

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

The Christmas season is now upon us! It is our yearly opportunity to celebrate what believers call the "incarnation" of Christ. It means that Jesus Christ became a human being without giving up his divinity. Jesus was both fully God and fully man.

The great theologian J. I. Packer wrote, "Trinity and Incarnation belong together. The doctrine of the Trinity declares that the man Jesus is truly divine; that of the Incarnation declares that the divine Jesus is truly human."

Matthew 1:21 says, "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." John 1:14 says, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory..." I love how The Message translates this, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes..."

The incarnation reminds us that God has sent His Son, "And purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9). It is a time to reflect upon God's great gift to all who believe in Him. But let us not stop there. As those who have freely received, we must also freely give the message of salvation in Jesus Christ alone.

As followers of a missionary Savior and children of a missionary God who will you give the gospel gift to this Christmas season? Who's on your Christmas free gift list? (Romans 6:23) We often pray for an open door to share. The Christmas season provides the open door we ask for! Let us determine to go forth preaching Christ to all who God has placed within our spheres of influence. "Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King."

Pastor Russell

**WHO'S*
WHOSE MISSING?
MISSION?**

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 29 - DEC. 6, 2009

Our Goal: **\$32,000**

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING National Goal: \$175 million
IMB.ORG | INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, SBC

**I Heard the Bells on
Christmas Day**

presented by

**The Music Ministry of
the First Baptist
Church**

**Sunday, December 13
6:00 p.m.**

**The
Lottie
Moon
Post
Office**

is open.

You may "deliver"
your church
family Christmas
cards here and do-
nate the
postage saved
to our
Lottie Moon
Christmas
Offering.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Baptism



Kassie Butler
1809 Westwood



Matthew Mantle
2200 Bell Avenue

Doc's Notes



Very Important TIMES for this Sunday am & pm:

1. **AM** – 10:20 am in adult choir room:
[1st – 6th grade / youth / adult. Mass rehearsal.
Parents – thank you for your support and this will be a “FULL” day with our mass choirs singing in both services! I will be mailing a note to ALL choir members with time schedules for AM and PM services.
2. **PM** - ALL choirs schedule:
 1. Youth 4:00 pm Bells & choir [sanctuary]
 2. Adult / Youth 4:40 pm Both choirs [sanctuary]
 3. 4 – 5 yr. olds 5:00 pm Your choir room
 3. 1st – 6th gr. choirs 5:00 pm Your choir rooms
 - 1st – youth / adult 5:15 pm MASS reh [sanctuary]
 4. Preschool – adult 6:00 pm Performance

Toys for “old Mexico” [deadline – Dec. 18th]

The Sanchez family will be leaving for Mexico on Friday, Dec. 19th. They're asking our church family to help with the following items: Sweaters or jackets sizes small & medium for 38 youth boys & girls; toys for 16 Preschool children under age 5, and toys for 63 children ages 5-12. Smaller/compact toys are easier to transport.

Christian Davis

What a voice! I have heard from several of you and the response has been overwhelming to “rebook” Christian. WE are in the process of getting a contract signed for our Thanksgiving banquet, Nov. 18, 2012.

2010 Choir schedules:

Choirs Begin	Date
1. All Graded & Adult Choirs	Wed., Jan. 6 th
2. Youth – Bells & Choir	Sun., Jan. 10 th

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Extended Session:

Babies:
Jane Thomas/Trish Carter

Creepers:
NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:
Glenda Ivins/ Wanda Richardson

2 year olds:
Nathan & Amanda Friesen

3 year olds:
NEED HELP!!!

4 year olds:
Kathy Simmons/Robin Hargrove



Weekly Report

December 6, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	268
Youth.....	67
Children.....	82
Preschool.....	66
Fellowship.....	20
Total	503
Hispanic Mission.....	40
Total *incl. mission.....	543
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:	1431

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$58,321.82
Above.....	\$28,941.82
Bldg Received.....	\$3,286.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement	0
By Baptism	2
Professions of Faith.....	0

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	7
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	18
Total.....	26


Giving

Budget Need.....	\$1,410,240.00
Received.....	\$1,461,948.62
Above.....	\$51,708.62
Bldg Rec'd To Date.	\$125,521.75

**S.I.S. Jesus is the
Heart of Christmas
tree is up & all the
tags are gone!**

**Thanks for your
generosity!**

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

Dec 14	4:00-8:00 pm
Dec 15	6:00-8:00 pm
Dec 16	5:00-9:00 pm
Dec 17	Closed

THANK YOU'S

Received from the following:

Custer County DHS

Posted on the bulletin
board near the chapel.

Coming Events

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| Dec 13 | 8:30 a.m. Nominating Team Mtg, Conf Room |
| | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship |
| | 4:00 p.m. ESL; Fin Peace Univ, AD4 |
| | 6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Christmas Concert |
| Dec 14 | 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team R & E |
| Dec 15 | 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH |
| Dec 16 | 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs |
| | 5:00 p.m. Weds Meal |
| | 5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Mtg, Conf Room |
| | 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teacher's Mtg, AD6 |
| | 6:00 p.m. AWANA Christmas Party; ESL; |
| | Youth Teach Mtg |
| | 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship, Regenerate & The |
| | Island Christmas Parties |
| Dec 18 | 9:00 a.m. Christmas Basket Marking, Gym |
| Dec 19 | 8:00 a.m. Christmas Basket Assembly, Gym |