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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART



Dear First Family,
Adoption Missions Ministry

On the Sunday before Christmas, December 20, we want to begin our new Adoption Missions Ministry by recognizing all the adoptive parents, children and families in our Church family. If you are an adult now and were raised as an adopted child, we also want to recognize you. We also want to recognize all foster care parents and families in our church fellowship on December 20. If you fit any of these categories, e-mail our Children's Minister, Brad Smith, brad.smith@fbct.org, or my secretary, Rosina Seay, rosina@fbct.org, and let us know. At the Pastor's Children's Message time on Sunday, December 20 our adoptive families and members will come in together as a beautiful, spiritual illustration of the love of God at Christmas time. The sermon will be titled, "Our Lord Jesus was an Adopted Child." Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13 Let us hear from you.

Our second Habitat House of 2009 was dedicated on Sunday, November 22. Two precious Christian families in our church and community will spend a blessed Christmas in their new homes!

Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pins
We are re-introducing Perfect Sunday School attendance awards!! On our High Attendance Day on November 1, we had **1803** in Sunday School. This shows our possibilities for every Sunday. To encourage and inspire us, we will

recognize in the new church year in September 2010 all those who have perfect Sunday School attendance from January to August, 2010. Our Education Staff will be leading and encouraging our Sunday School in this ministry. We will provide ways and means for a lesson to be taught at home if a child is ill. We want **many** children to have perfect Sunday School attendance in 2010. Pray and join in. Let's all aim for perfect attendance in Sunday School.

Year End Giving December 2009

You are a faithful, giving people. Please give to the Lord through your church budget as we complete God's year of 2009. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness! "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Malachi 3:10 Let's close out 2009 in great victory for our Lord and His Kingdom purposes.

Christmas and New Year's Eve Baptism

We will observe Christian baptism in the holiday season on Sunday, December 20 and 27 and on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve in these 5:00 pm services. If you have trusted Christ as Saviour and Lord but never been Scripturally baptized, let us know and we will counsel and work with you to set up your baptism (Rosina at 572-1511 or rosina@fbct.org or roger@fbct.org).

"Strangely Warmed"

I recently read again in Charles Sauer's biography of John Wesley the account of Wesley's conversion to Jesus Christ. Grace salvation always thrills my heart. Here it is . . . "John Wesley awakened to open his Bible and read: "There are given unto us exceeding

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FIRST CHRISTMAS 2009

The Adult Choir and Orchestra present "**A Christmas Celebration**" on Sunday morning, December 13, in the morning worship times. This time of worship will encourage each of us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. In these tough economic times, we can still celebrate the spirit of the holiday by worshipping Jesus. The music will be abbreviated at the 8:15 worship. For more information visit www.fbct.org/worship.



2010
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PROPOSED 2010 MINISTRY BUDGET

	2010 Budget	2009 Budget	% Chg
Receipts:			
Budget Receipts	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,487,000	-6.40%
Other Receipts	\$ 63,400	\$ 68,000	-6.76%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 4,263,400	\$ 4,555,000	-6.40%
Ministry Areas:			
Missions:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 420,000	\$ 448,700	-6.40%
Cumberland Association	\$ 54,600	\$ 58,331	-6.40%
FBC World Missions	\$ 42,000	\$ 67,305	-37.60%
FBC Missions Ministry	\$ 15,200	\$ 16,800	-9.52%
Benevolence	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%
Good Samaritan	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	0.00%
Total Missions	\$ 633,800	\$ 693,136	-8.56%
Pastoral	\$ 15,900	\$ 18,000	-11.67%
Evangelism	\$ 21,600	\$ 30,550	-29.30%
Education:			
Adult Education	\$ 42,130	\$ 41,270	2.08%
Literature	\$ 78,000	\$ 77,000	1.30%
Preschool	\$ 33,503	\$ 25,550	31.13%
Children	\$ 56,175	\$ 55,550	1.13%
Student Ministry	\$ 78,824	\$ 83,055	-5.09%
College	\$ 20,880	\$ 22,480	-7.12%
Singles	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,600	1.32%
Senior Adults	\$ 11,470	\$ 15,230	-24.69%
Total Education	\$ 328,682	\$ 327,735	0.29%
Music/Technical	\$ 94,660	\$ 97,779	-3.19%
Recreation	\$ 17,780	\$ 15,550	14.34%
Support Ministries	\$ 23,240	\$ 25,440	-8.65%
Administration	\$ 159,842	\$ 153,040	4.44%
Property & Grounds	\$ 486,490	\$ 553,590	-12.12%
Personnel	\$ 2,080,495	\$ 2,229,485	-6.68%
Debt/Interest Expense	\$ 245,327	\$ 278,610	-11.95%
Capital Reserve Account	\$ -	\$ 44,870	-100.00%
Capital Purchases	\$ 80,991	\$ 37,310	117.08%
Public Relations/Outreach	\$ 74,593	\$ 95,760	-22.10%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Cash Needs	\$ 4,263,400	\$ 4,600,855	-7.33%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ (45,855)	-100.00%

