

## JUST A REMINDER

... Another year is coming to an end and as we approach the end of 2007, many of you begin to review your financial affairs. To be recorded as a tax-deductible contribution for the year 2007, contributions and gifts must be in the church office or mailed (postmarked) no later than December 31, 2007. Contributions that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2008 will not qualify for a charitable contribution in 2007, even if the check is predated to 2007 or was actually written in 2007. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2007 will be deductible in 2007 even if the church does not receive them until 2008.

This is an important time as twelve point four percent (12.4%) of last year's budget receipts and twenty-two point three percent (22.3%) of the Called to Build – Called to Grow building program receipts came from December year-end gifts.

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 the financial market prices have risen again and certain stocks, bonds, and mutual funds have appreciated in value. These properties provide another meaningful way to give to the Lord's work.

As many of you know, 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 choose this method, please contact me at the church office, 442-2387, Ext. 15, or [Growell@fbcfayetteville.org](mailto:Growell@fbcfayetteville.org) and I will be glad to assist you with the process.

Whatever the method of giving, the gift reflects our spirit of love and devotion to God who supplies all our needs, including the most important gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Every gift to the Lord's work makes a difference to God, to His church, to His world.

*Gordon Rowell*  
Church Administrator

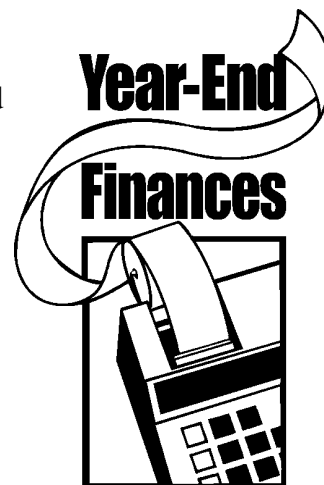


**TELL ME!**  
the story of Jesus

**FBC  
World  
Mission  
Ministry  
Offering  
Goal:  
\$105,000  
Received to**

**Date:  
\$28,418**

67%-Lottie Moon  
International  
Missions  
(\$70,350)  
22%-Annie Armstrong  
North American  
Missions  
(\$23,100)  
11%-Dixie Jackson  
State Missions  
(\$11,550)



## LOOKING AHEAD

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 am	Sunday School Adult 7 & 2 Joint Sunday School
10:50	Morning Worship with Huw Priday
12:45 pm	Youth Choir Lunch & Rehearsal
3:00	Korean Worship
4:00	Stewardship C.
5:00	<i>Experiencing God</i> , last
6:00	Christmas Concert II
7:00	College SPF & Christmas Party

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 am	Men's Prayer Mtg.
6:15 pm	GROW Team "R"

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 am	Quilting Group
5:00 pm	Family Meal
5:45	Graded Choirs
	Middle School Card Deliveries
6:00	Bible Study/Prayer Mtg. Sunday School Overview Youth Bonfire
6:30	Chinese/Eng. Bible Study
6:40	Sanctuary Choir Missions Orgs.
7:40	Choir Childcare
11:00	College Ski Group Leaves

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

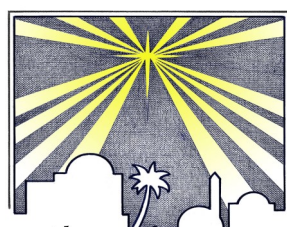
6:45 pm	Deacon's Christmas Banquet
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:30 am	LOA Class Party
5:00 pm	Live Nativity

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:50 am	Sanctuary Choir & Festival Orchestra Presentation
12:45 pm	Youth Choir Lunch & Rehearsal
6:00	Youth Choir Musical
7:00	General Business Mtg.



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Light shines in  
the Darkness

## FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 19

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 will sing Christmas carols, eat cookies and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. We need to know how many to prepare for so you can sign up across from the Information center and pre-pay in the church office.

