



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"Growing in Grace"

December 2021

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday, Dec. 5th at 6:00 P.M.

HERE

First Baptist Church in Pleasanton

Presented By the Choirs of

First Baptist Churches of

Pleasanton, Charlotte

& Floresville

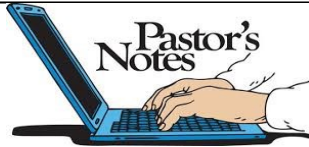
There will be a fellowship after the concert. If you'd like to donate finger foods or Sweets call the office.



Christmas Eve Service



December 24, 6:00 pm



"The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy." (Zephaniah 3:17; NASB95)

I am sitting in the office thinking of all that needs to be completed as my family arrives for Thanksgiving. As each item is mentally added to the "to do" list, the word which resonates most often is "Thanks." On the surface, when looking over this year's events, I want to throw my hands up in frustration. However when I look beyond those things which cause me to be unsettled, I see God at work in the details of my life. This is when I realize my cup overflows with the joy my Heavenly Father has poured into my life. With each moment of added pressure, God has demonstrated He is the only constant in my life. Even as a slow learner, my heart is catching up quickly to what my mind knows to be true. God's love is always present.

I hope and pray you can say the same. This may be the year to top them all, but know this, as your life becomes unsettled you can trust Him and may the words of Zephaniah, joyfully ring in your ears this holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!



Thank you, FBC Family, for your prayers, words of comfort, cards, phone calls, visits, attendance at my sweet husband Max Keener's funeral, and for the delicious meal following his celebration of life on Nov. 29, 2012. If he were still here, he would give you a big bear hug of thanks and say "well done". After living with "Mad Max" for 65 years, it will be a huge personal challenge for me to adjust to life without him. However with your support and prayers, I will give it my "best shot"! God bless! Love to all, Betty Keener and Family

I invite you to come help on Sunday, Nov. 28th at 5:00 p.m. as we decorate our church for the Christmas season. It's a great time of fellowship and our church always looks so festive and worshipful after the decorations are hung.

I also invite you to come and bring a friend to our Christmas musical on Sun., Dec. 5th at 6:00 p.m. Our choir is being joined by the choirs from the First Baptist Churches in Charlotte and Floresville to present the musical, *Mary Did You Know*.

Keith Shearrer and Joy Caraway will accompany the choir along with Pattie Rutan on trumpet, Lillian Post on flute, Toby Bird and Lewis Manzanares on French horns, and Cody Mills on tuba. Tom Wickersham is our narrator.

The musical will be followed by a fellowship time in the old fellowship hall. All are welcome. We're asking for cookies, snacks and finger foods donations to serve at the fellowship if you'd like to help.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: ...and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

We wish you a Merry Christmas! John & Lisa

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Friday, December. 24th at 6:00 p.m.

We'll have our traditional candlelight service with the reading of the Christmas story from scripture, special music, and concluding with a candlelight carol singing.

If you or your family would like to read a passage or you'd like to sing or play a song please contact John at 830-569-2582. We encourage participation from all who wish to be part of the celebration of Jesus' birth!



2021 CONTRIBUTIONS



In order for your contributions to be posted to your 2021 giving record, they must be either brought to the office by **Fri., Dec. 31st by Noon** or reflect a postmark no later than Fri., Dec. 31st.



PLEASANTON PARKS & RECREATION'S

TRICK or TREAT TRAIL

Thank you for your prayer, candy and support as we participated in the city's Trick or Treat trail in the Riverpark on Sunday October 31st. In a 2 hour period of time, we gave out a massive amount of candy. We also gave away almost 200 Bibles in English and Spanish, countless numbers of bags with gospel tracts and church information. Not everyone that came by our booth took a Bible, but we gave one to everyone that wanted one. It was a good evening of passing out candy and making God's word available to those that came by. Thank you to the following people for helping at our booth. Pastor Darrell, Dexter Beginnes, Sharon Gembler, Hagen Dailey, Danny and Daniel Rockafellow, Makenna, Malone and Makil Dale.



Living Christmas Village
Experience The Journey of Christ



Christmas Village 2021
Fri., Dec. 10th—Sun., 12th
Strawberry Festival Grounds
Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Tours start at 6:00 P.M.
Enjoy live music & free refreshments while you wait.

