

... just a reminder

This is the time of year many of you will begin to review your end-of-the-year financial affairs. It is important to note:

- ▶ To be recorded as a tax-deductible contribution for the year 2008, contributions and gifts must be in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2008.
- ▶ Contributions that are placed in the church offering the first worship service of 2009 will not qualify as a charitable contribution in 2008, even if the check is predated to 2008 or was actually written in 2008.
- ▶ Checks that are postmarked in 2008 will be deductible in 2008 even if the church does not receive them until after January 1, 2009.



Although cash and checks are the most frequent manner of giving there are other methods of giving that are very appropriate for both the giver and the church. Many find that financial market prices have risen in value over the original purchase price on certain stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Gifts of securities can provide donors with a dual tax benefit. First, a charitable contribution deduction may be claimed in the amount of the current market value of the donated stock. That is, the donor may deduct the original cost of the donated shares and also the amount of any appreciation in the value of those shares. Second, donors avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value of the donated stock, so the entire amount of the gift furthers the mission of the church. If you want to use appreciated properties to make a donation, do so by year-end to qualify for a potential tax deduction.

Also, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act recently signed into law, extended through 2009 the opportunity for people who are at least 70 ½ years old to give from either a traditional or Roth IRA account directly to the church without the donor having to claim the money as income.

Whatever the method of giving, the gift reflects the spirit of love and devotion to God who supplies all our needs, including the most important gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

“Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Gordon Rowell

Christmas Concerts & Worship Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

FOOD PANTRY DAY

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:50	Morning Worship
4:30 pm	College Student Christmas Party, NB
5:00	Experiencing God, 320
	Women's Bible Study, 322
	Men's Discipleship, 324
	TeamKid
	Youth Choir
6:00	Adult Ensembles Concert

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 am	Men's Prayer Mtg.
6:15 pm	FIRST Touch A6, P

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 am	Campus Ministers, NB
12:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery, NB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 am	Ladies' Quilting
12:15 pm	Bell Canto, Adult Bells
4:00	Campanella, MS Bells
5:00	Family Meal, MH
	Resound, Youth Bells
5:30	Sunday School Directors, CR
5:45	Graded Choirs
	Middle School Choir
	Youth Christmas Party
6:00	Sunday School Overview
	Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.
	College Bible Studies, NB
	Women's Bible Study, 322
6:30	Chinese/English Bible Study
6:40	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	Middle School Bible Study
	Missions Org.
6:45	Youth Worship & Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 pm	Deacon's Dinner
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Adult 5 Trip to Branson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Adult 5 Trip to Branson Continues

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:50	Morning Worship
5:00 pm	Experiencing God, 320
	Women's Bible Study, 322
	Youth Choir
6:00	Graded Choirs & Youth Choir Concert



December 7	6:00 PM-Adult Bells & Ensembles Concert
December 14	6:00 PM-Student Choirs and Bells Concert
December 17	6:00 PM-First Family Christmas Celebration, Mitchell Hall
December 21	10:50 AM-Sanctuary Choir Concert with Orchestra
December 24	5:30 PM-Christmas Eve Worship with Lord's Supper

Special



The 2009 Church Budget was approved in the Special Called Business Meeting during the morning worship service on Sunday, November 23 with 279 *yes* votes and 6 *no* votes.

First Family Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 17

6:00 p.m.

In Mitchell Hall

Cost: \$2 per person

We will have a baked potato & chili supper with hot dogs for the kids. We are planning to sing Christmas carols, eat cookies and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

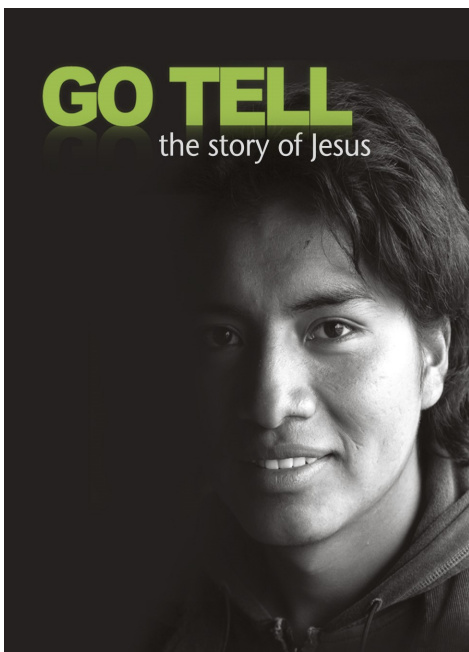


We need to know how many to prepare for so please sign up across from the Information Center by Sunday, December 14. No need to pre-pay, just pay at the door.

