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Dear Church Family,

What a special time for we who are believers to celebrate and minister! Christmas brings us back to the manger – to God stepping into our world to reveal Himself as clearly, as simply, as purely, as directly as He could by sending His Son and our Savior into this world. We are celebrating Advent during this month. Join us as we look at a series on “Gifts That Keep on Giving.”

I also want to express my gratitude and a challenge to you during this season. **First, thank you** so much for your participation in the church-wide meetings that your Transition Committee had to get input from you as FBC prepares to call a new Pastor/Leader. Your input, attitude, and unity are to be commended! Your committee met again before Thanksgiving and will be meeting again this month over what we have learned so far. **Second, the challenge:** please continue to be in prayer as a church – 1) for your Transition Committee as they continue their work, 2) for your church as they select a Pastor Search Committee in the future, and 3) for that Pastor that God will send to FBC. We must continue to “pray without ceasing.”

Let’s remain faithful in serving Jesus during this wonderful season. Thanks for all that you do to worship and serve our Lord!

Pastor Jim



- Dec 13** – Last Wednesday Activities
- Dec 24** – No Sunday school 11 am Service only
- Dec 24** – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 29 - Jan 1** – Ski Trip

Shoebox Ministry a Success

This year Jerrella Keim and FBC assembled and delivered **944** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the Amarillo gathering point! Thank you for your response to the need. Please be in prayer for the children who receive the boxes that their hearts would be open to the love of Jesus and lives would be changed for all eternity! Special thanks to Jerrella and her team of helpers for going above and beyond again this year to make this ministry a great success. If you weren’t able to fill a box, we are still taking donations for the shipping and handling.



Community Dinner

Special thanks to our Missions and Ministries Committee for hosting our Fifth Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Bill Marten headed up the team again this year and many of you pitched in to help cook, de-bone, serve and visit. Thanks to all who prayed and gave generously to help with the cost.

Children’s Choirs Perform



This year our children’s choirs will take turns presenting their Christmas music at the beginning of our morning worship services.

This Sunday, December 3, the 1st-3rd Grade Choir will perform. Sunday, December 10, will be the 4th-6th Grade Choir. The Preschool Choir will round out the holiday on Sunday, December 17.

Happy Birthday

- 10 - Hannah Hill, Waldine Jackson
- 11 - Jim Bob Johnson
- 12 - Evan Eastwood, Carol Pennington, Terri White
- 13 - Clint Lewis, Carley Thompson
- 14 - Jeanne Todd
- 18 - Elizabeth Donlin, Cole Rinne
- 19 - Gary Barnett, Karen Martin, Helen Smith
- 20 - Laura Holder
- 21 - Gary Vaughn
- 22 - Amy Stone
- 23 - Logan Becerra

Deacons of the Week

November 26

Paul Swanson 627-4655
Eddie Womack 995-3239

December 3

Joe Archer 995-4437
Mikeal Barnes 668-4779

Ladies' Night

Because of the Christmas season, the next ladies' night out will be Saturday, December 9, at 2 pm in fellowship hall. We will have a cookie exchange and will make ornaments. Please bring 3-4 dozen cookies to share and an empty platter to collect your cookies! Also please bring a copy of your recipe to share as well. RSVP to the church or Laura Holder at 292-2656. Come bring a friend and enjoy a fun afternoon. We will not have childcare, so please make other arrangements if you have children. Text @tuliawomen to 81010 for updates.

The big Christmas tree has been placed in Fellowship Hall for everyone to enjoy. Please do not try to move it. If you would like to help decorate it, call or come by the church. We need your help!

Our Deacons

Here is a current list of our deacons. Please be in prayer for all of them.

- Joe Archer
- Mikeal Barnes
- Robert Chadwick
- Gary Eastwood
- Dusty George
- Brian Hill
- Ben Howard
- Don Jackson
- Clint Lewis
- Bill Marten, Deacon Chair
- Donnie Prater
- E.W. Riley
- Julius Stevens
- Paul Swanson
- Eddie Womack

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

We want to express our grateful thanks and appreciation for the wonderful box of food, pretty card, and scripture that was delivered to Rick, Jared, John and Derek Fudge. They greatly enjoyed it. Many caring thoughts to the ladies and GA Girls who prepared and delivered the box, and to anyone that had a part on Sunday Serve Day.

Thank you, also, for the monthly Journey devotional. I enjoy it very much every day.

May our Lord's bountiful love and blessings be upon each of you for your love, caring, and prayers.

Barbara Fudge and family

Dearest Church,

We want to thank you so much for your love, support, and attendance at the birthday celebration for Marilyn. She absolutely had a ball. She was feeling really well that day, and was so appreciative of your hugs. We can't thank you enough for taking time to come by.

God has blessed us so much by keeping her with us and keeping her relatively well. She such a special lady who means the world to us.

Thank you again. You are very special Christian brothers and sisters and we love you all.

*Marilyn O'Daniel
Dale and Charlotte
Pat and Mary Jane
Gary and Angela*

It has been three months since I drove out of Tulia to begin my year long teaching adventure. Life has been crazy with school, sports, building friendships, and everything else life entails. Teaching cross-culturally has been really challenging, but all-in-all, I LOVE my students and am so grateful to be teaching them.

I have been able to start a basketball club for the older students. I am very excited about this opportunity to coach the students, show them love and lead them down a path of growth, discipline and hard work.

It has been my goal to get out into the country and take the opportunities to meet new people. I believe we are called to love and sacrifice, and I am gaining a new perspective on what it means to care for the widows and the oppressed. I'm beyond grateful that y'all are supporting me to be the hands and feet of the One we follow. Please keep me in your thoughts and lift me up whenever you think about me.

*With True Peace,
Jeffrey*

On Promise of Letter

NEW MEMBERS



Karyzma Mason

We Need Your Help!

The following ministries need volunteers. Please pray about your involvement in one or more of the areas listed below and call the church office as soon as possible.

- Prayer Ministry
- Exodus Ministry
- Wednesday Night Children's Ministry
- Children's Choirs
- Sunday morning Worship Leaders
- Citychurch
- Youth
- Sound booth

Ski Trip Meeting



There will be an informational meeting for everyone going on the upcoming ski trip, December 29 through

January 1. Please meet in fellowship hall this Wednesday, November 29, at 7:30 pm. Please be there if at all possible. Thanks!

Prayer Ministry!

Are you looking for a quiet, peaceful place to spend time with God? We have a newly decorated room dedicated to prayer. You would have an opportunity to be still before the Lord and bring your own petitions before Him. You can also lift up those requests for special prayer that have come in to our Prayer Ministry.



You may come by or call the church office at 995-3591. Someone on staff will help you find a time and show you the procedures.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)



- 5:30 Children's Choirs
- 5:45 Family meal (\$4/person \$12/family of 4 or more)
- 6:30 Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Youth, Adult Prayer/Bible Study, Ladies Study