
ANYONE IS IN  
CHRIST, HE IS A  
NEW CREATION;  
THE OLD HAS  
GONE, THE NEW  
HAS COME!

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

## Happy NEW Year!!!

### HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



### 2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

Our Church Goal: \$ 18,000.00

Given thru 12/11/11: \$ 6,758.00

*From the  
Pastor*



### *From the Pastor...*

I was finally able to get some time last night and to read through the scrapbook presented to me on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The scrapbook is filled with letters from the congregation on my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service here. I am so grateful for the kind letters. The scrapbook will be a keepsake for years to come. Thank you for this special gift.

I still remember pulling into New Boston for the first time. As we drove into town it was hard to miss the church. The visit with the pulpit committee was nice. It began to dawn on me then that the Lord might be opening a door of service for us here.

As the visits with the committee and congregation became more meaningful, I realized that the Lord was going to bless us with a special place of service. I never dreamed that we would be able to serve here for 20 years. But, I did realize that I was about to receive the opportunity of a lifetime. That is how I have always felt about being called as pastor here.

I appreciate the way the community received us 20 years ago. Some of the other children in the community reached out to our kids. At school we encountered church members when we were enrolling the children. We felt like we were received with open arms. That sentiment has never changed. Also, the church and community have been supportive during the times when we needed them most.

So, thanks again for the special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift! And thanks for the continuing opportunity to serve here.

Thanks also for the recent vacation time. Over the last few years I have lost vacation time, my fault, I just never scheduled it. I was about to do the same thing in 2011 when I realized in October I had not taken any time off. I squeezed 3 weeks in over the past couple of months. If it seems like I have been gone a lot, I have. But now it is good to be back. I look forward to seeing you soon.

See you Sunday,

*Brother Ken*

*Candlelight  
Service*

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Lord's Supper**

**December 24  
@ 6:00 p.m.**

**Congratulations**   
**to...**

*James & Brandy Creech  
on the birth of*

***Kinlee-Jo Elizabeth Creech***

*Born November 19, 2011.  
She weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and  
measured 19 ½ inches in length.*

*Proud Grandmother: Ann Birdwell*

*Tim & Jennifer Singleton  
on the birth of*

***Emma Marie Singleton***

*Born November 21, 2011.  
She weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and  
measured 20 inches in length.*

*Proud Brothers: Dalton & Jackson*

*Proud Grandmothers: Elizabeth Singleton  
Doris Darnell*

## More News for You and Your Family

# YOUTH EVENTS

**PLANET WISDOM**  
LIFE-CHANGING DISCIPLESHIP FOR WORLD-CHANGING STUDENTS

## PLANET WISDOM (Living with the Word)

**February 10-11**  
Irving, Texas

**Sign Up Deadline is  
THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

To be signed up you  
need to pay Rick a  
non-refundable deposit.

Scholarships are available.  
(See Rick for cost of trip)

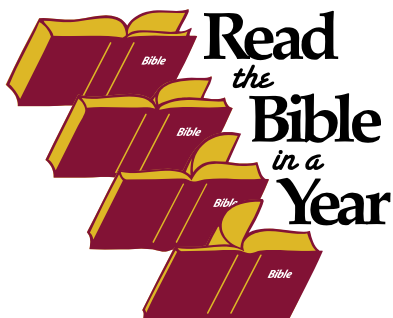
  
**FUGECamps**<sup>®</sup>

## M-Fuge

**June 23-29, 2012**  
**New Orleans**

It is time to sign up for M-Fuge. Turn in your non-refundable deposit by **January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

(See Rick for costs)



## Read the Bible In a Year

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

## Year End Reminder



Year end contributions to the church have to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> in order to get credit on your 2011 contribution record.



## Christmas & New Year's Day Services

Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Sunday. For both days, we will have Morning Worship Service ONLY! There will be no Sunday School or Evening Worship Services on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, no Wednesday Service on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**GA &  
Acteen  
Mid  
Winter  
Retreat**



**January 27-28, 2012**

Lakeview Baptist Assembly

Payment for the retreat is due by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

See Sue Anderson  
for more information and costs.

  
CentriKid  
camps

**Friday, June 22 -  
Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

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.

We'll have an informational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22nd @ 7:15 pm. It is time for us to sign up. Your non-refundable deposit will be due no later than **February 5th**.

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!



*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

# Thank You

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 Fay Daniel  
 The Family of Eva Downs  
 The Graf Family (Missionaries)



With Sympathy

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

- ... Jimmy Johnson
- ... Eva Downs
- ... Leta Stewart
- ... Callie Youngblood Shirley
- ... Ann Allen (Harold Hignight's sister)
- ... Hugh Smith (Nancy Bevers' brother)

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

## Welcome Our New Members

### Joining by Letter:



Bart Craytor

### Joining by Baptism:



Lee Blanks



Who's Next?

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**NEW BOSTON**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**NEW BOSTON, MA 02459**

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Maxine Torian & Dot Rosser, Secretaries  
 Shirley Brooks & Peggy DeSantis, Accompanists  
 Julie Rothwell, Nursery Coordinator

## VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, December 11, 2011

### ATTENDANCE

BIBLE STUDY (FBC & OTM).....	327
WORSHIP (FBC & OTM).....	353
<b>Kid's Beach Club (Tuesday, 11/8/11) .....</b>	<b>128</b>

### WEEKLY OFFERING REQUIRED

FBC .....	\$18,650.93
OTM.....	\$321.23

### OFFERING RECEIVED

FBC .....	\$17,037.17
OTM .....	\$484.00
<b>Lottie Moon Missions Offering (to date) .....</b>	<b>\$6,758.00</b>

### CONTACTS

Reporting .....	12
Contacts .....	40

### Wednesday (12/7/11)

Total Attendance .....	163
Mission Organization Attendance .....	69



# January FBC Birthdays



Becky Buller - 01/01  
Abigale Hill - 01/02  
Earl Anderson - 01/02  
Christina Harmon - 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 Foster - 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  
O.B. Phillips - 01/07  
Emma White - 01/07  
Ann Haarmeyer - 01/08  
Stephanie Capps - 01/09  
Peyton Hill - 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  
Sue Hilton - 01/10  
Keven Williams - 01/10  
Gage Baird - 01/11  
Frances Ellis - 01/11  
Jerry Higgs - 01/11  
Mike Reich - 01/11  
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  
Alyssa James - 01/14  
Christi Baird - 01/14  
Sara Rothwell - 01/15  
Janet Purtell - 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  
Dennis Harmon - 01/19  
James Roberts, Jr. - 01/19  
Deborah Buchanan - 01/20  
Greg Cowling - 01/20  
Carmon Zaunbrecher - 01/20  
Roger Stone - 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  
Judy McKay - 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 Crittenden, Jr. - 01/27  
Frances Fox - 01/27  
Brody Metcalf - 01/28  
Amy Bobbitt - 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 2012

## First Baptist Church, New Boston Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Morning Worship Service only New Years Day	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve Office closed for New Year's holiday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Missions Organizations begin	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Youth SLT Mtg. (YR) 6:00 PM Baptismal Service	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting 7:15 PM Youth SKATE SNACK	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve Martin Luther King Holiday-office closed	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:00 AM XYZ Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Church Conference 7:15 PM Centri-Kid Meeting GA Fundraiser Luncheon Sanctity of Human Life	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>27</b> GAMid-Winter Camp, Lakeview	<b>28</b> GAMid-Winter Camp, Lakeview
<b>29</b> Baptist Men's Day Mana Kitchen offering No Evening Worship Services (5th Sunday)	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	<b>31</b> Ministerial All Luncheon Noon				