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



### SUNDAY

December 9, 10:50 AM – Huw Priday, guest soloist

6:00 PM – CHRISTMAS CONCERT II featuring Music Friends I, Music Makers I & II, Young Musicians, Middle School Choir, *Campanella*, Middle School/Jr. High Handchime Choir, & *Resound*, Jr./Sr. High Handbell Choir

### SATURDAY

December 15, 5-7 PM – Live Nativity Scene, Corner of Dickson & Highland

### SUNDAY

December 16, 10:50 AM – Sanctuary Choir & Festival Orchestra's presentation of Michael W. Smith's AGNUS DEI, *Lamb of God Born for Us*

6:00 PM – Youth Choir's presentation of *'Twas the Last Mailing Day Before Christmas*

### WEDNESDAY

December 19, 6:00 PM – First Family Christmas Party

### MONDAY

December 24, 5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service

**Children's Ministry**  
of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church



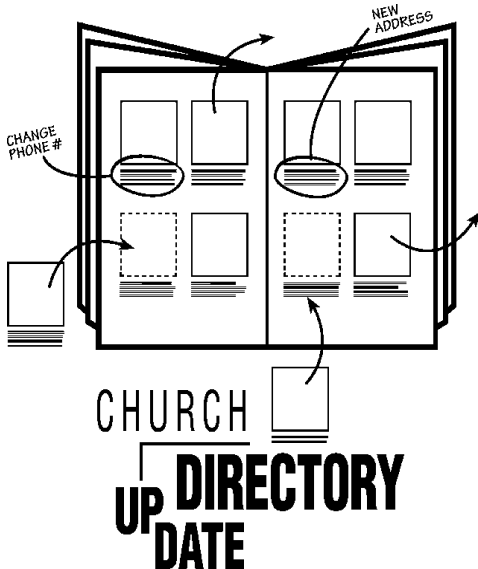
Centri-Kid offers a camp experience that will grab kids' attention and capture their hearts through high-energy worship, interactive, kid-friendly Bible study, and lots of fun!

At Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK.  
for those who have completed grades 3 - 5  
**July 14 - 18 ~ Cost: \$150**

We will need a commitment & \$50 deposit by **January 30**. This deposit is non-refundable. Payment plans are available. **We only have 20 spots available - 10 girls & 10 boys.** We will also need 2 male counselors & 1 female counselor. If you would like more information on this camp or would like to sign your child up, contact Lisa at 442-2387, Ex. 20.

**Church Directory Photos**  
If you missed having your picture made, it is not too late to have your picture added to the directory. Bring your photo to the church office before the end of December.

Have you moved recently?



Changed email addresses?  
Changed business location or phone number?

If so, please let us know in the church office so we can update our database and have the directory accurate. Call 442-2387 or email [tjohnston@fbcfayetteville.org](mailto:tjohnston@fbcfayetteville.org)

## College & University Graduates

**BRIAN BRIXEY** will be graduating from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has a job as Airport Design engineer with LPA in Little Rock .

**SHERRI BRIXEY** will be graduating with honors from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with a Minor in Spanish. She plans on going to pharmacy school at UAMS in Little Rock.

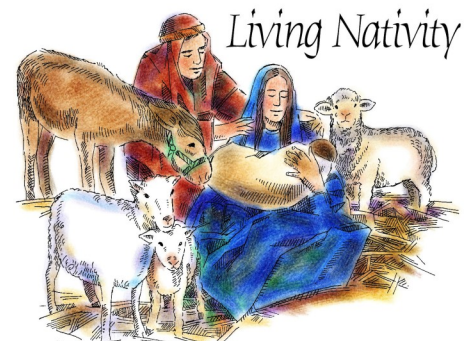
**LAUREN WOODS** will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She is now pursuing her Master's degree at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.



**Youth Ministry  
Christmas  
Parties!!!!**

**Middle School Party  
December 5  
6:40-7:45 p.m.  
Middle School Room**

**Youth Party  
December 12  
6:00- 8:00 p.m.  
Bonfire at the Eatons!!!**



**Saturday, December 15  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Corner of Dickson &  
Highland**



**WANTED:** Preschool Paid Childcare Workers

If you would be interested in working with preschoolers on Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, and one Friday night a month, contact Linda Dilley, 442-2387 Ex. 23 to apply. Must be at least 18 years old to apply.

