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Thumbs up to the FBC Choir and Scott Quimby for filling Wilkerson Jewelers with the sounds of Christmas during the Downtown Open House this past Sunday afternoon! What was originally scheduled to be an outdoor event from the Wilkerson balcony had to be moved indoors due to the rain, but regardless of the location we can always count on our choir lifting high the name of Jesus through song.

The rain also did not dampen the praise offered Sunday night at the annual Community Thanksgiving Service held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. If I'm not mistaken, this is the first time the annual service has been held at Holy Rosary, or at least it's the first time since I've been in Stuttgart. We had a healthy attendance of 175 and received \$2,537 for the Grand Prairie Ministerial Alliance to assist the needy in our community! That is also the largest offering received since I've been associated with this event.

What an amazing year it has been for Operation Christmas Child at First Baptist! Thanks to Dina Counce and all the folks who have been assisting with this ministry throughout the year, we reached our goal of 750 shoeboxes! Way to go church!! As the final boxes are being loaded into the trailer, the total number of shoeboxes received at the FBC Drop-off Center is 1,516. Add that to the number received at the DeWitt Drop-off Center and we have a total of 4,183 shoeboxes received in Arkansas County. In 2013 we received 3,001. That's 1,182 more shoeboxes received this year! How awesome to be part of reaching 4,183 children and their families in Mexico, Ghana and Niger with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This Sunday we will begin our SBC international missions emphasis. November 30 – December 7 is our **Week of Prayer for International Missions**. Using videos and the Week of Prayer guide, you will be inspired to be a part of God's **One Sacred Effort** and "find your place in God's story." Our international missions emphasis will culminate with our one-day **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** to be received on **December 21**. FBC's Lottie Moon goal is \$20,000.

Why should you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Last year your nearly 4,900 missionaries reported:
Nearly 1,700,000 heard a Gospel witness
More than 235,000 became new believers
141 new people groups were engaged

Our emphasis on missions during the month of December will also include the opportunity to reach thousands of people through giving to the **Gideon Memorial Bible Offering** on **December 7**. This offering will be used to purchase bibles in memory of FBC members who inherited their gift of eternal life in 2014. What an incredible way to remember these saints who have gone before us!

In addition, we will have our annual **Mission Banquet** on **Wednesday, December 10** beginning at 5:00pm. After a delicious meal, we will hear the story of the Valley Church in Vilonia, Arkansas. Church Planter, Matt Rothacher and his family will be on hand to share how God led them to start the Valley Church and what God has been up to in Vilonia. Recently FBC entered into a three-year partnership with the Valley Church. Let's have a record number of people participate this year in our Mission Banquet as we begin to explore what God might have us to as we partner with the Valley Church.

This Sunday I'm beginning a new sermon series as we enter the season of Advent. During this four-week series, **His Name**, we will take a look at the names given Jesus through the prophet Isaiah: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Why not invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Research informs us that people are much more open to attend church at this time of year than any other, especially when they have a personal invitation from a friend! This Sunday we will be voting on our proposed **2015 Ministry Budget** as recommended by our Finance Team.

Dr. Sam

First Baptist Church News & Events

It's Thanksgiving, and I have a lot to be thankful for. One thing I'm very thankful for each and every one of you who make up our church. Y'all have been very kind to my family and me, we are very thankful for all of you. I'm also very thankful for the support our church gives to our Student Ministry. We have some of the best adult sponsors that any Student Pastor could ever ask for. Furthermore, there are always people offering to help. So on behalf of me, and all of our incredible students, **thanks!**

Just a reminder, that during Thanksgiving week there will be **No Flipside** that Wednesday. This way, each of our students and adult leaders can enjoy some much needed Family Time. I love you guys, enjoy the Holiday!

If your student hasn't signed up for Super Winter then please encourage them to do so quickly. Spots are filling up and I want to make sure everyone who wants to go will get the chance. The cost is only **\$55** and the dates are **Jan. 16-19**. Also, if anyone would like to help a student financially, so that they are able to go, please contact me.

Have a great Thanksgiving and try not to eat too much... Never mind, eat it all!!

Chris



Ladies Luncheon
December 7th, following Morning Worship
in the Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Lock & Key Ministries
Sign up sheet by
the Church Office

Happy Thanksgiving!

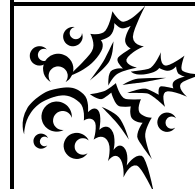
Psalm 95: 1-2

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all Gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pastures, the flock under His care."

MISSION BANQUET

December 10th
5 PM-Meal 6 PM-Program
Speaker: Matt Rothacher, Church Planter,
Valley Church, Vilonia, AR

How is God to be praised? (Vs. 1-2) 1. With holy joy and delight. Spiritual joy is the heart and soul of thankful praise. 2. With humble reverence and a holy awe of him. We are to glorify God with our bodies by the outward expressions of reverence, seriousness, and humility. 3. We must praise God with our voice; sing his praises out of the abundance of a heart filled with love, and joy, and thankfulness. 4. We must praise God in fellowship with one another; "Come, let us sing; let us join in singing to the Lord; not others without me, nor I alone, but others with me. Let us come together before his presence, in the courts of his house, where his people are wont to attend him and to expect his manifestations of himself."



