

On The Journey

Special Christmas Edition
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First Baptist Church of
San Angelo, Texas

Along The Way



I hope you will come and bring family, friends and guests to the Christmas Eve Service this coming Saturday at 5:30 p.m. I will bring a Christmas devotional and Bill Gillum will lead us in some Christmas carols. Rather than having a Silent Lord's Supper, we will voice our joy in song and in a Christmas reflection. Last Easter, we began having the Lord's Supper on the Thursday night of Easter rather than Christmas Eve to coincide more with the date that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. The Christmas Eve Service will be followed by a brief fellowship in the Atrium with some hot chocolate, wassail, spiced tea or hot coffee provided

by the Hospitality Committee. You will be able to catch up with friends from out-of-town who may be in for Christmas or just wish your fellow church members a "Merry Christmas!" It shall not be a long service so you can be on your way for your Christmas Eve activities with family or friends.

Please remember that on Christmas morning, we will not be having Sunday School, but we will assemble for our Christmas Day worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Monte Maxwell Organ Concert

We are grateful to host Monte Maxwell again this year for the Annual Organ Concert. The way the calendar falls, Monte felt it best to present the organ concert on New Year's Night, January 1, at 6:00 p.m. This has been a season of great music presented by our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Preschool and Children's Choirs, Glory Choir, all the professional musicians who sang and played for the Rowena Goss Memorial Service and now, Monte Maxwell will wrap it all up with his Organ Concert on New Year's Night.

Church Newsletter

Please remember that this will be the last church newsletter for 2011. The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. A guest from out-of-town, who receives our weekly newsletter, commented to me on Sunday how professional the newsletter looks every week. I agreed with him about the great job that Becky Powers does each week.

Thank You

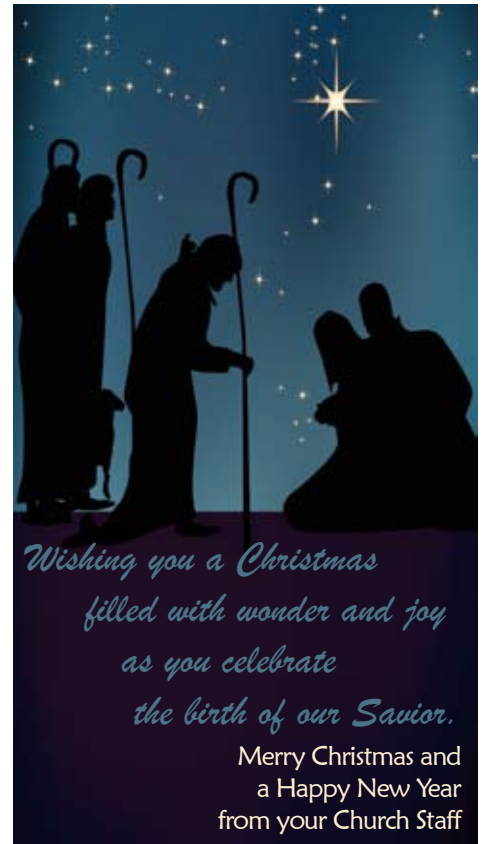
Thanks to all who have in some way made Christmas more inspirational and meaningful this year by singing in a choir, decorating the church, dedicating a poinsettia, teaching a Sunday School lesson on Christmas, organizing a Sunday School Christmas party, being present for Sunday School and worship, sending a Christmas card, preparing Christmas refreshments...or in any other way in which you have been a person of "good will" as the angel proclaimed.

Ministers "On Call"

On a rotating basis, each of us as staff members are assigned to be "on call" during the various holidays of the year. We each have the privilege of using church-issued cell phones, so you can contact us directly during the holidays should there be an emergency or some pressing need. This year, Christmas and New Year's holiday "on call" ministers are:

December 23, 24, 25, 26—Mark Bumpus (325-234-2100)

December 30, 31, January 1, 2—Kevin Ray (325-234-3499)





Serving Together



Kristen and I have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to learn and to participate in the Christmas traditions here at FBC San Angelo this year! From the singing, to the concerts, to the parties, to the cards, and the gifts, it has all been a wonderful blessing to us! Two of these traditions that were a special blessing this past week were the CDC Christmas Chapel on Wednesday night and the River Pointe Christmas Party on Thursday night.

