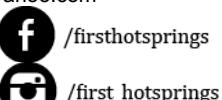


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**LIGHT** of the **WORLD**

A 3-PART CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS // DECEMBER 3, 10, & 17

Join us for a 3-part celebration of Christmas on December 3, 10 & 17. Invite cards are available now at the welcome center and in the front office. Please be on the lookout for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!

## Basic Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Worship

Classic Service 9:00 a.m.  
Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.

### Connect Groups

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Nights

Dinner 4:45-5:45 pm  
Worship Time 6:00 pm

### TV Schedule Cable Channel 10

Thursday: 9:00 pm, Friday: Noon  
Sunday: 8:00 am, Monday: Noon

### Sunrise Sunday School

Sun: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

### Spanish Sunday School

Sun: 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm

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will do some great things among us. Scatter the seed broadly. Some will fall on fertile soil and produce big-time crop. Lee and his team have worked very hard on this. All ages are involved!

**It's Lottie Moon season.** Please pray about making a sacrificial gift to this important offering for international missions. Half of the International Mission Board's budget comes through this offering. Our goal is \$110,000. As I mentioned Sunday in the sermon:

We give sacrificially. We give because God wills it. We give because it is a privilege to be part of something larger than ourselves and something that lasts forever. We give for the glory of God and to make the nations glad. We give so that missionaries can be sent and resourced. We give because precious souls are at stake and heaven and hell are in the balance. We give the Lottie Moon offering at Christmas because Jesus is the birthday boy, and there's no better gift to give him, no gift he'd like more than to have more people at his forever party.

**We still have some copies of my Christmas book available through the church office.** *How the Lord Sent Christmas* is a Dr. Seussical telling of the Christmas story. Some are finding this to be a new Christmas tradition in their families. It's also a book to give to friends who don't know Christ. They will hear the Bible story without reading the Bible, and they will hear it in a lyrical way that may help them hear its meaning. If you'd like to purchase a copy, call the office or stop by. (This may sound like shameless self-promotion, so please know that I take no money for any books sold through the church.)

We'll be thinking this Sunday about a world with no light. See you Sunday.

Your Pastor,  
John

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Nov 30	Sun Dec 3	Wed Dec 6
<u>Daniel 4:</u>	<u>Daniel 9:</u>	<u>Hosea 4-6:</u>
<u>2 Peter 2</u>	<u>1 John 2</u>	<u>1 John 5</u>
Sara Santillan	JoAnne Oliver	Laura Crabtree
Steven Green	Foster Pratt	Jenna Thaxton
Charlie Zoll	Jake Keeling	Haylie Miller
Dewey Dirrim	Michael Allred	Carol Hill
Peggy Broussard	Rosemary Liles	Laura Bright
	Billy Parchman	
	Kimberly Chance	
<u>Fri Dec 1</u>	<u>Thur Dec 7</u>	<u>Hosea 7-8:</u>
<u>Daniel 5-6:</u>		
<u>2 Peter 3</u>	<u>Mon Dec 4</u>	<u>2 John</u>
Brian Bell	<u>Daniel 10-12:</u>	<u>Jim Wilkins</u>
Bettye Gray		<u>Dennis Mauk</u>
Blair Jordan		<u>Grace Anne Fortner</u>
Bob Hill		<u>Paula Massanelli</u>
Rachel Mills		<u>Bill Perry</u>
Hailey Hawkins		<u>Marsa Green</u>
Grant Mason		<u>Chelsea Ledbetter</u>
Jacob Happy		<u>Michael Stockburger</u>
	<u>Nathan Lynch</u>	<u>Fri Dec 8</u>
	<u>Laura Barnes</u>	<u>Hosea 9-10:</u>
	<u>Jorge Mosley</u>	<u>3 John</u>
<u>Sat Dec 2</u>	<u>Tue Dec 5</u>	<u>Bill Kee</u>
<u>Daniel 7-8:</u>	<u>Hosea 1-3:</u>	<u>Patty James</u>
<u>1 John 1</u>	<u>1 John 4</u>	<u>Kathryn Russell</u>
Helen Lynch	<u>Ashlee Neal</u>	<u>Carla Horner</u>
Bobbie Morrison	<u>Amy Swearingen</u>	<u>Jason Armitage</u>
Sierra Collier	<u>John Bailey</u>	<u>Kristy Doub</u>
Esmeralda Martinez	<u>Marty Black</u>	<u>Trey Jenkins</u>
Jason Lynch	<u>Kristin Dunn</u>	<u>Kelly Thomason</u>
Chance Spriggs	<u>Mary Books</u>	<u>Landon Parchman</u>
Colby Wells	<u>LeAnne Nugent</u>	
Charles Roberts		
	<u>Sat Dec 9</u>	<u>Van Outreach Drivers</u>
	<u>Hosea 11-12:</u>	
	<u>Jude</u>	
	<u>Maggie Huett</u>	
	<u>Debbie Clevenger</u>	