BUDGET VOTE

Please find the 2010 budget in this issue of the Voice. The church will review and discuss on Wednesday, December 16, then vote without discussion in all 3 morning worships on Sunday, December 27. Please be in prayer and continue to give as the Lord blesses you.

GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, if you plan to make contributions of stocks or other non-cash items, please submit those

no later than **December 21, 2009**. This allows us ample time to process the donation for tax recording purposes.

AUTOMATIC GIVING

The church has the capability to accept tithes and offerings through ACH with your banking institution. Or you can use our website and make contributions on a one-time basis or continuing basis. The forms can be picked up in our main offices or downloaded from our website. For more information please visit www.fbct.org and click Online Giving under Resources or contact Sandie at 572-1503.

FIRST REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

November 22, 2009	
Total Sunday School	1270
Midweek Bible Study	584
Total Bible Study	1854
Korean Church	19
Hispanic Church	47
Missions	0
Total Worship	1749
Exit One Church Sunday School	162
Exit One Church Worship	303
November 29, 2009	
Total Sunday School	1313
Midweek Bible Study	N/A
Total Bible Study	1313
Korean Church	18
Hispanic Church	46
Missions	0
Total Worship	1678
Exit One Church Sunday School	117
Exit One Church Worship	248

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

November 22, 2009	
Operating Receipts	\$62,407.00
Operating Budget	\$68,922.38
World Missions Receipts	\$4,746.75
World Missions Budget	\$5,961.53
FUFS Receipts	\$5,576.50
FUFS Budget	\$9,615.38
November 29, 2009	
Operating Receipts	\$73,415.98
Operating Budget	\$68,922.38
World Missions Receipts	\$7,452.05
World Missions Budget	\$5,961.53
FUFS Receipts	\$14,080.00
FUFS Budget	\$9,615.38
Year To Date	
Budget Received YTD	\$3,763,670.12
Budget Required YTD	\$3,924,310.19
World Missions Received YTD	\$261,691.22
World Missions Required YTD	\$286,153.44
FUFS Received YTD	\$550,895.52
FUFS Required YTD	\$461,538.24

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

November 22, 2009	
Profession/Baptism:	
Kara Whitmore	Thomas McDermid
Letter/Statement:	
Ryan Sebastian	

November 29, 2009	
Baptized:	
Zachary Austin	Thomas McDermid
Letter/Statement:	
Jeremy Brewer	Megan Brewer

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve we will observe Christian believer's baptism. If you want more information, call the Church at 645-2431 or email roger@fbct.org or irby@fbct.org. Baptism is a New Testament command and privilege for the saved. Baptism is by immersion and is an outward sign of an inward change through salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**John (Koung Hee) Lee** in the death of his father, Kyu Wan Lee. Sympathy also to Eun Woo, Ji Woo Eli and Debora Park in the death of their grandfather. Mr. Lee passed away November 17, 2009.