I would like to thank Cindy Smith, Lindsey Noland, Brenda Naul, the rest of the CDC staff, and each of the children that presented the ABC's of Christmas to the families that represent this ministry of our church. The children presented the story of Christmas, and were given Gideon New Testaments in order that their parents might be able to read the Christmas Story to them from Luke 2.

I would also like to thank Bro. Rocky and his crew, Shirley Capers, Margie Brandt, Buddy Peel, the Servant Evangelism Ministry Team, the Adult 4 Sunday School Department, and many other people who brought gifts, helped set up, helped serve food, and helped with all of the other details that made the River Pointe Christmas Party a success.

As we celebrate Christmas this week, I pray that each of us will reflect on the message that the angel told the shepherds so many years ago. Luke 2: 10-11 says, "Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" I pray that this message will bring joy to each of our hearts as we consider the comfort that Jesus brings and the confidence that we are able to have because He is our Savior, He is the Christ, and He is our Lord!

Have a Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year!

Kevin

Worshipping Together



It is hard to believe that we have been serving with you at FBC for a year! Seems like only yesterday that we were here, last Christmas season, in view of a call. This has been a great year of getting to know you and learning more of your journeys. There are some truly incredible stories of faith contained in this body of believers.

Elaine and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and the happiest and healthiest of New Years. We pray that your walk with Father grows closer and that your service to Him grows deeper.

Don't forget our Christmas Eve celebration. We will be reading the story of Christ's birth and singing the carols that proclaim that event.

I look forward to sharing with you in worshipping our new born King!

Bill

Bobby's Beat



As I think about this Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus birth and of God's sending His Son to be one of us and live among us, I am in awe of the humble life of the King. You would expect the King and Savior of the world to be born in a palace surrounded by gold and wealth and body guards and royalty. But He is born in a stable and laid in a manger, a humble beginning. He lives much of His life in danger and as an adult He never had a place to lay His head at night. Then He is killed for our sins and has to be placed in a borrowed tomb. This is not how you and I would have drawn up the plan of the world and it certainly wasn't what the Hebrew people expected, but the Father knew better, and this all adds to the extraordinary uniqueness of the birth of the King that we celebrate at Christmas.

Bobby

Merry Christmas, celebrate the humble birth of the Savior, and we love you.

From Bobby, Carrie, Brynlee, and Brielle Catt

We welcome you to join us as we begin a new year!

Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Wednesday,
January 4, 2012
6:45 p.m.

the pause.
 learning to seek God
Youth Disciple Now Weekend:
January 5-8, 2012



Agape Youth members, parents, and friends enjoyed their Christmas party at the Terrill family ranch in Water Valley.



Karen's Korner



As we prepare to say good-bye to 2011, let us with great eagerness welcome 2012. Perhaps, you have already started filling in the squares of your 2012 calendar. If so, let me offer you a few dates to include.

Vacation Bible School – July 16-20. We will visit SonRise National Park. Kids will explore the awesome wilderness and adventure park and learn to depend on Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior.

Kids Camp – July 30-August 2. Those who have competed 3rd, 4th or 5th grades have the opportunity to attend Kids Camp at Camp Butman, a beautiful oasis right in the middle of West Texas.

In closing, let me extend my best wishes for you and yours to experience a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Karen



The next Parents' Night Out is Friday, January 6, 2012. Childcare will be provided from 6:30-10:00 P.M.

Cost is \$5.00 per child with a \$10.00 family maximum.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 4. Space is limited so call Joanna at 655-4101 or e-mail her at sturgill@fbcsanangelotx.org to make reservations.



Preschoolers act out the Nativity scene



Children's Ministry

Extended Session

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| December 25 | W116
Paid Workers |
| January 1 | Lara Cooper and Hilary Valdez |
| January 8 | Raul & Debbie Lopez |
| January 15 | Carson & Marla Cummings |



Young Adult Ministry

Snack Schedule

Adult 2 - Home Builders

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| December 18 | Carson & Marla Cummings |
| December 25 | No Sunday School |
| January 1 | |
| January 8 | Griff & Pattie Griffin |
| January 15 | Kevin & Maggie Pepper |

Special Ministries Snack Schedule

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| January | Adult 2 |
| February | Adult 1 |
| March | Adult 4 |

55+ Ministry

January Calendar

- 2 Berean Class Breakfast, TBA
- 2 Rachel Class Luncheon, TBA
- 4 **NO** 55+ Ministry Team meeting
- 12 Friendship Class Luncheon, TBA
- 14 55+ Ministry Team annual planning meeting, 9 A.M., First Place
- 16 55+ Potluck Supper and Game Night, 6:00 P.M., First Place
- 27 CVBA Annual Birthday Luncheon, 11:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall

FBC presents

The Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

September 1 - 8, 2012

Tour Highlights include

Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, "Going to the Sun Road", Banff, Columbia Icefields, Athabasca Falls, Jasper, Calgary

Contact Patsy, 655-4101, for more information.