50+ Christmas Party

If you are age 50 or over, you are cordially invited to the 50 Plus Christmas Party **Tuesday, December 2 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Why is God to be praised? (Vs. 3-7) 1. Because he is a great God, and sovereign Lord of all. He created the heavens and the earth and has control over all. 2. Because he is our God, He is our creator. He made us and gave us life and wants us to have it abundantly. He is our shepherd and we are his sheep.

Great Meal: Turkey and dressing
Great Fellowship
Great entertainment by the "Justified Quartet"
Great door prizes

Please bring a dish and join us!



Give thanks this week to God as you are reminded who he is and who you are to him. Thank him for loving you and providing for you the things of this earth. Take time to teach your family to love and praise him.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

In Christ,
Andrew

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Pastor on Call

November 30-December 6

Scott Quimby 501-454-2012

December 7-13

Andrew Skinner 870-830-6327

Deacons on Call

November 30-December 6

Ward Smith, Gary Arnold

December 7-13

Ward Smith, Jimmy Whiteside

The Quilters will be on Winter Break until January

Gideon Memorial Bible Offering December 7th

Christmas Gift Idea Church Cookbook

\$20.00 each, available in the Church Office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

12/02 50+ Christmas Dinner

12/07 Gideon Memorial Bible Offering

12/07 Ladies Luncheon

12/10 Mission Banquet

12/14 3pm "Christmas Candlelight Musicales"

12/14 6pm "The Light of Christmas" FBC

12/17 5:45pm Club 1615 (children's ministry)

Christmas Caroling

12/21 6pm "The Light of Christmas"

Southside Baptist Church

12/21 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering
December 21

Click below for a full biography

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Women on Mission: Christmas Program

On Thursday, **December 4**, all ladies have a special invitation to join us in the

Fellowship Hall, at 9:15 am

We will enjoy coffee and a snack followed by an interesting program about International Missions.

Worship Notes

I hope this week finds you giving thanks to the Father for all the blessings in your life. Our God is so faithful. Sunday evenings Community Thanksgiving Service was very enjoyable. If you were unable to attend, you missed a blessing. I love when many Denominations and Faiths can come together and worship.

I am so excited about our musical "The Light of Christmas" coming up Sunday evening Dec. 14. Please make plans to attend. The combined choirs of FBC and SBC sound awesome. Please invite a friend to come with you.

Hand Bells and all the children's choirs are currently working hard on all their Christmas tunes. They will present those very soon.

Choir Folks, I want to say thank you to those who were willing to sing Christmas carols at Wilkerson's last Sunday. The Lord blesses beyond measure doesn't He? Those who participated will know what I mean by that phrase, ha ha. Choir, we will meet at Southside Sunday at 4:30 pm for combined rehearsal.

I can't wait to worship with my church family Sunday, see you there!

Scott

Happy Birthday

November 28

Joe Overturf

November 29

Terry Allmond

December 2

David Belcher

December 5

Travis Davis

David Rodgers

December 6

Maddox Moorehead

December 7

Boyd House

December 8

Adison Hughes

Joseph Lockwood

Leland Minton

December 9

Phil Harsh

December 10

Drew Counce

December 11

Arthur Allen

Sue Berryman

December 12

Zoe Armstrong

Women Wednesday Night Deeper Group

"The Battlefield of the Mind"

by Joyce Meyer

Beginning December 3

Wednesdays at 6 pm

Contact Jennifer Gill 870-830-3731

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Choir Practice

Combined Choirs

Nov. 30- 4:30 pm

Southside Baptist Church

Dec. 7- 4:30 pm

First Baptist Church

Supper Menu

Supper at 5 PM and
Prayer Meeting at 6 PM

Wednesday, December 3

Hamburger Steak with Mushrooms, Mashed Potato
and Gravy, Butter Beans, Rolls, Cole Slaw,
Lemonade Pie

Wednesday, December 10

Eden Isle Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls,
Chocolate Sweet Cake

Weekly Activities

Sundays

9:00 a.m. _____ Sunday School Bible Study
10:15 a.m. _____ Morning Worship Service
4:30 pm _____ Choir Practice
5:30 pm _____ SWAT
6:00 p.m. _____ DEEPER

Monday

6:00 p.m. _____ Hand bells

Tuesdays

12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. _____ Women of The Word

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. _____ Fellowship Supper
5:45 p.m. _____ Children's Program
6:00 p.m. _____ Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm _____ Women's Deeper Group
6:30 p.m. _____ FLIPSIDE 517 Youth Worship

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