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# The Messenger

## First Baptist Church

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Our music ministry has blessed us beyond measure these last two Sundays: the kids on December 4 and the adults on December 11-12. Moving, challenging, encouraging, and more! My thanks to Lee and his team. These things don't happen with a couple of rehearsals. Our prayer is that God has used these presentations to stir you to faith, obedience, and a joyful Christian life.

We have been praying that **Connect for Christmas** would bring more people into the church for worship and Connect Groups. God is answering those prayers. We average around 1,100 per Sunday in worship. On December 4 we had more than 1,300. And on last Sunday, December 11, we had more than 1,500. Thanks for inviting and sharing Jesus with people.

We are a little better than halfway toward our **Lottie Moon Mission Offering** goal of \$110,000. If you have yet to give, please prayerful consider and make a sacrificial gift. Nothing—nothing—is more important than getting the gospel to the nations. Every dollar of your Lottie Moon gift goes directly to the missionaries in the field and provides for sending new missionaries to places where the gospel has yet to go. It's always our most expensive Christmas gift. I encourage you to make it your most expensive gift too.

And speaking of gifts: you have till December 31 to make any **year-end gifts** to budget, All In, Lottie Moon, or any other designated offering. I'm grateful that every year we have so many who are generous with God, the church, and His kingdom.

**This is the last Messenger of 2016.** Aren't you grateful for our faithful secretarial staff that does so much to keep the church running smoothly and well-informed year in and year out? Let them know the next time you pass through the office.

This Sunday is **A Family Christmas**. We hope you will bring your family and friends. As part of **Connect for Christmas** we have professional photographers who will take a family portrait that morning. You might invite your unchurched friends to come with that opportunity in mind. Bring them to worship and Connect Group and take them to the FLC to get their picture made. God can use anything to get people to Him.

**Dayna and I** thank you for your cards, gifts, and expressions of kindness during this Christmas season and all year long. You treat us far better than we deserve. Merry Christmas and a blessed new year for you all!

Your Pastor,  
John

Thur Dec 15  
Amos 8-9;  
Revelation 6  
Karen Caperton  
Beverly Hegwood  
Bessie Sowell  
Carol Skillern  
Patsy Anderson  
Karen Posney  
Nicole Hunter  
Lee Barnett  
Mary Beth Leal  
Tyler Shaw

Fri Dec 16  
Obadiah;  
Revelation 7  
Bob Goodman  
Julie Nichols  
Annette Sepe  
Jon Vitro  
Janet Brewer  
Wynona Gayfield

Sat Dec 17  
Jonah 1-4;  
Revelation 8  
Wallace Yamauchi  
Kyle Benton  
Amber Majors  
Kyle Hunt  
Aaron Johnson

Sun Dec 18  
Micah 1-2;  
Revelation 9  
Mary Hawthorn  
Lee Carson  
Judith Batton

### Happy Birthday!

Sun Dec 18 cont  
Elgin Hamner, III  
Sandra Wilson  
Michael Whatley  
Terry Holmes  
Leigh Griffin  
Lance Porter  
Lucy LaDuke

Mon Dec 19  
Micah 3-4;  
Revelation 10  
Aaron Brewer  
Brenda McIntyre  
Jessica Humphrey  
Regina Prothro  
DeWayne Gordon

Tue Dec 20  
Micah 5-7;  
Revelation 11  
Chuck Lane  
Janice Higdon  
Cyndi Jordan  
Juliana Santillan

Wed Dec 21  
Nahum 1-3;  
Revelation 12  
Joyce Rumore  
Jackie Moore  
Jennifer Campbell  
Melissa Zoll  
Barrett James  
Brayden James

Thur Dec 22  
Habakkuk 1-3;  
Revelation 13  
Carlene Akins  
Cathy Slater

Thur Dec 22 cont  
Phillip Dobbs  
Chip Blocker  
Lori Ashford  
Chris Enloe  
Karen Smith  
Wyatt Parchman

Fri Dec 23  
Zephaniah 1-3;  
Revelation 14  
Tina Miles  
Howard Counts  
Carlton Loomis  
Deb Skelton  
Kevin Day  
Kim Bailey  
Brett Boston

Sat Dec 24  
Haggai 1-2;  
Revelation 15  
Miriam Woosley  
Kathy McCutcheon  
James Mills  
Suzana Chanley  
Dillon Green

Sun Dec 25  
Zechariah 1-3;  
Revelation 16  
Walcie Wilhelm  
Dennis Reynolds  
Carolyn Stokes  
Lisa Telle  
Gary Beckwith  
Dan Krause  
Karen Jarvey

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### Door Greeters - Dec 18

**9:00 a.m.** Marie Colmenero, Mike & Betty James, Allison Fitts, Jerry Franks, Clyde Shirron, Jan White, Mick Skelton  
**10:30 a.m.** Charles & Carol Hill, Patti Heckmann, Alvenia Cheatham, Tommy Hargrove, Joe & Megan Greeson, Kaye Park, Amy Jessen