***No other regular activities will take place.**



Did you know?...
Greg and Hannah Lee
were named
Outstanding
Philanthropists by the
Association of
Fundraising
Professionals.



**FBC World Mission
Ministry Offering
Goal: \$106,000**

67%-Lottie Moon International
Missions

22%-Annie Armstrong North
American Missions

11%-Dixie Jackson State Missions

FIRST Touch November 24
Visits: 3 Letters/Emails: 0

FIRST Touch December 1
Visits: 4 YTD: 146
Letters/Emails: 12 YTD: 449

Next FIRST Touch
Monday, December 8 at 6:15 PM
Adult 6 Department

Children's Ministry
of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



Summer 2009

Centri-Kid offers a camp experience
that will grab kids' attention and cap-
ture their hearts through high-energy
worship, interactive, kid-friendly
Bible study, and lots of fun!

Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar,
Mo. for those who have completed
grades 3 - 5

July 13 - 17 ~ Cost: \$150

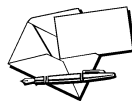
We will need a commitment & a
\$50 deposit by **January 25**.

This deposit is non-refundable.

Payment plans are available. We
only have 24 spots available - 12
girls & 12 boys. If you would like
more information on this camp or
would like to sign your child up,
contact Lisa at 442-2387, Ex. 20 or
email her at

lwheat@fbcfayetteville.org.

First Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for
all your cards, notes, and
words of comfort.



Thank you for the meal you fixed
for us. Bobbie loved the church, loved
for us to read her the newsletter when
it came. It usually brought a story to
mind for her to relate to us.

She loved her church and everyone
in it.

Thank you for everything.
Bobbie McDaniel's family



Youth



at the Eaton's House
Wednesday, December 10
5:45-8:00 PM

Free Pizza and Fun!

Guys bring drinks.

Girls bring snacks.

No transportation provided.

Need a map?

*Go to the Youth Information Desk,
or call the Youth Office.*



**College Christmas
Party & Meal**

Sunday, Dec. 7th
4:30-5:45 pm

North Building - 325 N. College

Bring a Friend

and a

"White Elephant" Gift
(\$5 limit)

What a Great Study Break!!!

Praise Record - Nov. 30

Sunday School Enrollment	1039
Sunday School Attendance	453
New Sunday School Members	3
Morning Worship	500
Evening Worship	156
Decisions	10
Other Weekly Bible Studies	na
<i>The New Community Church</i>	43
Received for week	\$25,109.06
Required for week	\$24,816.82
Received in month to date	\$170,575.52
Required in month to date	\$124,084.10
Received in 2008	\$1,487,903.42
Required in 2008 to date.....	\$1,520,221.64
CBCG Received this week	\$245.00
CBCG Received to-date	\$2,252,058.35

ETC ~ DECEMBER 7, 2008

Babies 1— James & Carole Butter
Babies 2— Vickie Robinson, Dianna Wilson
Twos 1— Shannon Alberts, Erin Murphy
Twos 2— Gary & Shelly Husnian
Threes - Chris & Michelle Harvey
Fours— Dan & Jennifer Skoff

HOSPITALIZED:

Millie Bryan, HealthSouth #113

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

DECEMBER 7-13

Gary Peters ☎ 442-5686

VAN DRIVERS ~ SUN., DEC. 7

Andrew Aldridge (444-8300)
Dwayne Calhoun (330-0142)

FAMILY MEAL Wed., Dec. 10 @ 5

MENU: Chicken Tortellini, Green Beans, Breadsticks, Potato/Salad Bar, Dessert

CHILDREN'S MENU (*PS-Grade 5 only*): Mac & Cheese

KITCHEN WORKERS:

Berta Seitz, Carolyn Tanneberger
Rick McCoy, Rick Tanneberger

DECISIONS

By Profession of Faith and Baptism

Jordan Compton

On Promise of Letter

David & Amy Alderson
Bethany & Jenifer

Steve & Rhonda Fowler

John & Helen Garst

Recommitment to Christ

Andrea Sharp



IN MEMORY OF
JAMES NEIL GRAY
John & Cindy Meares



Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Dale Killian and family on the loss of his wife, Waunita Killian, on December 1;

...to Bill and Virginia Rose on the loss of his brother, Jackie Rose on November 22;

...and to Jane and Vaughn Skinner, Sarah & David on the loss of Jane's father, James Neil Gray, on November 26.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason and Amy Adams on the birth of a daughter, Morgan Leigh Adams, born November 21. Morgan weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Also welcoming Morgan is big sister Lauren;



...and to Marion and Cathy Williams on the birth of a granddaughter, Katherine Ann Williams, born December 1. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Dwayne and Leah Williams of San Antonio, Texas.

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