WED. DEC 15TH SOLID ROCK'S PJS AND PANCAKES NIGHT FROM 6:30-8PM IN OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL



**WEAR (CHURCH APPROPRIATE) PJS,
EAT PANCAKES AND PLAY GAMES**

2021 KLOVE CHRISTMAS



CASTING CROWNS
MAC POWELL CAIN
DANTE BOWE JORDAN ST. CYR

On Saturday December 18th, we will take a group of 15 to the KLove Christmas tour concert in Corpus Christi. The cost of the tickets are \$18 per person. We will leave the church at 4pm to head to the concert. We will stop and eat fast food on the way. Please bring additional money to eat. After the concert, we will return to the church at 12:30AM. To secure a spot on the bus, please pay the \$18 to Brian or the church office.

Pastor Darrell asked if we would share about a ministry God is allowing to be done in one of our local senior care centers. We have four of our FBC members in this facility and they asked if there was anyway we could continue teaching Sunday School to them. At the time, we were only allowed to be outside the building but we started the class. We were outside the window and they were inside. As the time progressed, other residents began to ask our FBC ladies if they could come to the class. Our ladies said of course. Since then our members have continued to increase and we are now able to meet together in person. Most weeks we have between 13 to 18 people in attendance. Some are from different denominations but what a blessing to study God's word together. The church has allowed us to have extra copies of the Sunday School material to pass out. Many tell us how thankful they are for the class and the study materials. They have shared that they are passing them on to other residents and to their family members.

We are thankful for the witness of our FBC ladies and other faithful Christians there who are willing to let God use them for His purpose, as they pray, encourage and share Christ. Pray for them and this ministry.

We have also been asked to come back to another of our senior care centers to do a weekly 30—45 minutes singing and devotional time with their residents. This usually was on a weekday afternoon. We will need volunteers to come and join with the residents in worship. So many residents long for this time of worship and visiting with others from the outside. Participation will bring blessings.

If you would be willing to come and help in this outreach opportunity please contact Barbara Lewis or Pastor Darrell.



Church 2022 Budget Vote, Sunday December 5th right after Morning Worship.



Child Development Center



It's hard to believe that November is over and December is already here! The classrooms had so much fun this past month learning about Thanksgiving, families, being thankful and of course Turkeys! The children and staff enjoy our "thankful lunch" on Thursday, November 11th.

As we move into the month of December we will be learning about Christmas and all that it entails! From the birth of Jesus to Santa. Christmas and everything up until the New Year! In each classroom you will see the children doing different learning activities to supplement these topics! Such as writing a letter to Santa, playing Christmas bingo and creating a paper chain Christmas countdown! We also will be doing some fun science experiments with real candy canes, decorating our classroom Christmas tree and patterning with Christmas lights! In our sensory table you will see them using their fine motor skills to pick up Rudolph's nose with tweezers, playing in Santa's beard and making "cookies with ginger bread scented play dough!

Some art projects you will see are wrapping paper collages, jingle bell paintings and so many others. Some songs you might hear your children singing are "S-A-N-T-A," "Five Little Reindeer" and "When Santa got Stuck in the Chimney!"

The CDC will be taking part in the Merry on Main Christmas Tree Forrest again this year. The children are all making ornaments to decorate the tree. Take time to visit the tree display at the River Park—it is magical after the sun goes down!

Just as a reminder we will be closing early (11:00 A.M.) on December 31st and be closed January 3rd. These closures will allow our staff to spend holiday time with their families.

If you have not "friended" us on our Facebook page, please do so. We posted goings on, pictures of the children and even when we are hiring. Look for us at First Baptist Church Child Development Center/Preschool.

WREATHS across AMERICA



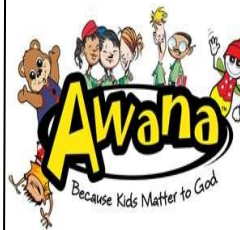
REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve
TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

San Antonio Chapter of Wreaths Across America.

On Sat., Dec. 18th at 11 A.M., the San Antonio Chapter will be helping Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

For more info. go to: www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org



The Awana Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas Party

Wed., Dec. 1st. We are accepting
Cookies and Cupcakes donations
for that night.



