



And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

This December we enjoyed one of the most revitalizing Christmas music seasons in recent memory. All three concerts, beginning with our superb adult ensembles and bells, climaxed by an Irish Christmas with the Getty's, and encored by our excellent children and youth groups, remind me that we have an outstanding music ministry led by Mike Paslay. Kudos for a job well done!

The story of the magi challenges me to consider my priorities in worship. The Bible tells us that they travelled a great distance to get to Bethlehem. And, when they entered the house and saw Jesus with Mary, they fell to the ground and began to worship Him. The richest of gifts were given to this newborn King.

Jesus alone merits the focus of my worship. These learned men came with a singular focus: worship of Jesus. They had talked with Herod. The mother of Jesus was present. Many others no doubt had crossed their path on the journey to Bethlehem. But when they saw the star they began their journey to find Jesus. And, having found Him, worshiped. Let my worship have a singular focus. I do not come to be entertained, to be flattered, to socialize, or to feel better about myself. There may be a time and place for those things, but not when I come to worship. Worship is all about Jesus.

I will likely have to overcome some obstacles to worship, but if I persevere it will be worth it. The Bible does not tell us how far the magi travelled, but we know it was a considerable distance. Not only did they have to travel several miles, they were not certain of their destination. But to see Jesus, they had to take the trip. My obstacles seem to range from petty (the temperature is not quite right), to distractions (a rambunctious child), or even deeply spiritual (my sin quenches the Spirit). Yet, if I want to see Jesus I will have overcome each struggle. I will confess my sin, pray for the child (and the parents!), ignore the temperature, and address every stumbling block.

Jesus deserves my best. The wise men brought gifts for a king and Jesus rightfully deserved to receive them. He deserves my best, too. May I reject offering Him half-hearted, religious ceremony and choose instead to present all that I have and am, engaging my body, mind, and spirit with complete abandon as I give Jesus my best.

I invite you to consider your priorities in worship. Will you join me in a commitment of renewed worship? Let us come together and worship King Jesus.

Bro. Doug

ARE WE THERE YET?

2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
National Goal: \$175 Million

Week of Prayer for International Missions
and International Mission Study
November 28 – December 5

On December 1st:
\$107,000

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67%-Lottie Moon
International
Missions

22%-Annie Armstrong
North American
Missions

11%-Dixie Jackson
State Missions

Total to date:
\$50,400.89

Father Daughter Banquet



Father Daughter Banquet 2011

Presenting
Speaker
Dr. Greg Smalley



Open to all ages 5 and up!

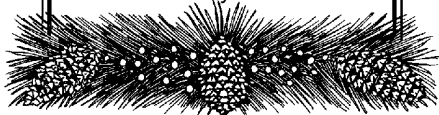
Friday January, 14th
6pm-8pm

Tickets \$12 on sale now

Tell your friends about this exciting opportunity to enrich your relationship no matter what your age!

December 29—
No Evening Activities

December 31—
Church office closed for New Year's Holiday



**Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!**



to Terry and Sheri Payton on the arrival of their granddaughter, Jadyn Brooke Thomas. She was born November 19 weighing in at 9 lbs. and was 22" long. Proud parents are Shanley Payton and Mikal Thomas of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Celebrate Recovery

Begins Thursday, January 20

6:30 PM

Meets in lower auditorium room 148

This is a program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups.

It provides a safe place to share your experiences, strengths and hopes.

For more information contact Jessica at 479-925-0941.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Church Family,

Women on Mission thank you for the generous outpouring of your love for those who are paying their debt to society by providing a Christmas Box filled with items they can use while they are at the Department of Community Corrections. Each box is evidence of God's love and a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

A special thanks to Jan Story's Sunday School class who took on the mission to not only provide boxes, but also who have labored intensely to wrap and fill them. It was no small task.

Yours in Christ,
Gloria Falknor

General



Report

At the regularly scheduled business meeting on December 19 First Baptist Church...

- A. Approved the November financial report.
- B. Approved individuals recommended to serve on the church Standing Committees for three year terms except as indicated.
- C. Adopted the January 2010 Calendar of Activities

January 2011

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday:

