

Support the World Missions Offering

Our church goal: \$100,000

Lottie Moon • 67%
International
Missions • \$67,000



Annie Armstrong • 22%
North American
Missions • \$22,000



Dixie Jackson • 11%
State Missions • \$11,000



Received to date: \$93,059

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

At the regular business meeting on December 20, First Baptist Church...

- Approved the November financial report.
- Approved the recommendation that Caroline Young be accepted by profession of faith and baptism; Sarah Agee, Margaret Fox, Glen Ikerd by letter of recommendation; Healey Ikerd after baptism; and Robert Chaney, Nancy Chaney, and John Puckett by statement as members of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.
- Approved the Staff recommendation that First Baptist Church Fayetteville "affirm that Joshua Settlemaier is a member in good standing of this church and demonstrates the appropriate character, ability, and knowledge as necessary for one seeking ministerial leadership" to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Adopted the January 2016 Calendar of Activities.



DECISIONS

BY STATEMENT:

Scott & Karen Young

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Acteens** raised \$200 through the sale of handmade pillows for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Good work, girls!

...We are very pleased to announce that **Laura Mantooth** has qualified to compete in the 2016 Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, the World Irish Dancing Championships. WIDC will be held in the Royal Concert Hall of Glasgow, Scotland Easter Week. Good Luck Laura. We are very proud of your success.

MISSIONS Partnership Updates

Prayer Request

Please continue to pray for our team in South Asia. They are returning January 11. The church family has been so faithful in giving so that they can go, now our role is to pray for them as they are away. Pray that this new year would truly bring new life where they will be. Pray for travel, safety, and the work they are doing. Team members are Brent H., Hunter V., Courtney V., Eli L., and Gilbert G.

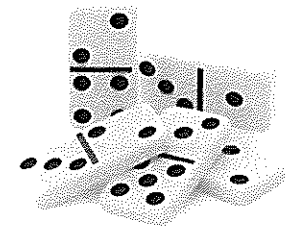
Game Day

Thursday, January 14

11:30 am - 2:00 pm in the North Building Chapel

Join us for a great time of fellowship around the domino tables. We will start playing games at 11:30, break for a bite to eat at noon and then pick up the dominos again and finish about 2:00 pm.

- 11:30 am - Let the games begin
- 12:30 – Lunch served
- Finish about 2 pm



Sign up at the Information Center, the Atrium, or in Sunday School.



**IN MEMORY OF
ARTHUR DUELL**

by
Craig & Connie Edmonston

**IN MEMORY OF
LUTHER FREEMAN**

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**IN MEMORY OF
CAREY HARTSFIELD**

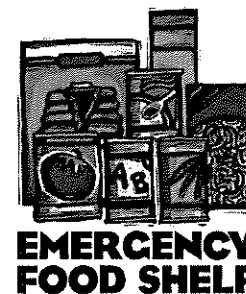
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Gary & Edith Harvey

**IN MEMORY OF
CHRIS KNIGHT**

by
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**IN MEMORY OF
TERRY SMITH**

by
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Food Pantry Day is January 3

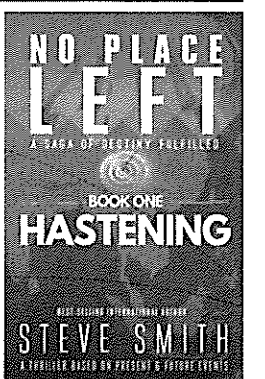
Please bring donations for Cooperative Emergency Outreach of canned food, diapers, peanut butter and jelly to the Information Center this Sunday, CEO assists our neighbors in Fayetteville with food, medicine, utility bills and rent. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

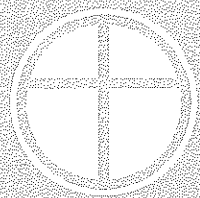
Has your email, address, or phone number changed?
Please let the church office know by calling 479-442-2387, or emailing us at fbc@fbcfayetteville.org.



LADIES' BOOK CLUB

All women are invited to join The Ladies' Book Club when they meet Tuesday, January 5 at 10AM at Margaret Little's home to watch the movie, *Amazing Grace*, *The Story of John Newton*. There is no assigned book this month because of the holidays. The February book is: *Hastening: No Place Left* by Steve Smith.





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Winter Discipleship Studies Beginning

Wednesday Evenings

6-7:30 PM

January 6 - February 17

Beth Moore Video Teaching

North Building Rm. 118

No workbook.

Listening guide provided at each session.
Join this group anytime.

Wednesday Evenings

5:45-7:30 PM

January 13 - March 2

Video teaching series

Facilitated by Cay Thorn.