POINSETTIAS

Church members are invited to purchase one or more poinsettias in honor or in memory of a family member or friend. The cost is **\$16.00** per plant, and they will be used to decorate the church for Christmas. You may pick up the form in the office or in church on Sunday mornings. **Deadline is Mon. Nov. 29th.** If you have any questions, call the office 830-569-2582.

SAVE THE DATE IN DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 1st
Awana's Christmas Party
Sun., Dec. 5th
Christmas Musical
"Mary Did You Know!"
Fri., Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

What a privilege it is to live in a country that is free! And as some of the most blessed in this world, we are "graced" to give away some of what the Lord has shared so freely!

The elderly in our county may apply for assistance from ACCEPT this year (applications at FBC Youth Building 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Wednesday the 1st through Saturday the 4th). If you need assistance and are 60 or older, do not hesitate to apply. You must provide an ID and proof of Atascosa residency.

The Christmas shoeboxes (181) are already on their way around the world! During December we are collecting gifts for Prison Ministry Fellowship in Atascosa County. We will give any overages of gifts to Police Departments in our county. ACCEPT will not do toy gifts this year so the police departments will need our help.

God bless all of you this Christmas Season and may He Who called you into His Glorious Kingdom give you His peace! Bob and Jeanne Ulrich



Please Remember Chuck Colson's Prison Ministries!! This ministry provides gifts for children who have parent/parents incarcerated. Balls, Board Games, Trucks, Cars, Dolls & Barbie's are good gift ideas. Please see Jeanie Ulrich.



Atascosa County Elderly Project Target



We saw an increasing number of groups around the county providing donated toys and/or food with a focus on children. At the same time, we also saw a growing number of elderly in need, many taking in grandchildren, thus the need to redefine ACCEPT's focus.

Our plan is to create a small food basket that will include a food voucher to identified local food stores in the

communities. This will allow our fellow neighbors in need to shop for specific food and meal needs for Christmas. We want to thank you for your past support of ACCEPT and pray that you will continue to support us with a financial donation with an appreciation of our new focus.

Mail your monetary donations to: St. Andrew Catholic Church, 626 Market Street, Pleasanton, TX 78064. Your checks should be payable to ACCEPT 2021. You will also be able to donate through PayPal-ACCEPT. Any questions, please contact me, Henry Sanchez at 210-771-7569.



I'll be starting my vacation on Fri., Dec. 17th and will be back in the office on Mon, Jan. 4th.

If **anyone** needs anything you can reach me by phone 830-719-3491. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and stay safe!!! Jane

Lottie Moon Post Office



Members can place Christmas cards for other church members there and then place the money that would be for postage in the Lottie Moon offering.

What the Lottie Moon Christmas offering?

It is an annual offering to support international missions. It was named in honor of Lottie Moon who was a missionary to China who served for many years and urged churches to give sacrificially so Christ message might be shared. 100% of the offering goes to support our international Southern Baptist Missionaries. These people are working in ministries in many places including many where the gospel has never been shared. There are 4.5 billion people in the world who need to hear about Christ and have the opportunity to receive him in their lives. Every day 155,473 people enter into eternity without the hope of Jesus.

TOGETHER we can transform lives. Our gifts to the Lottie Moon offering, our prayers and our willingness to share and go can make an Impact. Make a difference for Christ in our world. TOGETHER we can do much more.

To learn more about the work being done and needs, go to IMB.org.



Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M.
Prayer Time—Sanctuary
9:15-10:45 A.M.
Media Center Library—OFH
9:30 A.M.
Sunday School for All Ages
10:50 A.M.
Morning Service—Sanctuary
6:30 P.M.
Adults Bible Study—OFH
6:30 P.M.
Solid Rock-Skillz & Scripture

Regular Weekly Schedule

Monday Schedule: OFH
1:00—4:00 P.M.
Senior Adult Game Day

Tuesday Schedule: OFH
11:00 A.M.—4:00 p.m.
Ladies' Craft Day
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday Schedule:
6:00—7:30 P.M.—Awana
Sanctuary
6:30 P.M.—Solid Rock
Youth Building
7:45 P.M.—Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room