Preschool, Children's and Youth 2012 Schedules



Friday, January 6

Parents' Night Out

Sunday, January 8

Preschool & Children's Choir and TeamKids resume

Wednesday, January 11

Mission Friends, Children in Action, Youth Hang Time and Crave resume

Sunday, January 15

Youth Open Gym and Collide resume



For more information regarding these activities, please contact Karen Walters, Minister with Preschool and Children at walters@fbcsanangelotx.org, Bobby Catt, Minister with Students, at catt@fbcsanangelotx.org or call the church office at 655-4101.



Adopt A School

The first semester of school has come to an end, and I want to thank those who have done so much to encourage our two schools.

First, thanks to all of you who have been saving box tops, labels for education, soda pop tops, and codes from sodas. I delivered the ones we have gathered so far and the schools were very appreciative. Let's keep collecting this next semester and I will make a delivery near the end of school. Thanks to Joanna Sturgill who has helped me gather all these items.

Special thanks to Bill Perry, Robert Dillard, and Taylor and Helen Norman for volunteering to serve the Thanksgiving meal to students and parents at Santa Rita.

Sunday School Departments Five (Gretta and George Hill), Six (Helen and Taylor Norman) and Seven (Virgie and Gene Sellars) have provided monthly goodies for our two campuses this first semester. Adult Four (Diane and Kerry Peacock) have signed up for next semester. Other departments please consider helping out in this area. See me for ideas.

Thanks for all you do,
Judy Tyler



Helen and Taylor Norman, Robert Dillard, and Bill Perry enjoy a sample of the Thanksgiving meal they served to hundreds at the Santa Rita Feast.

Committee Orientation

A Committee Orientation will be held at 6:00 P.M. on January 10, 2012. The purpose of the Committee Orientation is to train committee members in the operation of committees, encourage committees to elect officers and set goals for 2012, and to provide an opportunity for new committee members to meet their fellow committee members. Following a light supper, Kevin Ray will lead a training session. Each committee is encouraged to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary at the orientation. Members of all committees are strongly encouraged to attend!

Griff Griffin,
Chair, Committee on Committees



The FBC Food Closet has reached its current space limit! Thank you to all who provided food for those in need.

Coat Collection

The Benevolence Ministry Team is collecting winter coats for those in need. We have provided 6 individuals with a coat so far. If you have a clean, gently worn coat in your closet that you no longer wear, please bring it by the church to help those in need.



Lap Robes Available

The 55+ Ministry Team has furnished lap robes for your use if the temperature in the worship service is too cold for your comfort. These will be placed on the back pew of the sanctuary for you to pick up or you may ask an usher for one. At the end of the service, you may leave it on the pew where you are sitting.



Thank You One and All

To all who had any part of making the Christmas Dinner at River Pointe such a success, thank you! Rocky and the custodians worked several days preparing the rooms and the setup and then returning everything to the church and cleaning up again the day after. Some provided table decorations and took time to think through the set up for drinks to avoid bottlenecks. Shirley and her crew did a great job of preparing the food. Many served food and helped those going through the line by carrying plates and drinks. Several prepared the cake for serving and filled cups with ice, water, and tea. Many kept the tables cleaned and set up—always prepared for the next group.

Bobby and the youth provided a beautiful live nativity, reminding us of the reason for the season. Adult 4, who always prepare gift bags for the children, did an outstanding job. If I have overlooked anyone, please forgive the oversight. I so appreciate all of you who took the time and the extra effort to make Christmas with the residents of River Pointe a true Servant Evangelism event.

Thank you!

Buddy Peel
Servant Evangelism Team Leader



River Pointe residents and FBC members enjoy food and fellowship at the River Pointe Christmas Party.