## SERVICE TEAMS

<b>Door Greeters - Dec 3</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Leah Avery, James O'Neal, Lee & Kathryn Carson, Jerry Franks, Gwen Fleece, Amy Jessen
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner
<b>Ushers - Dec 3</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Milt Raabe, Jack Smith, Carl Hawthorn
<b>Every Sunday balcony:</b>	Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke Haight, Sam Capps
<b>Every Sunday main floor:</b>	Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan, Robert McAlister, Don White, Jack Smith, Bill McIntyre
<b>Every Sunday balcony:</b>	Jason Williams, Donny Moore, Kelly Robbins
<b>Every Sunday main floor:</b>	Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan
<b>10 a.m. PS Ctr 1st Sun:</b>	Ed & Whitney Argueta
<b>2nd Sun:</b>	Travis & Lauren Warren
<b>3rd Sun:</b>	Jake & Sarah Bird
<b>4th &amp; 5th Sun:</b>	Jay & Jennifer Winters
<b>FH Ctr: Even Months:</b>	David & Gigi Bird
<b>Odd Months:</b>	Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram
<b>Foyer Welc Ctr:</b>	1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford 2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis
<b>3rd Sunday:</b>	Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
<b>4th/5th Sunday:</b>	Kelly & Vickie Robbins
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<b>FH Ctr: Even Months:</b>	Betty James, Joy Scallion
<b>Odd Months:</b>	Leo & Vonni Ensz
<b>2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months:</b>	Vaughn & Stephanie Treadaway
<b>Odd Months:</b>	Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris
<b>Deacon Hospital Visitation</b>	
<b>Dec 4-8</b>	
Monday .....	North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624 South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565
Tuesday .....	North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735 South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
Wednesday .....	North: Missy Herron, 762-3749 South: Duke Haight, 815-4416
Thursday .....	North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975
Friday .....	North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

## ATTENDANCE

November 26, 2017	
<b>Homebound TV Class</b>	.....*80
9:00 Connect Group	.....390
10:30 Connect Group	.....444
<b>Total Connect Groups</b>	.....834
Worship Attendance 9:00	.....453
Worship Attendance 10:30	.....635
<b>Total Worship</b>	.....1088

\*Average

## Education / Outreach Ministry

### Read Your Bible Through in 2018!

We have One Year Bibles that would be a good tool to help you be in God's Word throughout the year. And if you already have one it could be a good Christmas gift idea. One of the things I like about using it is the variety of daily readings. It shows an Old testament reading, a New Testament reading and then part of a Psalm and Proverb every day. We will sell them at our bulk cost of \$12 in the foyer on Sunday after both worships. Please let me know if you would like to help sell them at the table behind the welcome center on Sundays.

### Ushers Training

For all of our Ushers and anyone else interested in being an usher!

This Sunday, Dec. 3 at noon in the Family Life Center Appreciation lunch and training

Ushers are an important part of our new assimilation process. We want to reach people, keep them coming and keep helping them grow to be a mature Christian.

### SPECIAL CRASE TRAINING

CRASE is an acrostic for:  
Civilian RActive Shooter Events

Sunday, January 14, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Worship Center.

For: Staff, Preschool Staff, Safety Team, Door Greeters, Welcome Center Guides, Ushers and anyone else interested.

### CONNECT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

As you plan your parties, be sure to give special effort invite all your regular members and absentees, as well as all your prospects. The most effective way is personal invitations. These are a great way to reach in and reach out and build fellowship!

### Coming Up Soon!

Dec. 24 - No Connect Groups, 2 Christmas Eve services: 10:30am & 5:30 pm

Dec. 31 - No Connect Groups, 10:30 service only

### If You Come Early...

On Sunday, If you come early before 8:30am, please come through the office door on the North side.

On Wednesday evening, if you come early before 4:00pm, please come through the Family Life Center door. (The Fellowship Hall door will be open at 3:30 for the 4 pm prayer meeting.

Thanks for your understanding as we provide a safe environment.

Love, Danny

## Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups/resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)



By the time you read this we will have completed the player drafts and will be

in the process of notifying the coaches and parents. We're extremely grateful for the 36 volunteers who stepped up to coach the players!