### Van Outreach Drivers

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624  
..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.....North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735  
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday . North: Jerry Sunderland, 762-3749  
..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday .....North: Bob Roling, 545-5818  
..... South: Tony Payne, 617-6459  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday .....North: Bob Roling, 545-5818  
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

### Parking Greeters

1st Sundays.....Brian Witt  
2nd Sundays .....Clyde Shirron  
3rd Sundays .....Gary Bettis  
4th Sundays .....Craig Forbes  
5th Sundays .....Jim Morgan  
Sub.....Craig Forbes

### Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of Dec 19-23

Monday.....Chad Lockwood  
Tuesday.....James Bennett  
Wednesday.....James Allen  
Thursday .....James O'Neal  
Friday .....Richard Braley

### Ushers - Dec 18

**9:00 a.m.** Milton Raabe, Carl Hawthorn, Jim Short  
**Every Sunday balcony:** Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Don Slaton, Tommy White, Donnie Sumpter  
**Every Sunday main floor:** Richard Hawthorn, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan

**10:30 a.m.** A.J. Johnson, Donny Moore, Cole Efird  
**Every Sunday balcony:** Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan  
**Every Sunday main floor:** Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock

### Safety Teams - Sunday Dec 18

**8:30 a.m.** Terry Hunter, Jon Vitro, Jimmy Schultz, Brad Buttrum, Phillip McAdams, Larry Ingram  
**10:15 a.m.** Kyle Benton, Allen Black, Jerry Thompson, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Jack Smith

### Wednesday - Dec 21

**4:00-6:00 p.m.** No Activities  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.** No Activities

### Welcome Center Guides December 8:30 a.m.

**PS Ctr:** Kim Miller, Susan Blount, Brad Wreyford, Josh & Katy Wesson  
**FH Ctr:** David & Gigi Bird  
**Foyer Welc Ctr:** Robert & Cindy Davis

### 10:00 a.m.

**PS Ctr:** Jake & Sarah Bird, Travis & Lauren Warren  
**FH Ctr:** Betty James, Bettye Olver  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Welc Ctr:** Vaughn & Stephanie Treadway

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance ..... December 11, 2016  
**Homebound TV Class.....\*80**  
9:00 Connect Group ..... 429  
10:30 Connect Group ..... 419  
**Total Connect Groups .....848**  
Worship Attendance 9:00..... 633  
Worship Attendance 10:30..... 853  
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 .....\*39  
**Total Worship .....1,525**  
Children's Worship .....\*52  
\*Average

## New Members

Joe & Megan Greeson



<div> <div>BUDGET REPORT</div> <div> </div> </div>	
<b>Ministry Fund</b> (12-11-16)	
Weekly Receipts	\$41,022
Online Giving	\$3,676
Total Given	\$44,698
<b>All In Fund</b>	
Weekly Receipts: (12-11-16)	\$7,219
Balance of loan: (11-1-16)	\$2,824,741

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.

## New Women's Missions Opportunity in Dakar, Senegal, Africa



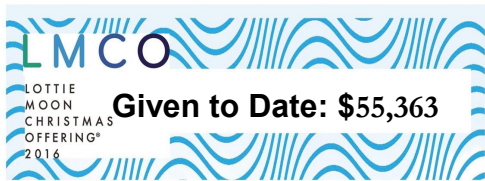
**FEB 17-25 or FEB 24-MAR 4, 2017**

We will be working with the Missionaries to engage women in the capitol city of Dakar. Projects will involve beading/jewelry making, sharing, teaching, cooking... anything to allow us to become better friends. **Limited to 5 women.** We will stay in Dakar in the Missionary guest house. Time is of the essence as quick turnaround is needed. **Please contact Jack Porter for details: [jackpor@cablenynx.com](mailto:jackpor@cablenynx.com) 501.622.8551**

December 4-30, 2016

OUR CHURCH GOAL

**\$110,000**



**Given to Date: \$55,363**



A thank you note has been received from the Johnny and Diane Harris. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.



Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Floyd Bryant. God bless and comfort you.

## Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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



*"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6*

Praying we will ponder this simultaneously ugly and beautiful Christmas truth: our sinfulness led to the birth, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thankful for the Gift who is Jesus. And thank you for your cards and gifts this season. We love and appreciate you all! Wallace and family

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## Urgent need for remaining volunteers!

Over 50 volunteers are already on board with Upward this season but we need at least another 50 to fill the remaining volunteer vacancies!



## These GAME DAY ministry positions take place on Saturdays, Jan 28-Mar 11.

**Greeters:** You can show the love of Christ and make a positive connection with FBC by merely making yourself available to welcome players, parents and other fans to our games.

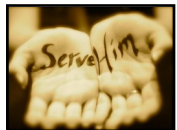
**Halftime Entertainment:** Work with a team to use "Minute-to-Win-It" type games and activities to share a biblical truth during halftime!

**Referees:** We need an additional 8 volunteers to officiate in either Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade divisions. Training is early January.

