

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wednesday Dinner**—Roast Pork, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad Rolls and Dessert
- **The 2011 Advent Guides** are now available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up a copy for your family to use this Christmas season with devotions, daily scriptures and suggested activities.
- **G-Force** - during the month of December we will not be having our children's worship at 11:00 am. However we will be offering activity bags for our children to use during the worship time. They are located at the back of the sanctuary. We will resume G-Force on the second Sunday of January. And we continue to have our Preschool extended care during this month (birth – 5 year olds).
- **Parent's Night Out**—Parent Night Out is Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00 -9:00 pm. This night is for children ages birth – 6th grade. The cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15.00 per family max. We will serve a meal, snacks and the evening includes games, crafts, music and movies. To register your child you can sign up at the information desk located near the Welcome Center or call the church office.
- **Please bring cookies or your special Christmas treat** (either purchased or home-made) to share with your church family and our guests at the Christmas Social following the Musical (5:00-6:30pm) on Sunday, December 11. Please take your items to the kitchen on Sunday morning so there will be time to put them on trays, if needed.
- **Food Drive For GCM** - Nov. 22-Dec. 25. The Mission's Committee invites you to participate in a non-perishable food drive for Gainesville Community Ministries. When you see those buy 1 get 1 free, bring in the free one. Bring your non-perishable goods on Nov. 22 to our Thanksgiving Dinner for our kick-off and we will end collections on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 at the morning service. Give thanks to God for what you have by giving to Others who don't have.
- **Christmas Decorating**—Help is needed in decorating the church for the Christmas season. If you can assist, please call or email Susan Balloon for more information (373-0233 or shb1950@bellsouth.net).
- **Christmas Poinsettias**— in honor or memory of a loved one can be purchased for \$12.00. They will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th and can be picked up following the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship service. Please call or email Susan Balloon to place your order (373-0233 or shb1950@bellsouth.net).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 3rd
—Parent's Night Out 4-9pm

Dec 11th
—Adult Christmas Musical: *Hark the Herald* (5-6:30 pm) with Holiday Social afterwards

Dec 14th
—Student Christmas Musical: *Yo! Christmas Tree* (6:30 pm) following Wednesday Night Dinner

This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am Coffee Break—"Gathering Area"
- *^9:30 am Bible Study
- *^10:50 am Gathering Time—in the Sanctuary
- *^11:00 am Morning Worship
- 12:00 pm Deacons Meeting
- 4:00 pm Student Ministry Musical Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Dinnertainer

Wednesday, November 30

- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm First Family Time
- *6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
Children & Youth Activities
- *6:30 pm Adult Christmas Rehearsal—Sanctuary (6:30-8:00)
- *7:30 pm "Voices Afire" Rehearsal

Saturday, December 3

- 4:00 pm Parent's Night Out

*Nursery Care Available ^Hearing Impaired Services Available

December 11

- 5:00 pm Christmas Musical "Hark the Herald"
presented by the Sanctuary Choir

December 14

- 6:30 pm Christmas Musical "Yo! Christmas Tree"
presented by student ministries

December 24

- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service—Carols, Communion & Candlelight
(childcare provided)

December 25

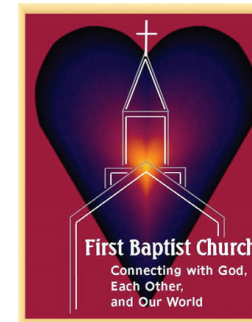
- 11:00 am Worship Service —A Family Christmas
(no childcare provided)

January 1

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday; Closed Fridays
Extended Wednesday Hour 4:30—5:30 pm

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THE GOOD NEWS THE WEEK OF Nov 27-DEC 3, 2011

Gathering Time

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

We prepare to worship the Lord as we consider the Promise of Hope we have in Christ

The First Family Gathers

Rev. Lynn Williams

Song of Welcome

82—*Emmanuel*

Prelude

Mrs. Barbara Young

First Reading

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Opening Praise

76—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Morning Prayer & Welcome

Rev. Lynn Williams

Second Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Children in Worship

Advent, the Coming Promise

Advent Meditation

The Light of Hope

Offertory Hymn

77—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Tim Adams

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir
Rose of Bethlehem

Sermon

Dr. John Fairless
When God Does What We Do Not Expect
Isaiah 64:1-9

Response

93—*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Benediction

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Postlude

Mrs. Barbara Young

Dr. John P. Fairless, Senior Pastor
Rev. C. Lynn Williams, Associate Pastor for Families of Children and Youth
Mrs. Sheila Fairless, Music, Media and Worship Coordinator
Mrs. Belinda LaMee, Preschool Coordinator

A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN



HOLIDAYS!

