

## Holiday Closing

First Baptist Offices and Martha Best Children's Center will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Deacons' Meeting  
Sunday, November 18  
7:00 p.m. Parlor

## Pennies From Heaven

The fifth annual fall campaign continues throughout the month of November. The jug for collections will be located in the fellowship hall on Wednesday Nights and in the office foyer during Sunday mornings.

All monies collected go to help those in our community through Crisis Ministries.

## Holiday Newsletter Schedule

November 29 & December 5 & 19

Please submit information the Monday morning prior to these dates.

## New Address

Many of you have requested the new e-mail and address for Bruce Hill. Listed below are his current addresses.

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## Extended Session

**Nov. 18: Bed Babies** - M/M Charlie Pyle  
**Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - M/M Jack Hege  
**3 & 4 Year Olds** - M/M Nathan Houser  
**Nov. 25: Bed Babies** - M/M Nathan Hall  
**Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - Christy Faulkner & Rebecca Tutterow  
**3 & 4 Year Olds** - M/M Phil Mickey

## Global Missions

On Wednesday, November 28 our church will observe an **Evening of Prayer for Global Missions**. Butch and Nell Green, CBF missionaries to Muslims in Africa and Europe, will be our speakers. Youth mission groups will participate, and Newell Davis will lead a time of prayer. The Global Missions Offering is the primary way CBF field personnel are funded.

Your gifts to the Offering will help spread the Gospel and meet physical needs among the most neglected in the U.S. and around the world.

## Girls in Action

Girls in Action will provide a Christmas Shoppe for the 65 residents of Carolina House on December 5, 2007. Residents may shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones and also have them wrapped.

**We need your help!** Please share the Christmas spirit by donating gift items. Some gift suggestions: seasonal figurines, toys, Kleenex, purses, baby items, gloves, lotion, socks, notepads, stationary, candles. A donation box is located in the Fellowship Hall or you may leave items in the church office. For more information contact GA Leaders Lyn Lambros (956-1260) or Molly Bailey (249-2542).

## News and Views from The ATTIC

There will be a Youth Parent's meeting Sunday, November 18 at 5:15 p.m. in the Chapel (All parents of youth 6 - 12 grades are asked to attend.

The Youth are planning a progressive dinner on December 8. Volunteers are needed for this occasion. A sign-up sheet is on Jenn's door.



## Sanctuary Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be placed in the church each Sunday during the month of December. White poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary during the 1st Sunday of the month, and red poinsettias are presented the remaining 3 Sundays of the month. Poinsettias of a color other than those placed in the sanctuary may be placed in the Vestibule at your request. If interested call the church office. (249-9158) Orders for the white Poinsettias need to be placed no later than noon on Monday, November 26. Orders for the red or other colors need to be placed on Monday before the Sunday you want them placed.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness and generosity during our time of sorrow. The prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers and the many memorials to honor Jean's life, mean more than we can say.

I feel blessed to be a part of the First Baptist Church Family and for your gifts of love and friendship.

With God's Love,  
Harold Bowen & Family

## Memorials

**Youth Ministry:** *Taylor Matthews* by Myra Zidzik; **HVAC Fund:** *Bob Philpott*, *Jack Sink* by Betty Sink and Family; *Landa Varner*, *Jack Varner*, *Emil Botsch*, *Dennis Hipp*, *Eddie Smith*, *Bobby Kirkendall*, *Lisa Martz* by Catherine Pritchard; *Dozier Linder* by Mr & Mrs. Dan Moore, Ian & Talmadge Silversides, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Steve & Vicki Hodges, Margaret Hodges, Men's Fellowship/Philpott Class of FBC; *Jean Bowen* by Jean Sherron, Cloyd & Kathy Philpott, Silba Rae Fennell, Randy & Amy Swicegood, Minnie Banks, Ruth Parks, Mr. & Mrs. David Hauser, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Wilbur & Evelyn Andrews, Alan & Johnny Reid, Herman & Naomi Crabtree, Betty Sink & Family, Woody, Jean & Taylor Durham, Jacqueline & Victor Kirkman, Mary Jo Shoaf, Martin & Jane Erwin, Mildred Ann Raper, Jerry Johnson, William Long, Jr., Bob & Evelyn Oates, Sid & Miranda Proctor, Betty & Irwin Albert, LHS Class of 1952, Mildred, Hilton, Ida Grace Roberts, Sue Perrell Beck; **Small Jobs Ministry:** *Jack Sink* by Jackie Lynn Sink; **Building & Grounds Fund:** *Jean Bowen* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Dozier Linder* by Hal & Donna Routh; **General Fund:** *Jean Bowen* by Jim & June Honeycutt

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## Honorariums

**Health & Wellness Fund:** *Louise Tate's Birthday* by Jim, Debbie, Will & Anna Raye Tate; **HVAC Fund:** *Helen & Bush Linder's 70th Anniversary* by Bob & Doris Butchart; *FBC Ministerial Staff* by Richard & Becky Reese; *Don & Evelyn Kepley's 60th Anniversary* by Don & Ann Bishop

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## Advent Season Calendar

<b>Saturday, December 1</b> 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Lexington Choral Society</b> <i>FBC Sanctuary</i>
<b>Sunday, December 2</b> 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Community Candlelight Service</b> <i>Edward C. Smith Civic Center</i>
<b>Sunday, December 9</b> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Birthday Party for Jesus</b> <i>Children's Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b> 6:30 p. m.	<b>Children's Music Ministry</b> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>Sunday, December 16</b> 11:00 a. m.	<b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <i>FBC Sanctuary</i>

### Christmas Mission Projects: *Food Boxes for the Needy*

It is time once again for our Sunday School mission project—food boxes for needy families in our community. We hope individuals and classes will contribute. All checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The deadline for contributions is December 16. Boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 19. Please contact Peggy Barnhardt or Tommy Wilson if you are interested in helping box food items or delivering boxes.

### East Saint Louis Christian Activity Center

Please consider sending a contribution to help the children at the Christian Activity Center for Christmas. Many of these children are victims of child abuse and neglect. For \$100.00 you can provide a few gifts of clothing and basic necessities. Make your check to FBC. All monies are due by December 1.

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## Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21

Buffet Supper 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Cost: \$4.00 (\$3.00 children 12 & under)

Menu: Buffet with ham & turkey sandwiches, cheese, fruit, vegetable trays, and brownies.

Worship Service

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



Our Thanksgiving Eve worship time is an informal gathering. We will have the opportunity to sing hymns, share in litanies, and view a slide show. Our focus for the service will be on "Individual Meditation and Thankfulness." Reservations for the buffet supper will be taken through Monday morning, November 19. Dress is casual.

### Financial Update

Entering the final two months of the year, we are running behind in our 2007 budget. We need over \$200,000 to reach our budget of \$925,000. We realize that special gifts to our Heating and Air renovation debt have had an impact on our budget giving. Every gift to the church is important and greatly appreciated. As we approach the end of the year, we encourage each member to review his or her financial commitment and consider making a special gift to help meet the annual budget.

We are blessed to be a part of a loving and gracious church family. With so many great things taking place in our church, may we express our gratitude with glad and generous gifts. God is good... all the time! And God is faithful. Will we be faithful? Remember, God loves a cheerful giver.

### Restroom Renovations

After Thanksgiving the Building & Grounds committee will be renovating some restrooms. All the restrooms on the Second Floor will be done and the Ladies on the First Floor. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience as we update and refurbish our restrooms.