Birthdays

December 22
Larry Edgington
John Hancock
Trey Neslage
Willard Moore

January 2
Milton Bearden
Jerry Ekert
Mary Smith
Sherri Wakefield

December 23
Bob Hewell

January 3
Rose Russell
Gloria Sheffield

December 24
Ruth Taylor

January 4
Tommy Moran

December 25
Melva Penner
Kyle Sharp
Doris Simon

January 5
Neva Brown
Sheli Highsmith

December 26
Martha Dufresne
Laverna Stuermer

Bob Horwath
Stephanie
Moriarty

December 27
Earl Bowman
Homer Griffin
Hunter Schmidt

January 6
Jack Baucom
Mason Cummings

December 28
Patsy Bray
Chong Corbin
Dennis Friedrich

January 7
Mary Gatlin
Jackie Jacoby
Martha King
Bob Rowland

December 29
Jim Jones
Leslie Maynard

January 8
Lita Davis
Evelyn Mayfield

December 30
Betsey Garvin
Dorothy Mackey
Kevin Pepper
Sue Slate

Leigh Ann
Spraggins

December 31
Wayne Alan
Will Hewell
Joan Kennemer
Colby Honea
Nicholas Turney

January 9
Paradise Dixon
Ron Lentz
Sylvia Lyles

January 1
Marcelle
Skillingberg

January 11
Carlos Valenzuela

**Sunday Morning
Prayer Line**

December 25 No Prayer Line
January 1 Carol Miles
January 8 Janet Eaton

**Wednesday Night
Supper Menu**

December 21
Ham with pineapple, green bean
casserole, carrots, rolls, cole slaw &
dessert

December 28
No Wednesday Night Meal or Prayer
Meeting

January 4
Spaghetti & meat sauce, broccoli, salad
bar, garlic bread & dessert

January 11
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy,
broccoli, bread, salad bar & dessert
Menu is subject to change.

Thank You

*Thank You Notes are also posted on the
bulletin board in the hallway by the church office.*

Meals for the Elderly

On behalf of the 600 recipients who
receive meals, I extend our heartfelt thanks
for your donations. During this busy
season, we are grateful for your support
and we thank you for caring. May you have
a very blessed holiday.

**Deacons of the
Week**

January 1
Buddy Peel, Kevin Pepper
and Ray Perkins

January 8
Bob Porter, Ron Powers
and James Pidgeon

With Sympathy

*We express our sincere sympathy to
those who have lost loved ones:*

Tonie Welch in the death of her mother,
Mildred Day.

Leslie Maynard in the death of her
grandmother and Kylie and Holly in the death
of their great grandmother, Mildred Day.

Russell & Kristie Reed in the death of her
stepfather, Henry Curtis.

Shirley Dobson in the death of her sister,
Patsy Williams.

Family and friends of **Ann Raiborn**.

**Stewardship Report
Week ending December 18**

2011 Budget

Weekly Budget Needs	\$30,426.08
Tithes and Offerings	\$42,066.31
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,551,729.92
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$1,506,655.89
Amount Under Budget	\$45,074.03
2011 Budget	\$1,582,156.00
Sign Fund	\$67,663.82

FBC Sunday School Report

Enrollment	1011
New Members	0
Attendance	410
Baptist Retirement	
High Rise Class	10
Chapel Class	11
Oasis Baptist Church SS	32
Dove Creek SS	28
GRAND TOTAL	491

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

& CBF Global
Missions Offering

FBC Goal:
\$30,000
Given to date:
\$24,280.90





Sights of the Season



The 3 and 4 year old classes of the CDC present their Christmas program entitled *The ABC's of Christmas*.



FBC members and guest musicians play in the Christmas Orchestra.



Carson Cummings and Carson and Troy Seals portray the shepherds in *Agnus Dei*.



The Glory Choir, directed by Linda Bratcher and accompanied by Janet Faulkner.



The Children's Choir, directed by Donna Swindle, Dolores White, Erma Defee and Jake & Laura Martin.



Santa and his elves (AKA Arlen White and Kevin & Kristen Ray) make an appearance at Adult 5's Christmas Party.



The Preschool Choir, directed by Diane Peacock, Jennifer Schmidt and Paul & Janet Henson.

AGAPE Youth Members in the live Nativity at the River Pointe Apartment Christmas Party.



The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra present *Agnus Dei* on December 11.





FBC Cookbooks
make great
Christmas gifts!

