

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Arnaud Marts tells of sitting with an 80 year old friend who had just made a gift of \$100,000.00 to a college. The old man was very happy about it. Suddenly, he pointed to a man of his own age who was walking by. "See that old man? He has the same amount of money I have, but I feel sorry for him, poor chap." Mr. Marts asked why this was so. His friend replied, "Because he has never learned how to buy any happiness with his money. All his life he has played one game. It has been his lifetime game to be worth more on December 31 of each year than he was on the previous January 1. So far as I know he has won."

He had won his own game, but had lost in the larger game. He never learned that the only way one can buy happiness with money is to give it away. Jesus said in Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." One of the best things you can ever learn about stewardship is that you don't own anything. Everything you have belongs to God. How you manage what you have proves whether you are a worthy steward or not.

Be faithful to God in giving your tithes and offerings to His church. It is one of the best indicators of where your heart is.

**In His Grace,
Pastor Russell**

P.S. I want to say a very special thank you to everyone who helped with our Fall Festival. Your labor of love is greatly appreciated!



**Men's Retreat
at Cedar Top
November 13-14**
Cost of \$10
includes 2 meals

We'll meet at church at 6 pm and leave from here
or you can meet us there by 6:30 pm.

**OUR THANKSGIVING BANQUET is
Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.**
Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes,
gravy, rolls & drinks will be
provided by the church.
A sign-up sheet can be found in
your S.S. class with the
food your department
has been requested to
provide. Please bring
enough to feed 10 people.



**VIP Workers are desperately
needed for Extended Session. We
have had a baby boom recently!
Please contact Katy at 225-0720
or Ann at 225-7951 if you are
willing to help.**



If you
missed
the
previous Olan Mills
Picture Directory
sign-ups we have
scheduled
another day!!!

The next
photography date is
Monday, December 7.
November 30 is
already full. You may
sign up at church
Sundays &
Wednesdays or by
calling Cindy
at the church office
at 225-7951.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Letter & Baptism



Larry & Linda Durland
1716 W. Avenue B


If you have had a recent address change for 911 emergencies, please contact the church office to update your address with us. Thanks!!!

**You are invited to a
Come & Go Baby Shower
for Karistin Young
Sunday, November 15
2:00-3:30 pm
FBC Fellowship Hall**

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**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

Nov 16	6:00-8:00 pm
Nov 17	6:00-8:00 pm
Nov 18	5:00-9:00 pm
Nov 19	CLOSED

THANK-YOU'S

Received from the following:

Mel & Lynda Umbertus

Lynn & David Chen

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



Graded Choirs

Graded Choirs will not meet Nov. 25 [Thanksgiving]. The Christmas program is Sunday evening, Dec. 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Combined Christmas Program [Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m.]


CHILDREN, YOUTH and ADULT choirs have "2" more rehearsals before our program. Everyone needed at rehearsals!

Special Guests

Dick and Mel Tunney will be our special guests on Sunday, Nov. 22. They will perform a mini-concert in the morning worship service and a "full" concert... in the sanctuary... immediately after the Thanksgiving Banquet. See you there!


Doc

Wee School Openings!!!



Available spots in the 1-year-old class.
Contact Katy Womack (225-7951) to enroll.

Coming Events

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- Nov 15 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 2:00 p.m. K. Young Baby Shower, FH
 - 3:00 p.m. Elkwood
 - 4:00 p.m. ESL; Fin Peace Univ, AD4
 - 4:30 p.m. *Covenant*, AD6
 - 5:00 p.m. Endowment Cust. Mtg, Conf Rm
 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 - 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting/2010 Budget Vote
 - Nov 16 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team R
 - Nov 17 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
 - Nov 18 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
 - 5:00 p.m. Weds Fellowship Meal
 - 5:45 p.m. Wkly Teacher's Mtg, AD6
 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Youth Teach. Mtg; ESL
 - 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island

Extended Session:

Babies:
Carolyn Comer/Linda Crow

Creepers:
NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:
Valerie Jiles/Nicole Smith

2 year olds:
Dee Hargrove/Shirley Long

3 year olds:
Jerry Joe & Stephanie Cloud

4 year olds:
Billy & Jamie Shaw



Weekly Report

November 8, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	290
Youth.....	76
Children.....	87
Preschool.....	66
Fellowship.....	4
Total	523
Hispanic Mission.....	44
Total *incl. mission.....	567
New S.S. Members.....	0
Enrollment:	1430

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$33,681.58
Above.....	\$4,301.58
Bldg Received.....	\$1,897.09

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement	0
By Baptism	1
Professions of Faith.....	0

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	7
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	16
Total.....	24

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$1,292,720.00
Received.....	\$1,324,825.67
Above.....	\$32,105.67
Bldg Rec'd To Date.....	\$112,603.03