...**Dr. Bill Shippen** in the death of his father, Mr. William Driver Shippen Sr. Sympathy also to Melissa and Will Shippen in the death of their grandfather. Mr. Shippen passed away November 18, 2009.

...**Chuck (Anita) Showalter** in the death of his father, Mr. Harry Showalter. Sympathy also to Carol Davis in the death of her grandfather and to Kyle and Brad (Sonya) Davis in the death of their great-grandfather. Mr. Showalter passed away November 20, 2009.

...**Frances Allen** in the death of her brother, Mr. Thomas Graham. Sympathy also to Wayne Stanfill in the death of his uncle. Mr. Graham passed away November 21, 2009.

...**Robbie Smith** in the death of her son, Mr. Charles Lawrence (Larry) Smith. Mr. Smith passed away November 24, 2009.

...**Dianne Nanney** in the death of her son, Josh Nanney. Mr. Nanney passed away November 24, 2009.

...**Sue Cutshall** in the death of her husband, Mr. Ferris Cutshall. Mr. Cutshall passed away November 27, 2009.

...**Dr. Gerald (Sandra) Karr** in the death of his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Karr. Sympathy also to Jon and Emily Karr and Allison Blessen in the death of their grandmother. Mrs. Karr passed away November 28, 2009.

DEACON VOTE

The church will vote on the Deacon Nominees on Sunday, December 13. Ballots will be available for you to vote for 18 men to serve the church. Please be in prayer for this process.

CHALK TALK

Dr. Pat Nowell will preach in the Wednesday night service December 16 and his wife, Nancy, will present a chalk illustration. The topic will be "The Christ Who Came, Who Comes and Who Will Come."

NEW ADDITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...**Marvin and Dottie Carnagey** on the birth of their son, Colby Storm, born October 8, 2009.

PASTOR'S HEART...

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great and precious promises, even that ye should be partakers of the divine nature. . . . Before going out, he opened the Bible again and read: 'Thou are not far from the kingdom of God.' In the afternoon he went to St. Paul's Church, and the words of the anthem, 'O Israel, trust in the Lord,' kept ringing in his heart. In the evening he 'went very unwillingly to a Moravian society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter to nine, while the reader was 'describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ,' Wesley felt his **'heart strangely warmed.'** He then felt that he did trust Christ alone for salvation, and he felt assured that his sins were taken away, and that he was saved." Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed" in conversion to Christ alone for salvation. The world was never the same again. Missions is leading one soul at a time to our Lord Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday morning in Bible Study and Worship.

I am honored and privileged to serve as your Pastor and friend.

In Christ,

Roger P. Freeman



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Pat Nowell
Minister to
Senior Adults

Sunday School Teacher Highlight

Ralph Conklin, originally from Michigan, was saved in a revival in North Carolina, which is where he met his wife, Frances. They have been married fifty-five years and have three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ralph and his family moved to Clarksville sixteen years ago. He retired as a captain from the army and then worked as plant manager for Acme Boot Company for over eighteen years.

He has been most active in First Baptist Church, having served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon and a leader in the Home Repair Ministry of the church. He has also

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

We will recognize anyone (preschool through senior adults) who has perfect attendance in Sunday School from January through July 2010. A new Sunday School year begins in August 2010. If a person attends Sunday School at another church while on vacation he can bring a bulletin from that church to receive credit for attending that Sunday.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

On Sunday night, December 13, following the evening worship, we will have a farewell reception for Jared Hodges and Pat Nowell. Jared is leaving our church to follow God's call to eventually go to seminary. Pat and his family are moving in the spring. Both will end their ministries with us by the end of December. We are grateful to God for how these men have served Him faithfully here. Their ministries have pointed people to Christ and make significant personal impacts. You will want to be here to express your gratitude to them.

A LOVE OFFERING will be received for each of these men. This is your opportunity to bless their ministry with a farewell gift. Use any church envelope and write Jared Hodges Love Offering or Pat Nowell Love Offering across the top of the envelope. These will be received through December 20.