North Building Rm 125

Workbook required (\$16)

Thursday Mornings

9:30 - 11 AM

Beginning January 7

Priscilla Shirer
Video Teaching

North Building Rm. 116

Workbook required (\$12)

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Play Learn Director - Traci Burnett..... 22
Preschool Coordinator - Linda Dilley..... 23
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PRAISE RECORD—DECEMBER 27

Sunday School Attendance..... 290
Morning Worship..... 406
Received for week..... \$30,574
Budgeted for week..... \$39,725
Received in month to date..... \$182,347
Budgeted month to date..... \$158,900
Received in 2015..... \$1,826,856
Budgeted in 2015..... \$1,906,800
One Heart One Treasure
This week..... \$11,640
Since 9/27/09..... \$2,068,586

HOSPITALIZED:

Bill Hancock, WRMC 4110
Jack Young, WRMC 4114

SYMPATHY

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to Jim and Traci Burnett on the loss of his father, Zach, Amanda, Mikenna and Nikkii's grandfather, Norman Burnett, on December 31.

DEACON OF THE WEEK JANUARY 3-9

Byron Humphry (841-5484)

VAN DRIVERS - JANUARY 3

Jacob Lawson (601-4766)
Roger Cunningham (466-1143)

ETC—JANUARY 3

11:00 service only

Babies 1: Alan & Gail Pugh
Babies 2: Lori Kruse & Liz Hutchens
Ones: Amber & Grace Stults
Twos: Brad & Jennifer Cheatham, Allie Gould
Preschool: Clay & Brianne Fowlkes

FAMILY MEAL

WED., JANUARY 6 @ 5PM

MENU: Taco Soup, Sandwiches, Potato/
Salad Bar, Dessert

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

KITCHEN WORKERS:

Connie Brooks, Jan Paul
Tony Ramirez, Joe Young

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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Food Pantry Day

South Asia Trip Continues

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship

No Evening Service or Activities

6:00 pm Women's Prison Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 am Ladies' Book Club,
Margaret Little's home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 am Ladies' Quilting, 320
12:00 pm Bell Canto, HS-Adult Bells
4:00 Jr. Hi Bells, gr. 6-8
5:00 Family Meal, MH
5:45 Children's Choirs (3yrs-5th gr)

Jr. Hi. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 HS Worship & Bible Study
College Worship

Adult Bible Study, 170

Wising Up Women's Study, N118

6:30 Adult Prayer Mtg., 170

6:40 Jr. High Bible Study

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:45 Children's Missions

7:55 Sunday AM Worship Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 am Jonah Women's Study, N116

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

6:00 pm Jr. Hi. FNF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

South Asia Trip Ends

8:00 am Sunday AM Worship Team Rehearsal

8:30 Morning Worship

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship

4:00 pm ENGAGE Rehearsal

High School Praise Band

5:00 Jr. Hi. Girls' Acteens

Committee Orientation, Chapel

6:00 ENGAGE Worship

Women's Prison Bible Study

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Douglas Falknor
pastor

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Sitting down to read during the end of the year, an overabundance of lists about the "Favorite" or "Best" or "Worst" of 2015 keep appearing. These types of articles are predictable (especially on slow news days) and remind us what transpired the previous year.

Other lists, however, were not about looking backward but preparing us to move forward. "Top ten changes to make for the New Year" or "Ten ways to have a better marriage in 2016" and similar articles were prevalent. All of these articles challenge us to consider how the next year can be better or improved.

Which is better: looking backward or looking forward? I have discovered that some of us prefer to look back at the way things were. We like the good memories, the nostalgia, the reflection of past successes and remember God's faithfulness through the past year. Others of us always lean forward, sails hoisted, climbing the next mountain and believing God will do great things in the year ahead.

Instead of looking backward or forward, a better approach is to look backward while we move forward. The successes and failures of 2015 do not need to define us or to confine us but can serve to refine how we will move forward today and in the days ahead. Our experience of God's faithfulness in the past year give us great confidence that God will accomplish great things in the year ahead.

The past year left us with both pain and pleasure. We experienced the joy of life and the sorrow of death. Long-time friends moved away and new friends have come. Families grew while others sadly dissolved. 2016 will bring us the same. We will laugh and cry, sometimes together and sometimes alone. At times we will be afraid, uncertain, and anxious. Joy, celebration, and confidence will fill other moments of life. Through all of these moments, our trust in is God.

In all that 2015 left behind and that 2016 promises, our confidence is in the Sovereign and Eternal God who is always faithful. Let us worship Him, serve Him, and live for Him each day.

