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**Hanging  
of the  
Green**



**THE HANGING  
OF THE GREEN**

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29th  
6:00 p.m.**



*(Let Harold know if you want to decorate in the service)*

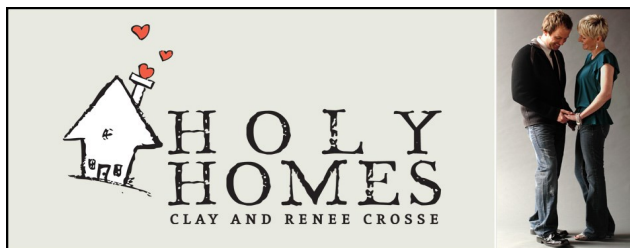
**Go out on a date to grow your marriage...**

**Jan. 22-23, 2016**

**@ FBC New Boston**



We are excited to have **Clay & Renee Crosse** leading us as they bring us a weekend of Marriage Enrichment Ministry they call...



### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Friday, January 22**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm: Meal

6:30 pm—9:00 pm: Conference

**Saturday, January 23**

9:00 am—Noon: Conference

**COST: Before Dec. 11, 2015**

\$40 per couple or \$20 per person

**After Dec. 11, 2015**

\$50 per couple or \$25 per person

\*Includes childcare and Friday night meal

**Registration info:**

***www.fbcnewboston.com***

**903.628.2531**



## **HANGING OF THE GREEN**



Each year we kick off the Christmas season with the **Hanging of the Green** on the first Sunday of Advent just after Thanksgiving.

Some 150 to 200 people participate as musicians and decorators for this annual celebration. It is a time for families to worship Christ through the adorning of our worship center as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah. Many choirs, decorators and families help to make this a very special event for the church.



**ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING  
FELLOWSHIP  
SUPPER**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

**@ 6:30 P.M.**

**The meal will be potluck.** The church will furnish the tea and coffee, and everybody attending bring your family's favorite "potluck."

Then, to further get in the spirit of the season, please **bring canned goods to take to Manna Kitchen** to help them restock for Christmas.



**FOCUS 2016**

**GATHER.  
GIVE. GO**

**We are *looking forward* to a great year of ministry in 2016.**

There are **BIG EVENTS** planned at fbcNB this coming year. Begin to pray with us that God will bring unity and focus to all we do as a community of faith in our families, town and world. **A brochure highlighting the events of 2016 will be available soon...**



## More News for You and Your Family



### Congratulations to:

*Kiersten and Emil Rapstine  
on the birth of their son*

**Ogden Abraham Rapstine**

*born October 16, 2015.  
He weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz.  
and measured 20 inches in  
length.*

*Proud big Sister: Margot*

*Proud Grandparents:*

*Tommy & Karen Richey*



### Joining by Baptism

Becky Melton



The Abigail Sunday School Class is sponsoring a coat drive. All items donated will be given to the "Church Under the Bridge Ministry." All sizes and types of coats will be accepted, and the deadline is November 15th for you to bring your coats to the church office. Thanks for your help!



### WOMEN ON MISSION

**Tuesday, Nov. 10th @ 10:00 am**  
Meeting and covered dish  
luncheon.

**All ladies are invited!!!**



**Wednesday, November 18th  
@ 11:00 am**

This month's meeting will be a workday and covered dish luncheon. We will be working on Christmas mugs for the Telford Visitor's Center. Please bring individually wrapped candy.



### Interested in a Biblical Sites Tour of Greece and Turkey in March of 2017?

*11-Day Walk in the Footsteps of  
Paul hosted by Dr. Patrick  
Hunter*

If interested, plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, **November 15th at noon** in the Chapel.

### CHURCH WIDE TOWN HALL MEETING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
@ 5:00 pm in the Chapel**



Purpose of the meeting is to re-  
view the Proposed 2016  
Church Budget.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is coming to a close soon. If you are filling a shoe box, please remember that the deadline to return them to the church is Sunday, November 15th, and remember to include \$7 to help with postage.

The children will be filling shoe boxes on Wednesday, November 11th. ***We have not received enough items needed to fill these boxes, and we are asking for your help.*** If you can donate items, please bring them to the church before November 11th. There is a container in the vestibule for these items.

Our goal this year is to fill 350 shoe boxes. Please help us reach our goal!!



### LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Kids Beach Club is looking for a prayer partner for each child enrolled in Kids Beach Club. A display is set up in the vestibule with all kids names and grades. We need you to pray for a child and write them one letter to be sent to this child on a specific date. Please take a name and sign your name beside that child's name on the roster so that we may provide you with updates and pertinent information.

## VITAL SIGNS

October Average

### ATTENDANCE

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| BIBLE STUDY (FBC) .....       | 255        |
| BIBLE STUDY (OTM) .....       | 11         |
| <b>Kid's Beach Club</b> ..... | <b>120</b> |

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| FBC ..... | 316 |
| OTM ..... | 20  |

### MONTHLY OFFERING REQUIREMENT

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| FBC ..... | \$82,754.00 |
| OTM ..... | \$1,407.00  |

#### Your Staff:

Dr. Patrick Hunter, Senior Pastor ([drpatrickhunter@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:drpatrickhunter@fbcnewboston.com))  
Rick Rothwell, Associate Pastor ([rick@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:rick@fbcnewboston.com))  
Harold Smith, Minister of Music ([harold@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:harold@fbcnewboston.com))  
Jerry Young, Student Minister ([jerry@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:jerry@fbcnewboston.com))  
Maxine Torian & Dot Rosser, Secretaries  
Michele Smith & Peggy DeSantis, Accompanists  
Julie Rothwell, Nursery Coordinator

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**New Boston, TX 75570**

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*With Sympathy*

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

- ... Linda Cochran (Wanda Gortney's niece)
- ... Judy Owen
- ... Ronnie Sinquefield (Chris Sinquefield's father)
- ... Gladys Murray (Janet May's sister)

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

### 2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6



## BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

... AND **BECAUSE YOU GIVE**, IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS **WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.**

**Church Goal: \$ 18,000**

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# VOTE!