## Praise Record - December 2

Sunday School Enrollment .....	1076
Sunday School Attendance .....	567
New Sunday School Members .....	4
Morning Worship .....	608
Evening Worship .....	268
Decisions .....	0
Other Weekly Bible Studies .....	29
Received for week .....	\$35,889.92
Required for week .....	\$24,392.56
Received in month to date .....	\$35,889.92
Required in month to date .....	\$24,392.56
Received in 2007 .....	\$1,486,495.16
Required in 2007 to date .....	\$1,485,663.59
<b>CBCG Goal</b> .....	<b>\$2,238,599.20</b>
Received this week .....	\$7,290.00
Received to-date .....	\$2,065,997.68
World Mission goal: .....	\$105,000.000
Received This Week: .....	\$6,694.02
Total YTD Receipts: .....	\$28,418.44

## Called to Build Called to Grow

Goal: \$2,238,599

\$2,000,000	<b>\$172,601</b>	
	Remaining	
	Pledges	
\$1,500,000	<b>\$2,065,997</b>	
	To-date	
\$1,000,000		
	<b>\$7,290</b>	
\$500,000	This week	
\$0		



Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Fenner and Carolyn Steward on the loss of his cousin, Sandra Yandall, of Fort Smith on November 30;

...and to Dara and Zach Young on the loss of her grandfather, J.C. McGhee, of Van Buren on November 27.



IN MEMORY OF  
**HELEN BOYD SMITH**  
**DOROTHY BOYD SMITH**  
*W. Eugene Smith*



IN HONOR OF  
**KEITH & JACKIE ROBBINS**  
**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
*Craig & Connie Edmonston*

## ETC ~ DECEMBER 9, 2007

*Babies 1*-Berta Seitz, Judy Allen

*Babies 2*-Shannon Peters, Cincy

Mathis

*Toddler*-Jason & Amy Adams

*Twos*-Dwayne & Michelle Calhoun

*Threes*-Frank & Nancy McIlwain

*Fours*-Cliff & Laura Grisham

**HOSPITALIZED:** Polly Nettles, Colorado

**VAN DRIVERS ~ SUN., DECEMBER 9**

Bill Rose (267-2541)

Billy Mayes (839-3073)

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**DECEMBER 9-15**

Todd Townsend ☎ 872-2301

**FAMILY MEAL-**

Wed., Dec. 12 @ 5:00 PM

**MENU:** Fajitas, Mexican Rice, Refried

Beans, Potato/Salad Bar, Dessert

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

Pizza Pockets

**KITCHEN WORKERS:**

Kathy Dees & Tiajuana Gough

Tony Ramirez & Joe Young

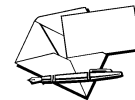
## G.R.O.W. REPORT DECEMBER 2, 2007

	This T h i s	
	Week	Year
Visits	7	172
Letters/Email	11	389

**GROW TEAM "R"**  
**MEETS DECEMBER 9**  
in the Church Parlor  
GROW Captain: Nat Thomas

Dear Church Family,  
On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for all your prayers and concern on the illness and death of my sister. It was truly felt.

Jim Reavis



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**Extension**

Pastor - Douglas Falknor ..... 12

Minister of Music - Mike Paslay ..... 19

Minister of Adults - Travis Wollenberg ..... 18

Minister of College & Career - Steve Moore ..... 16

Minister of Students - Steve Alberts ..... 21

Minister of Childhood Education - Lisa Wheat ..... 20

Church Administrator - Gordon Rowell ..... 15

Pastor's Secretary - Sheila Smith ..... 12

Publications Secretary - Terri Johnston ..... 11

Play Learn Director - Carolyn Tanneberger ..... 22

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