We're continuing to recruit volunteers to serve in game day positions. Job descriptions and registration are available at [www.fbcrecreation.com](http://www.fbcrecreation.com) or contact Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith to volunteer.

Prayer Partners: unlimited

Greeters: unlimited

Referees: 10 required / 5 vacancies

Concessions: 10 required / 5 vacancies

Clock monitors: 4 required / 3 vacancies

#### Current player numbers and vacancies:

Kindergarten Coed: 21 registrations / 7 vacancies

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls: 23 registrations / 5 vacancies

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys: 50 registrations / 6 vacancies



#### Men's & Women's Basketball

Tuesday nights

January 16-April 10, 2018

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33 The Series continues this January as we trek through Volume 2: A Man and His Story.

This volume provides men with a biblical perspective of their "story", equipping us to embrace how our past has affected our present and prepares us to deal with whatever the future may hold. No big deal if you missed Volume 1 last fall. Each volume of the six-volume gospel-centered video series stands alone but together, presents the timeless truths of Authentic Manhood in a powerfully engaging way. Bring a friend or group of friends and let's grow together.

#### Volume 2 – A Man and His Story

Wednesdays, January 17-February 21, 2018

5:45-7:00 pm, Room 3025

Wallace Yamauchi, facilitator

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#### Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships

Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym

We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

Dec 3: F, G, H

Dec 10: I, J, K, L

Dec 17: M, N

Dec 24: O, P, Q, R

Dec 31: S, T, U

Jan 7, 2018: V, W, X, Y, Z

Jan 14: A, B

Jan 21: C, D, E

Until we all fall down, Wallace



IT ALL STARTS WITH A GIFT!  
AND LIVES ARE CHANGED THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST!

We have been given an opportunity again this Christmas to give the greatest gift of all to children of incarcerated parents. Angel Tree is a ministry of the Prison Fellowship where gifts are provided to children on behalf of their parents in prison. For some it may be the only contact the child has had from the parent in a very long time. You can select your Angel on Sunday, December 3 at Information Central. There will be a dinner for the children and their families on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center with a Christmas program to follow in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited to come. Please contact Charlotte Arnold at 318-6133 for more information or to ask how you can help.

#### Keenager's Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, November 30th  
at 11:30 am in the FLC

Special Guest:

First Baptist Church Ladies' Ensemble

Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad,  
Hot Roll, Dessert

Please sign up at the Foyer Welcome Center  
on Sundays or Wednesdays.

Church members who are widows/widowers  
eat free, everyone else is \$5.00 per person.

FreeChristmasWallpapers.net



December 7

6:00pm

with special guests

ALLEY BELL

& HOPE DARST

We're getting excited for the biggest women's event of the year! If you'd like to participate in this event by hosting a table of 7 guests, sign up today in the women's ministry area. You provide the table decorations and we'll take care of the rest! Your guests can be friends and family that you personally invite, or let us fill your table with friends you haven't yet met!

Collecting for  
December 2017 Ukraine Mission Trip  
We are focusing on these items for the cold weather.  
Men's & Women's Coats, Jeans, gloves,  
Fleece fabric (any color) or fleece blankets (on sale at Wal  
Mart for \$2.50) & LARGE suitcases with rollers.  
Please drop off your donations in the Church office  
by December 15TH

Wednesday Night Supper November  
29th: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Chicken Strips,

## BUDGET REPORT

### Ministry Fund (11-26-17)

Weekly Receipts	\$30,158
Online Giving	\$ 5,662
Total Given	\$35,819

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, [firsthotsprings.com](http://firsthotsprings.com), and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

### GROUPS & CLASSES

#### Comfort in Christ

Provides support to all women who have suffered the loss of a loved one. This woman-to-woman group offers support during the journey from grief to healing, prayer and encouragement, and a safe and understanding place to share one's thoughts, feelings and experiences. Books, handouts, devotionals, and other resources with a spiritual emphasis are provided to help each person regarding the grief process. This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm in the home of the leader, Rhonda Frederick. Please contact her at 501-538-3911, for more info.

### SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alvenia Cheatham and family in the death of her brother & brother-in-law, Louis Hollingsworth and family in the death of his son, and to the family of Sarah Hortman. May God bless and comfort you.



We are collecting diapers and wipes for children who are under DHS supervision. Any donations may be dropped off in the baskets in the women's ministry area in the lobby.

November 19

to December 16



CHURCH GOAL:  
\$110,000