That's my word for today. It sure was great to have time with family (and football!) this past week; truly, I am thankful for the blessings God has given me. I am grateful, as well, for the great things God has done in the fellowship of First Baptist Church.

Over the next few weeks, we will feast on rich worship and wonderful musical presentations by our children, youth and adults. We will have opportunities to be missional in our giving, as we receive food items for distribution through our long-time partner, **Gainesville Community Ministries**. We will be encouraged by our Stewardship Committee to make special year-end contributions to the budget of our church -- which provides not only support for our regular programming here (as well as taking care of the regular maintenance of our building and grounds) -- but also supports missionaries literally around the world.

As I said during the "My Church" emphasis recently, we know that we can never out-give God. Any ways in which we stretch ourselves to make an extra offering will be more than rewarded in the ways that God will bless us. So, I hope you will give both to the food drive and in the special "*Prove the Tith*e" offering envelopes that you will see around the church during the month of December. By the way, some of you have asked how to get a set of personalized giving envelopes for your offerings. Have no fear! Brand new boxes (a one-year supply) of giving envelopes will also be available during the month of December. Elizabeth Byrd, our excellent financial ministry assistant, will be sure to get you hooked up if you need a box.

Be sure to pick up your copy of the Advent devotional guide, available at the Welcome Center. Also, take several copies of the "bookmark-sized" schedule of holiday events here at FBC; they make a great way to invite someone to come and worship with you during this season.

At the holidays...I have you in my heart!

Pastor John

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8



Advent Scripture Readings

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Welcome...**If you are our guest we hope that you will sign in at the "Welcome Desk" where we can get to know you better and where you will receive a name tag. Members are encouraged to pick up your name tag from the boards.
- **Hospitality...**Guests and members are invited to the "Gathering Area" after worship services for refreshment and fellowship.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallways to the east and west of the "Gathering Area". There is a family restroom located in the east hallway near the Children's and Preschool Wing.
- **Parents**, we ask that children and youth remain in services until dismissed with their leaders, activity packets are available. Preschool Extended Session meets during worship and parents may accompany their child before or any time during the worship to the preschool area.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available, please check with an usher.
- **The "Good News"** can be accessed at the end of the week, prior to Sunday, at www.fbcgainesville.net. To receive an email copy of the "Good News" and the "Midweek Update" please send a request to brandi.bell@fbcgainesville.net. Please return your paper copy to a recycle basket if you do not wish to keep it.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Nov 27-Dec 3

Frank Green
376-7447

Priscilla Combs
336-1157

Dec 4-10

William Fairless

Jean Barnes

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dec 4

Bill Summerhill

Dec 11

William Fairless

VOLUNTEERS

Offering Receivers/Ushers:

Hugh Smith, Bill Summerhill, Randy Jarmon, Bob Lape, Larry Cobb, Mike Hill

Greeters:

Nov 6: Ira & Nicola Hill
Nov 13: Hank Cothran
Nov 20: Bo & Garin Davidson
Nov 27: Ralph Harris

Audio Visual

(Coordinator: Brandi Bell)

Early Worship: Frank Green

Morning Worship:

Nov 13: Chuck King/Phil Padgett
Nov 20: Chris Byrd/Brandi Bell
Nov 27: Brandi Bell/Nicola Hill
Dec 4: Chuck King/Brandi Bell

THE PEOPLE CAME/THE PEOPLE GAVE

	<u>Oct 30</u>	<u>Nov 6</u>	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>
Bible Study	121	114	120	120
Worship (All Services)	155	182	148	211
Offering	\$8,015.00	\$15,215.40	\$6,214.30	\$9,423.11
	<i>(Weekly Budget Needs \$11,562.79)</i>			

FORWARD BY FAITH TO THE FINISH

Goal: \$550,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$240,603.00 Total Pledged Received: \$145,753.00
Total Received to Date: \$242,480.44 Non-Pledged Received: \$96,727.44

MEMORIALS

Bob Barnes

Steve & Pat Brown
Gerry Stuart

Margaret Clifton

Gerry Stuart

Emily Lee

Gerry Stuart

Christy Dale

Gerry Stuart