*Don't Forget*  
**to VOTE**  
**November 3rd**

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the *Thanksgiving Holidays*.



# November FBC Birthdays



Jesse Adams - 11/02  
Jerrian Cole - 11/02  
Collin Gholston - 11/02  
Helen Rolf - 11/02  
Jonathan Baggett - 11/03  
Pat Minter - 11/03  
Larry Russell - 11/03  
Amber Smith - 11/04  
Welda Cox - 11/05  
Johanna Gombert - 11/05  
Emily McAlexander - 11/05  
Judy Saegert - 11/05  
Mary Ann Veale - 11/05  
Matthew Capps - 11/06  
Christina Hixson - 11/06  
Kyle House - 11/06  
Charles McMichael - 11/06  
Hannah Sarria - 11/06  
Cheryl Lewis - 11/07  
Glenda May - 11/07  
Thomas Vacanti - 11/07  
Gauge Allen - 11/08  
Nicole Norman - 11/08  
Bill Stephens - 11/08  
Harvey Grubbs - 11/09  
Nicholas Norman - 11/10  
Cashe Thetford - 11/10  
Johnny Youngblood - 11/10  
Virginia Cameron - 11/11  
Keegan Cowan - 11/11  
Jasper Crain - 11/11  
Neil Koenig - 11/11  
Andress Crain - 11/12  
Caylin Corbett - 11/12  
Nelda Eaton - 11/12  
Kali Epperson - 11/12  
Lee William Farris - 11/12  
Patty Green - 11/12  
Clarence Sampson - 11/12  
Michele Smith - 11/12  
Mitzi Barrett - 11/13

Robin Brule - 11/13  
Nanci Gortney - 11/13  
Stormy Gortney - 11/13  
Cindy Harkins - 11/14  
Christie Raney - 11/14  
Joe Dastillon - 11/15  
Kim Espinoza - 11/15  
John Raney - 11/15  
Cody Rhea - 11/15  
Lindsay Skinner - 11/15  
Ryan Wooldridge - 11/15  
Stephen Hosman - 11/16  
Myra Branson - 11/17  
Callie Wright - 11/17  
Kathy Daniel - 11/19  
Taylor Grider - 11/19  
Rachel Wallen - 11/19  
Kenny Barfield - 11/20  
Paula Crain - 11/20  
Kirk Gortney - 11/20  
Robert Smith - 11/20  
Lauren Wickware - 11/20  
Janice Knight - 11/21  
Sonya Laney - 11/21  
Mary Tegel - 11/21  
Jordyn Wilson - 11/21  
Channing Day - 11/22  
Katelyn Thompson - 11/22  
Regina Williams - 11/22  
Reagan England - 11/23  
Jacob Garza - 11/23  
Nathaniel Capps - 11/24  
Joshua Hixson - 11/24  
Millidge Oglesby - 11/24  
Roger Ralls - 11/25  
Bryce Martin - 11/26  
Jennifer Warren - 11/27  
Sarah Obensokey - 11/28  
Mary Pumpfrey - 11/28  
James Duffer - 11/29  
Madison Butler - 11/30  
Audrey Melton - 11/30

*If we missed your birthday on this list, please call the church office (903-628-2531) and let us know!*



# November 2015

## First Baptist New Boston Ministry Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br><div>9:15 AM<br/>Children's S.S.<br/>leadership<br/>meeting</div> <div>Daylight<br/>Savings Time<br/>Ends</div>                                  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><div>3:30 PM KBC<br/>election</div>   | <b>4</b><br><div>7:30 PM<br/>Missions<br/>Comm. Mtg.</div>               | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                              | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br><div>2:00 PM Prayer<br/>Time at the<br/>Pavillion</div>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><div>10:30 AM<br/>Women on<br/>Mission<br/>3:30 PM KBC</div>   | <b>11</b><br><div>Veteran's Day</div>                                    | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>                             | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br><div>11:00 AM Lord's<br/>Supper</div> <div>5:00 PM<br/>Churchwide<br/>Budget Town Hall<br/>in Chapel</div> <div>7:00 PM<br/>Deacon's Mtg.</div> | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b><br><div>3:30 PM KBC</div>   | <b>18</b><br><div>11:00 AM XYZ<br/>Meeting-fill<br/>Christmas mugs</div> | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>                             | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br><div>7:00 PM<br/>Conference</div>   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br><div>6:30 PM<br/>Church-Wide<br/>Thanksgiving<br/>Supper</div> <div>Little Sprouts<br/>Holiday</div> | <b>25</b><br><div>No activities</div>                                    | <b>26</b><br><div>Little Sprouts<br/>Holiday</div> <div>Thanksgiving<br/>Day Office<br/>Closed</div> | <b>27</b><br><div>Office Closed</div> | <b>28</b> |
| NBISD out  |   |   |  |  |                                       |           |
| <b>29</b><br><div>6:00 PM<br/>Hanging of the<br/>Green</div> <div>Manna Kitchen<br/>offering</div>   | <b>30</b><br><div>6:00 PM Joy<br/>Class Party in<br/>HR</div> |   |  |  |                                       |           |