8:30am Morning Worship
 9:00 Library Opens
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Morning Worship
 4:00pm Youth Praise Team
 ENGAGE Rehearsal
 5:00 Youth Choir
 Team Kid
 Middle School Bible Study
 6:00 ENGAGE Worship
Monday:
 6:15pm FIRST Touch, P
Tuesday
 9:30am BCM Prayer, P
 4:00pm Youth Praise Team
 6:55pm BSF
Wednesday
 9:30am Quilting Group, #322
 12:30pm Bell Canto, Adult Bells
 4:00 Campanella (o), MS Bells
 4:45 Acteens
 5:00 Family Meal, MH
 Resound, Youth Bells
 Campanile, 8th Gr. Bells
 Library Opens
 5:45 Children's Choirs
 Middle School Choir
 Youth Praise & Worship
 6:00 Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
 50/50 Speak & Listen (college) resumes Jan.
 6:15 Youth Bible Study
 6:40 Sanctuary Choir
 Middle School Bible Study
 Children's Missions
 Youth Prayer Groups
 7:00 Choir Childcare
 7:40 ENGAGE Rehearsal
Thursday:
 6:30pm Adult Basketball, MH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 Food Pantry Day No 8:30am worship 4:30pm-ENGAGE rehearsal	3	4	5 5:30pm-Adult SS Director Mtg., CR M&M Resumes	6 9:30am-Lord, Change My Attitude, Women's study	7	8
9 5pm -Youth Choir resumes, Committee Orientation, Stewardship C., CR	10 6:15pm-FIRST Touch, A6	11 6:55pm-BSF Resumes	12	13 9:30am-Lord, Change My Attitude, Women's study 6:45pm-Deacon Mtg.	14 6pm-Father Daughter Banquet, MH	15
16 5pm-Effective Parenting Study	17 6:15pm-FIRST Touch, A5	18	19	20 9:30am-Lord, Change My Attitude, Women's study	21	22 9:30am-Baby shower, P & MH
23 5pm-Effective Parenting Study 7pm-Business Mtg.	24 6:15pm-FIRST Touch, A4	25 ABSC Evangelism Conf.	26	27 9:30am-Lord, Change My Attitude, Women's study	28	29
30	31 6:15pm-FIRST Touch, A3				Praizefest	

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Church Staff	Extension
Pastor - Douglas Falknor.....	12
Minister of Music - Mike Paslay.....	19
Associate Pastor - Travis Wollenberg.....	18
College Minister - Josh Mauldin.....	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
Preschool Coordinator - Linda Dilley.....	23
Security - Zach Turner.....	26

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PRaise RECORD—DECEMBER 26

Sunday School Enrollment.....	NA
Sunday School Attendance.....	NA
New Sunday School Members.....	NA
Morning Worship	349
Christmas Eve Service.....	598
Decisions.....	0
Metro Church	NA
Awakening.....	NA
Other Weekly Bible Studies	26
Received for week.....	\$38,655.79
Required for week	\$42,210.22
Received in month to date ...	\$121,777.70
Required in month to date....	\$126,630.60
Received in 2010	\$1,604,204.68
Required in 2010.....	\$1,679,251.54
One Heart One Treasure	
This week.....	\$2,940.00
Since 9/27/09.....	\$718,043.91
World Missions Goal:	\$107,000.00
Received this week:	\$6564.00
Total year to date receipts:	\$50,400.89

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

JANUARY 2-8, 2011

Byron Humphry, 841-5484

HOSPITALIZED:

None known

VAN DRIVERS~

SUN., JANUARY 2

Billy Townsend (521-3054)

Dwayne Calhoun + night (330-0142)

FIRST TOUCH

Next FIRST Touch:

Mon., January 10 at 6:15 PM.

Adult 6 Department

TO THE CHURCH:

Arlene and I wish to express our appreciation for the remembrance in prayers for the past year. This is Christian love at its best.

Loyde H. Hudson, MD.

FAMILY MEAL-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011

Cost: \$3 per person. Free for preschoolers, Family maximum: \$12

MENU: BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato/Salad Bar, Dessert

CHILDREN'S (PS-GRADE 5 ONLY):
Cheeseburgers

WORKERS:

Evelyn McDonald
Carolyn Tanneberger
Byron Humphry, Billy Mayes

SYMPATHY

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to Bill Rose on the loss of his wife, Janie Rose, on December 20.

...and to Bob and Sheila Suvino and Shannon Shores, on the loss of Sheila's mother, Lula Stacy Moss Hamilton, of Springfield, Missouri on December 14. She is also survived by granddaughters Stacy & Shannon and great-granddaughter, Olive. Memorials may be made to FBC Play Learn.

ETC ~ JANUARY 2

8:30 service:

Babies-Lee & Kacie Woodmansee
Toddler/Twos-Marquita Den Herder,
Julia Den Herder
Preschool-Lance & Tracey Johnson

11:00 service:

Babies 1-Rick & Carolyn Tanneberger
Babies 2-Ellen Tidwell, Julianna Tidwell
Toddler/Twos-Lisa Falknor, Rachel Falknor
Threes-Shannon Alberts, Vickie Robinson
Fours-Leslie & Janna Elsik



IN MEMORY OF MONTIE MOONEY
Play Learn

IN MEMORY OF JANIE ROSE
Onita Elder

Dr. Andrew Hall
Bob & Peggy Harwell
Dr. & Mrs. James Hunt
Dr. & Mrs. G.D. Jay

IN MEMORY OF JIM HALBERT
Rick & Brenda Hoyt
Don & Claudette Hunnicutt
Jack & Suzanne Morris
Dale & Bobbi Strouse

**IN HONOR OF GORDON ROWELL,
LOYDE HUDSON &
TRAVIS WOLLENBERG**
Dr. & Mrs. James Hunt

**IN HONOR OF
DAVID & BARBARA MOORE**
Spencer & Laura Keese

**IN HONOR OF
BARBARA BOLDING & ANNE JONES**
FBC Adult 3 Women's Class
David & Barbara Moore

**IN HONOR OF
JULIA ANN HUDSON**
Joe T. and Julia Robinson