

A NOTE FROM JAY

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to let you know that it was a tremendous blessing to serve as the Minister of Youth and Education at First Baptist the last 5 years. I am eternally grateful for the love and support that you showed me and my family over that time. Even though we were not native Beltonians, you embraced and accepted us and made us feel like family. We appreciate the relationships we have developed with you and we will cherish the many memories we have of you. We promise not to be strangers and will remember you always in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you again for allowing me to serve God, you and the community of Belton at First Baptist Church.

*With love from Lexington,
Jay Fennell*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

FOREIGN MISSION GOAL - \$13,000

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are reminded again of the support our missionaries need from us. They need our prayers and our monetary support. Please begin now to pray for them and to pray about what you can do to support them. Reaching the world with the gospel can be like working a jigsaw puzzle, but with half the puzzle missing. Things like war, disease, political oppression, multiple languages, harsh climates and religious persecution are some of the obstacles to sharing Christ with unreached people. Still we are told through the Great Commission to “Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...”

Missions envelopes will be in the pews on Sunday, and we will place emphasis on our foreign missions during the month of December.

CRAFT FAIR FOR MISSIONS

Words can't express my appreciation to the workers of the Craft Fair for Missions. For the last nine years you have been so faithful. May God bless you for your desire to spread His Word. Our total for this year is \$3,034.00.

~ Sue King

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (11-15-09)	\$ 8,144.95
Year To Date Requirements	\$ 547,566.98
Year To Date Receipts	\$ 493,654.68
Found Faithful Commitment Cards	\$ 522,425.30
Found Faithful Weekly Receipts	\$ 888.00
Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts	\$ 103,921.60
Found Faithful Total Receipts	\$ 460,356.69

NOVEMBER 22, (after the AM Worship service)
VOTE ON THE 2010 BUDGET,
YOUTH SEARCH COMMITTEE,
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
& AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS



Thank you, Sanctuary Choir, for leading us in worship every Sunday. This past week's anthem was outstanding! We also want to thank Blake Applewhite, Doug Finley, Austin Finley and Patti Rowe for the tremendous accompaniment. Also, thank you, congregation for your many positive comments, and your eager participation in worship. **Reminder:** The Master's Ringers will meet at 9:00 am this Sunday morning and at 6:15 pm Tuesday evening.

Advent Schedule

- November 29: *First Sunday of Advent*
- Dec. 6: *Hanging of the Green - 6:00 pm*
- Dec. 13: *Children's Choirs & Bells - 6:00 pm*
- Dec. 16: *Christmas Caroling - 5:00 pm*
- Dec. 20: *Sanctuary Choir Musical - 11:00 am*
- December 24: *Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 pm*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 22

- 9:00 a.m. The Master's Ringers rehearse
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live WEPC 88.5
- 5:30 p.m. Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal/gym
(No Basic Life this week. Resumes Nov. 29 at 6 pm)

Monday, November 23

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Bells
- 10:30 a.m. Live Wire Choir

Tuesday, November 24

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 4:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. The Master's Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. BIMA Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25

WEE School is out for the Thanksgiving holidays.
No evening activities.

Thursday, November 26

(Office closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday)
9:30 a.m. Volunteers arrive to prepare and deliver the
"You are a Blessing" Thanksgiving meal.

DECEMBER WORSHIP TIME FOR BASIC LIFE

Basic Life will meet at an earlier time in December. Beginning December 6th the fellowship time will be at 4:00 pm and the service will begin at 4:30 pm. Please let others know of the new December schedule.

NOVEMBER IS A 5 SUNDAY MONTH...

**Remember to bring food donations for
Anderson Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

AM Service "Grateful Hearts" T. Dale Lynch
Offertory Prayer Johnny Lee Smith
Counting Committee Wyndell Byrd & Norman Phillips
Ushers Michael Gilreath, Travis Thomas & Russ Tysl
Audio Visual Dan Harvell & Greg Tysl

Deacon Greeters for November:

Richard Edwards Frank Gravina
Matt Lusk Johnny Lee Smith
Matt Wurst

Extended Session For Sunday, November 22, 2009

Birth to 24 mths: Linda Locke, Linda Byrd
Martha Autry
2's & 3's Melissa & Mia Greer
4's & 5's Russell & Robin Blackston

Children's Message: Michelle McCollum

PRAYER CONCERNS

As the Bell Tower went to press, there were no members in the hospital that we were aware of. Be sure to remember those who are recovering from illnesses at home and all of our members who are in retirement and nursing centers. As always, please keep us informed when a family member or church member is sick or in the hospital.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

First Baptist Church welcomes our most recent member. Mia Greer joined on Sunday, November 8th. Mia comes as a candidate for baptism. We look forward to our continuing days of service and worship with Mia and her family.

HAVE YOU SEEN...

Two of our fellowship hall tables are missing. We are trying to locate a 4 ft round table and a 4 ft square table. Let us know if you can help us find them.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Friday, December 4th at 6:30 pm we will have our annual Christmas Event for Ladies. The featured speaker will be Ruthie Neely (sister of Jeslyn Wilson). Plan to sign up to decorate a table for this special evening. You do not have to be responsible to fill up your table with guests. Call Amy Wurst (392-1023) or Meleah Thomas (940-2235) for more details. Please bring a finger food and a wrapped ornament to swap. We know that God will use Mrs. Neely to touch our hearts that night. Hope to see you and a friend there!

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

This year we are remembering our loved ones by giving to the Christmas Missions Offering. Choose the envelope for the mission offering you are giving in the pew rack. Please fill out the form that will be in the bulletin on Sunday and turn into the office no later than December 13th. Place the form in the envelope with your missions offering.



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CHURCH WIDE THANKSGIVING MEAL
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
5:30 PM IN THE GYM



THANKSGIVING MEAL