OFH-Old Fellowship Hall
NFH-New Fellowship Hall
YB—Youth Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Morning Worship then budget vote. 6 p.m. Christmas Musical “Mary Did You Know?”	Sr. Adult Activities 1-4 pm Games	11a.m. 4 p.m. Ladies' Craft Day OFH	6 p.m. AWANA Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Solid Rock Youth Building 7:45 p.m.-Choir Rehearsal Choir Room	BINGO Sr. Adults 2:30 pm bring \$5 gift cards Pizza to follow		
9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Morning Worship	Sr. Adult Activities 1-4 pm Games	11a.m. 4 p.m. Ladies' Craft Day	NO AWANA 6:30 p.m. Solid Rock-OFH PJ & Pancakes Night NO Choir Rehearsal Choir Room	5 pm—Soup & Cornbread Provided. Bring Sides & Desserts	Living Christmas Village Gates open 5:30 P.M.	
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Birthdays of the Month of

December

Jimmy Jones	12/2	Martha Sanchez	12/16	Tessa Sotello	12/24
Luke Walters	12/2	Dorris Westfall	12/16	Jessica Brysch	12/25
Nicholas Jones	12/2	Josh Vasquez	12/17	Danny Rockafellow	12/25
Sydney Downs	12/3	Adrianna Sotello	12/17	Wyatt Jenkins	12/26
Joshua Lopez	12/3	Fernando Jasso	12/17	Dannie Clarkson	12/26
James Newman	12/3	Devin Lawhon	12/18	Linda Moore	12/27
Laura Elmer	12/3	Linda Svoboda	12/18	Kai Lopez	12/27
Mary Nell Keene	12/5	James Cox	12/18	Elias Covington	12/27
Corey Castillo	12/5	Marshall Elmer	12/19	Seth Hunt	12/28
Kay Bean	12/7	Taylor Edgar	12/19	Kay Clarkson	12/30
Martin Osorio	12/10	Ynez Vera	12/20	Josh Jackson	12/30
Caryl Hudson	12/11	Liz Favor	12/20	Mary Bandy	12/31
William Templeman	12/12	Timothy Klein	12/21	Jenna Westfall	12/31
Emily Fullenwider	12/12	Joshua Robertson	12/22	Stayton Hagen	12/31
Alyssa Rodriguez	12/15	Samuel Henson	12/22	Jack Aubrey Craig	12/31
Vernon Sivage	12/15	Gloria Carrasco	12/23	Ethan Ramos	12/31
David Garcia	12/16	Bonnie Murphy	12/23	Berry Bridges	12/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FBC MISSION STATEMENT

In order to uplift the name of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to reach all people with the gospel, minister to their needs, equip believers, and love each other as God loves us.



First Baptist NEWS

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Brian Avery.....Youth/Evangelism
Nancy KennerlyCDC Director

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Senior Adult December Activities

Mondays on December 6th, 13th
in the Old Fellowship Hall

1:00—4:00 P.M.—Games Day

Tuesdays on December 7th, 14th
In the Old Fellowship Hall

11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Craft Day—Old Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 9th —Bingo
In the Old Fellowship Hall

2:30 P.M.—5:00—Bingo

Bring \$5.00 Gift cards

Pizza to follow

Thursday, December 16th Movie
In the Old Fellowship Hall

3:00 P.M.—Movie

5:00 P.M.—Hamburgers Provided

Please Bring Sides & Desserts

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Meal
In the Old Fellowship Hall

10:00--3 P.M.—Games

12:00 Noon—Meat & Cranberry Sauce

Provided. Please bring Sides & Dessert



God Loves You!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

God has a wonderful plan for your life!

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10b)

Walking Down the "Romans Road" to Salvation....

- **Because of our sin, we are separated from God.** *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*
- **The Penalty for our sin is death.** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*
- **The penalty for our sin was paid by Jesus Christ!** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*
- **If we repent of our sin, then confess and trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we will be saved from our sins!** *For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)*

To receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, Pray to receive God's forgiveness by faith.

The next Newsletter will published on
Thur., Dec. 16th. If you would like an
article published please email or bring it in
anytime before noon on Monday., Dec. 13th