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Serving God – Loving People



*Candle Light Service and The Lord's Supper
December 24th 5:00 P.M.*

First Baptist Church of Leesville

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Merry Christmas from the FBC Staff

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- December
12/22/16- 1/10/17
- 22 - Kaplan Rolon
 - 23 - Ed Brady
Bunnie Foster
Robert Pynes, Jr.
 - 24 - Kent Hoffpauir
 - 26 - Cordelia Jones
Kathleen Brown
 - 30 - Ada Lou Haymon
Hope Gregory
 - 31 - Lisa Lewis
- January
- 1 - James Brown
 - 2 - Laverne Jackson
Isabella Berrios
 - 3 - Natalie Smith
Rhonda Blackmon
 - 4 - Kacen Smith
 - 5 - Brenda Holmes
 - 6 - Alyssa Stoddart
Jules Brown
 - 7 - Gaye Loris
 - 10 - Amber Rains

Sunday	
Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.	
Children's choir (K-6 th GR.) 5 PM	
RA's & I GA's (1 st - 6 th GR) 6 PM	
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.	
Sunday Evening 6 PM (Beginning Jan. 8 th in CLC)	
Wednesday	
Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:00-5:45 PM	
Adults \$5.00-Children to 12 yrs. \$3.00	
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.	
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.	
Awana 6:00-7:30 PM	

FBC State of Affairs	
2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$39,219.00
Received December 4, 2016	14,614.09
Received December 11, 2016	9,298.90
Total received December to date	23,912.99
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	\$125,000.00
Received to date	87,249.00
Lottie Moon Offering Goal	12,000.00
Received to Date:	8,884.20

Sunday School Report		
	12/4	12/11
Members Present	178	160
Visitors:	22	21
Worship Attendance	257	191

Deacons' Meeting January 8, 2017 after PM Service



Your Staff would like to say
"Thank You First Baptist"
for a most generous
Christmas Bonus. We do
appreciate it.

Revised Newsletter

Schedule thru
End of Year
December 2, 2016
December 16, 2016
January 6, 2017

A Note From the Pastor

Since this will be the last newsletter for this year, I want to take the time to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Coleman family. We are truly blessed to be able to serve alongside each of you and during this holiday season, we are especially thankful for your love and support. I do pray God will richly bless you during this Holiday season and that 2017 will be a wonderful year for you and for First Baptist. I for one am looking forward to what God's plans are for this fellowship.

We were greatly blessed by the choir and cast during their performance last weekend. A lot of hard work and dedication went into that production and it was very evident by their performance. The children followed that up this past Sunday evening with their musical and I was so pleased to see so many youngsters up there; what a blessing that they filled the stage.

We are looking forward to our church-wide Christmas fellowship and ugly sweater competition the evening of the 18th and then our Christmas Eve service. What a special time to spend with family and friends as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

But as so often happens, many people feel God is not near during the holidays, that He too is caught up in the busyness of the season and He doesn't have time for them. They feel lonely or distant but I want to remind you of

Psalms 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (ESV)

Even though we often point to the star over Bethlehem as a sign of God's presence, He is much nearer to us than a star, in fact, He is just a whisper away. We may get busy during the Christmas season, but He is never too occupied to hear our prayers and believe me, He loves to meet our deepest need when we cry out to Him.

Please remember this year to look around you; see all that God has done and is doing in your life and take time to thank Him not only for that, but for the greatest gift ever given...His only son Jesus.

Have a very Merry Christmas and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

Here we are already, putting out the last newsletter of 2016. As I look back on the year, I am reminded of happy and sad, joy and heartache, blessing and natural disaster, and seeing God surprise me in accomplishing what I didn't think could happen. One thing is true in all of it... God is still in control. He is still on His throne, and we can trust Him.

One of the ways that God has shown Himself strong has been in our Christmas programs I give glory to Him for what He did in the Adult Choir program, and for what He did in the Children's Choir program as well. I thanked everyone for the Adult Choir program in the last newsletter and that still holds true. I also want to thank Karan Brumley for all the work she put into the Children's Program as well as Elizabeth Cyr for helping. Thanks as well goes to all the children who blessed us with their beautiful singing and to the parents who made sure they were at practice.

In addition, I want to thank Elizabeth Cyr for the beautiful instrumentals she has provided. It was especially nice on Dec. 11 to have Jane Holton join her on the beautiful offertory "Many Years Ago". Also, the adult Choir blessed us with "Christ is Born" and "The Song of Christmas". Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

I am looking forward to having our handbells ringing on Dec. 18, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Please be praying for our Handbell Choir as they prepare.

DMA, our annual Christmas Party will be Thursday, Dec 22 at 11 AM at Wagon Master. Bring a gift if you want to be part of the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Finally let me wish everyone of you a very meaningful and Merry Christmas. May God give you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and may He bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!! DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting

Christmas & New Years Schedule

Wed., December 21, 2016

No Wed Night Services.

All Wednesday Night Activities will resume

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Sat., December 24, 2016

Candle Light Svc. and the Lord's Supper 5 PM

Sun., December 25th -No Sun. School

Worship 10:30 AM-No evening Service

Sun., January 1st 2017

No Sunday School & No PM Service

Worship Service @ 10:30 A.M.

Ugly Sweaters

December 18, 2016

6 P.M. in the CLC

Ugly Christmas Sweater party
and refreshments.

Wear your ugliest sweater and
Enter in the fun!



FBC Choir and Drama Team. Thank you for an outstanding presentation of the Gospel in the performance of "Season of Hope"

Youth Minister Search Committee

Our newly elected Youth Minister Search Committee members are: Tim Tuck, Rodney Blackwell, Dustin Smith, Robbie Giles, Robin Brians, Rhonda Blackmon and Erin Lewis. Please be in prayer daily for this very important committee as they seek God's will for a youth leader to lead our youth.

Dear Church Family:

We would like to thank each one of you for your love, concern and acts of kindness you have so generously showed us during this difficult time. Thank you for the food and ones who helped prepare and serve, the calls and visits to encourage us and especially all your prayers.

We are so grateful for Bro. Craig, Bro. Jeff and Christy for such a wonderful service. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten. We are so blessed and thankful to have such loving and compassionate friends.

The Doris Bonnette Family

December 24, 2016

5:00 PM

Candle Light Service and

The Lord's supper



*Great Job
Children's
Choir!!*

A BIG "Thank You"

*to the GA Girls and their leader for organizing the
food closet! It looks great, girls, and we do appreciate
your work.*