Get yours
this week in
the church
office!
\$20

COMING UP AT FBC

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

5:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

5:15 P.M. CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 28

Church Office open, No Wednesday activities

3:00 P.M. Mauldin Anniversary Reception

Friday, December 30

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 1

9:00 A.M. Bible Study for all ages

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. Monte Maxwell Organ Concert

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

10:00 A.M. Women on Mission

10:30 A.M. Circle of Friends

6:00 P.M. Upward Basketball Practice

Wednesday, January 4

4:30 P.M. Library Open

5:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

5:00 P.M. Family Meal

6:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

6:45 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5

10:30 A.M. Glory Choir

11:00 A.M. Headliners

6:00 P.M. Stitches of Love

Youth DNOW Weekend begins

Friday, January 6

6:00 P.M. Parents' Night Out

Youth DNOW

Saturday, January 7

Youth DNOW

Sunday, January 8

8:30 A.M. Library Open

9:00 A.M. Bible Study for all ages

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

5:30 P.M. Preschool & Children's Choir

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

6:15 P.M. TeamKids

Monday, January 9

6:00 P.M. Outreach & Visitation

6:00 P.M. Upward Basketball Practice

Tuesday, January 10

6:00 P.M. Upward Basketball Practice

6:00 P.M. Committee Orientation

Wednesday, January 11

4:30 P.M. Library Open

5:00 P.M. Youth Hang Time

5:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

5:00 P.M. Family Meal

6:00 P.M. Youth Crave Worship

6:00 P.M. Mission Friends

6:00 P.M. Children in Action

6:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

6:45 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

You are invited to
an informal reception
celebrating the
50th Wedding Anniversary of
Donald & Deloras Mauldin
Wednesday, December 28, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Parlor
Hosted by their children

NO GIFTS PLEASE

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND
WANTING TO SEND A NOTE OR CARD
MAY ADDRESS IT TO 3010 SOUTHLAND,
SAN ANGELO, TX 76904

OUTREACH



Monday, January 9

**Sandwich Supper
6:00 p.m.**

**Outreach & Visitation
6:30 p.m.**

Year End Gifts

It's hard to believe that 2011 is drawing to a close. As you consider year-end gifts to First Baptist Church, please be mindful that, in order for your gift to be considered a 2011 tax deductible gift, the gift must either be **received** by the church or **postmarked** by December 31, 2011. The church office will be closed for the New Year holiday on Friday, December 30, so if you plan to bring a year-end gift by the church, it should be delivered by close of business on Thursday, December 29, 2011.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.

Suzy Mears, Financial Director



Sunday, January 22, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

More information coming soon!

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Mark Bumpus, Pastor
Dr. Jerold McBride, Pastor Emeritus
Robert Dillard, Pastor's Visitation Assistant
Kevin Ray, Minister of Education & Administration
Bill Gillum, Minister of Music
Karen Walters, Minister with Preschool & Children
Bobby Catt, Minister with Students & Recreation
Cindy Smith and Lindsey Noland,
Interim Co-Directors of Child Development Center
Tom Dufresne, Minister of Broadcast Media
Linda Bratcher, Organist
Janet Faulkner, Pianist
Rocky Stone, Building Engineer
Shirley Capers, Food Service Director
Ann Choate, Librarian

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Becky Powers, Pastor's Ministry Assistant
Martha Bailey, Minister of Education & Administration
Ministry Assistant
Joanna Sturgill, Music, Singles, Preschool & Children
Ministry Assistant
Diane Peacock, Minister with Students and Recreation
Ministry Assistant
Suzy Mears, Financial Director
Patsy Rogers, Receptionist and Senior Adult
Ministry Assistant

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR DECEMBER 25

Mike Nikolauk, Buddy Parker and Al Owen

FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

KSAN Channel 3 and KCRN 93.9 FM & 1340 AM

First Baptist Church CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ through the reading of the story of His birth and the singing of carols which proclaim that event.

Saturday, December 24

**5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**



Refreshments will be served in the atrium for a time of fellowship following the service.



**Sunday School
classes WILL NOT
meet on Sunday,
December 25. Please
join us for worship
at 10:30 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Refreshments

Thank you to those who signed up on Sunday to help provide Christmas goodies for the fellowship which will follow the Christmas Eve Service. Those refreshments may be left on one of the serving tables in the atrium before the service.

If you would also like to help with refreshments, please contact Becky at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.



Annual Organ Concert featuring

Monte Maxwell

Chapel Organist and Chairman of the
U.S. Naval Academy Music Department

Sunday, January 1, 2012

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Merry Christmas

This is the last issue of *On the Journey* for 2011. The next issue will be published on January 10, 2012. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Becky Powers, OTJ Editor