**Possession Arrow Operators:** We need 6 volunteers to help manage the game!

**Concession Stand Helpers:** We need 12 volunteers to serve from the concession stand.

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**We need some additional volunteers to serve with our Hospitality Committee!** See Molly Long or Wallace asap!

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**Join us for Sunday morning fellowship in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups.** Here's the rotation schedule:



**Dec 18: I, J, K, L**  
Dec 25: No Snacks  
Jan 1 : No Snacks  
Jan 8: M, N

Jan 15: O, P, Q, R  
Jan 22: S, T, U  
Jan 29: V, W, X, Y, Z  
Feb 5: A, B

*Until we all fall down, Wallace*

## Education & Outreach Ministry



*We bring our year-long Evangelistic Initiative to a crescendo in December as we invite people to Connect for Christmas!*

## Connect for Christmas

**A Christmas Strategy to Propel Prospects toward Connect Groups!**

**Don't just count on your email news, personally Invite "More than a Face" Friends and other prospects! Invite prospects, members and in-service members to your Christmas Parties! Invitation Cards are available in the foyer.**

**Dec. 18 – Invite to A Family Christmas & Final Connect Group of 2016**

**Dec. 24 – Invite to Christmas Eve Service & Jan. 8 Connect Group**

**Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 – No Connect Groups, 10:30 Service only.**

**Engage New Year's resolution-makers with a Connect Group Jan 8.**

## Wheel Chair Only Spots

We have several attending with wheelchairs now. Many times they can't find a spot. There are Handicapped spots that are marked "Van Only". That means they are reserved for wheel chair people only. Please help them be able to come to church. If they don't have an adequate spot, they can't get out. Please Police yourselves.

## Safety Team Volunteers Needed

**If you are interested in serving the Lord by protecting the flock or you have good protection instincts, or you've served in the military or law enforcement, or just willing to be trained, WE NEED YOU! Please call Brad Phillips – 501-658-7630, or Bobby King – 501-282-1247, or me at 501-276-3346.**

**Love, Danny**



## Wednesday Night December Schedule

**Wednesday, December 14:**

5:00 pm - Dinner

6:00 pm - Angel Tree Party

(No 4:00 pm service)

**Wednesday, December 21:**

No Meal or Activities

**Wednesday, December 28:**

No Meal or Activities

## Budget Vote

*without Discussion*

Sunday, December 18

9:00 & 10:30 am Worship Services



## "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement"

This is highly recommended for anyone interested in a serious

Missions vision and is the most important course taught for the past few years. Please see the details below and contact them to register.

**This course will be taught at Crossgate Church**

3100 E. Grand Ave., Hot Springs 71901

January 19—May 18, 2017

Classes will be held on Thursdays, 6-9:00 pm

**Orientation/Registration/Books: Thursday, January 19, 6-9:00pm**

No class on March 23 (Spring Break) COST: Key Reading & Certificate Level: \$270, includes the Reader and Study Guide, Alumni Pricing: \$30 to upgrade to Certificate Level, all other alumni FREE!

For questions you may call or email:

Gary House, 501.743.6693 [gary@firsths.tv](mailto:gary@firsths.tv)

## Happy Birthday!

**Mon Dec 26**  
**Zechariah 4-5;**  
**Revelation 17**  
Cody Almond  
Denver Davidson

**Tue Dec 27**  
**Zechariah 6-8;**  
**Revelation 18**  
Fran Lindsey  
Van Wright

**Wed Dec 28**  
**Zechariah 9-11;**  
**Revelation 19**  
Tim Lynch  
Susan Ritter

**Thur Dec 29**  
**Zechariah 12-14;**  
**Revelation 20**  
Shirley Hawley  
Dennis Stokes

**Fri Dec 30**  
**Malachi 1-2;**  
**Revelation 21**  
Gary McKuin  
Libby Hignight

**Sat Dec 31**  
**Malachi 3-4;**  
**Revelation 22**  
Mike Green  
Hilaria Rojo

**Sun Jan 1**  
**Genesis 1-3;**  
**Matthew 1**  
Dawn Rose  
Ashley Sprague

**Mon Jan 2**  
**Genesis 4-6;**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**  
Floy Haller  
Sue Vaughn

**Tue Jan 3**  
**Genesis 7-8;**  
**Matthew 2:13-23**  
Lloyd Kuhn  
Gail Nix

**Wed Jan 4**  
**Genesis 9-11;**  
**Matthew 3**  
Sandra Jones  
Jim Gerren

**Thur Jan 5**  
**Genesis 12-14;**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**  
Jerry Franks  
Carol Boatright

**Fri Jan 6**  
**Genesis 15-17;**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**  
Russell Dunn  
BJ Saunders

**Sat Jan 7**  
**Genesis 18-22;**  
**Matthew 5:1-12**  
Robert Butler  
Molissa Jordan

**Sun Jan 8**  
**Genesis 23-25;**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**  
Laure Slaton  
Juan Argueta

**Mon Jan 9**  
**Genesis 26-28;**  
**Matthew 5:17-20**  
Camryn Willis  
Kimberly Skaggs