Pray for these men and their families in the time of transition.

been very involved in the mission outreach of the church. He has been on a mission trip to Chile plus being involved in church building efforts in both Brazil and Africa. Stateside mission trip destinations include California, Iowa, Montana and Kentucky.

Lesson Preview

The scriptural basis for the winter quarter's lessons beginning with December 6 is the Gospel of Mark. The lessons for the quarter are built around the theme of "How to Live in Stressful Times." The quarter's lessons are divided into three units. The first unit is about "asking the right questions." The lesson for December is entitled "How Can Jesus Help Me?" Emphasis is given to the Biblical truth that Jesus can help us by working His will in our lives. The lesson writer challenges his readers to allow Jesus to do what He wants in their lives. Answering the question, "How Can Jesus Help Me?" the writer emphasizes that Jesus saves, leads, sets free and enables us.

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FIRST CHRISTMAS ~ OUTREACH NIGHT

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On Monday night, December 14, the Adult Choir and Orchestra will present "A Christmas Celebration" as an outreach event. We encourage you to bring your friends and co-workers with you to share this time of worship. We especially encourage you to bring unchurched people

to this event. We will provide refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the worship begins at 7 p.m. Here is a chance to bring others to Jesus. Make your plans now. If you can help in furnishing refreshments for that night, please contact the Music Ministry Office at jean@fbct.org or call 503.3280. Thank you.



LIVE NATIVITY

The Live Nativity and Market Place will be on December 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Children's Area at 412 Commerce Street. Come join the fun with singing, crafts and drama.



Let Us Pray for You

Prayer Line: 572-1534
Or prayer@fbct.org

WEATHER POLICY

With the cold of winter beginning to set in, and the chance of inclement weather upon us, we are taking this opportunity to remind everyone of our standing weather policies. Whenever the Montgomery County School System is closed due to weather, scheduled events, programs, and activities at First Baptist Church will be cancelled:
NO Senior Adult Friday Activities,
NO Wednesday programs,
NO Bible Studies, NO Sports,
NO Parent's Day Out, and
NO Conservatory Lessons.
Listen to WJZM, 1400 AM; WDXN, 540 AM; or WNKJ, 89.3 FM, call 645-2431 or check our church website at www.fbct.org for updated worship and activities information. The Church Office and Hope Building will remain open if possible.

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am Deacon Prayer Time
Laida Fellowship Hall (2230)

Worship

8:15 am & 9:30 am Grace Worship Center
10:55 am DOXA Worship
(Grace Worship Center)

Bible Study/Sunday School

8:15 am & 9:30 am Bible Study Classes for all ages
10:55 am Adult Bible Study Classes

Sunday Evening

5:00 pm Youth Choir (2402)
6:00 pm Disciplined and Delight
(Youth Area)
6:00 pm Worship (Grace Building)
6:00 pm Preschool Mission Friends
(Grace Preschool Area)

Wednesday

4:30 – 7:30 Wednesday 2 Wednesday Outreach
4:30 – 6:00 Fellowship Meal
6:00 – 7:15 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study in Grace Worship Center
6:00 – 7:15 Discipleship Training Institute Classes
6:00 – 7:15 Children's Backyard
6:00 – 7:15 Preschool TeamKid
6:00 – 7:15 Middle School and High School Worship
6:00 – 7:15 Adult Choir and Orchestra

Thursday

8:00 pm The Gathering Worship
(Hope High School Area)

Friday

10:30 am Legacy Builder's Bible Study
Laida Fellowship Hall

Media Library Center Hours

Sundays 9:00 am - 12 pm & 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 pm
The Media Library Center is located in Room 2326 on the third floor of the Hope Building.

T.V. Ministry

Charter channel 9 or Broadcast channel 49.
Sundays at 9:00 am
Mondays at 8:00 pm
Wednesdays at 8:30 am
Hispanic Service—Thursdays at 7:00 pm