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Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. Both should have a place in our Christmas preparation and celebration.

I don't often get to deliver White Christmas gifts to families in our community. For one thing, most families come to the church and pick up their gifts. The rest are usually delivered on distribution day. This year, one recipient couldn't find the church, then had to go to work, so her food and gifts remained at the church. I offered to deliver them. This family included a mother and five children. The mother worked into the evening, but the children would be home by late afternoon. I waited until the appropriate time and then delivered their White Christmas gifts.

Their apartment building was in a "not-so-nice" section of Winchester. Probably an area you wouldn't walk through by yourself at night. Walking up the inside steps of the apartment building, I noted all the sights and sounds and smells of poverty. I knocked on the door, and it was answered by the "child in charge", a small girl who supposedly was 13 but hardly looked big enough to be 10. She was responsible for her younger brothers until their mother got home from work.

After I explained who I was, all of us went down to my car and brought in their gifts from White Christmas. It took two trips, and there were four very excited little boys. I suggested that maybe it would be good if they waited until their mother came home before they opened their gifts. I don't know if they waited or not. I do know that before I left, one of the boys had found a chocolate bar in the boxes of food and the "big sister" was dividing it up among them.

As I was leaving the apartment building and heading to my car, I happened to look down and saw a quarter lying in the street. Despite the irony of money lying around in the midst of poverty, I picked it up. I started to take it back upstairs to the family, then I thought about putting it in the offering plate at church. But then I decided to keep it. It sits on my desk as a reminder that needy people are all around us, and that it is a special blessing to be able to give to people at Christmas and throughout the year.

But Christmas, even more so, is a time of receiving. At the very heart of Christmas is Jesus Christ coming into the world, and our opportunity to respond to His coming, either by receiving Him for the first time, or receiving Him once again at Christmas. The greatest gift ever given, God's gift of His Son, is ours to receive.

May this Christmas be to you a blessed time of giving and receiving.

*George Fletcher*

## IN THIS ISSUE

- ⇒ Women on Mission schedule soup and sandwich making for CCAP
- ⇒ The Word Sunday School class has chosen a new study
- ⇒ SLC Registration for 2012 - 2013 school year begins in January

### Check Out Our Website

[www.firstbaptistwinchester.com](http://www.firstbaptistwinchester.com)

We continue to work at building an interesting and helpful church website. If you have any suggestions for additional material please let us know. The Tie is now available for viewing from the website on the News page.

ATTENDANCE			
DATE:	8:30AM	11:00AM	TOTAL
DEC. 11	—	305	305
DEC. 11 WHITE CHRISTMAS SERVICE			253
DEC. 18	76	211	287

CONTRIBUTIONS:	DEC. 11	DEC. 18
NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 11,788	\$ 11,788
RECEIVED TODAY	\$ 10,482	\$ 15,618
NEEDED TO DATE	\$ 589,400	\$ 601,188
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 570,212	\$ 585,830
BUDGET OVER (UNDER)	\$ (19,188)	\$ (15,358)
RESTRICTED GIVING	\$ 4,219	\$ 1,245
RESTRICTED TO DATE	\$ 71,962	\$ 73,207
WHITE CHRISTMAS	\$ 4,205	—
FOOD ITEMS TODAY	77	—
FOOD ITEMS TO DATE	1726	—
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TODAY	\$ 0	\$ 0
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO DATE	\$ 205	\$ 205



## Blood Drive Hosted by FBC

First Baptist is hosting a Blood Drive sponsored by the Red Cross on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from noon until 6:00pm in the CEB. Put that date on your calendar and plan to sign-up and be a donor. We need at least 25 - 30 donors. All blood types are needed. Each donation helps to save three lives. The total time required is one hour. Sign-up sheets are in the New Narthex or you may call the church office.

**WATTS Dates for 2012:  
February 13 - 20  
Mark your calendars now.**

## Bible Friends Schedule

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:

Dec. 25 No Bible Friends  
Jan. 1 JoAnne Long - Emily Gordon  
Jan. 8 Nan Pell - Heather Wilson  
Jan. 15 Linda Fletcher - Aimee Holgate

## Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:



Dec. 25 Donna Walter  
Jan. 1 tbd  
Jan. 8 tbd  
Jan. 15 tbd

## 'Souper' Cause

### Women on Mission

will be making soup and sandwiches for CCAP on January 14 beginning at 9:30am to Noon in the CEB.

Anyone interested in this project is welcome. Children are invited anytime that morning to come and make cards for those in need. For questions, call Peggy Fletcher (542-1802).



### Holiday Office Hours

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Office Closed  
December 26<sup>th</sup> Office Closed  
December 27<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm  
December 28<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm  
December 29<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm  
December 30<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> Office Closed

# Youth Group Update

## YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**PLEASE REMEMBER your Canned or Dry Goods on Sundays and Wednesdays!**

The Youth Group meets every Sunday at 9:45 am for Sunday school and every Wednesday at 5:45 pm for Youth Group!

The next Wednesday Night Youth Group will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:45 pm!

Date	Day	Activity	Time	Location
December 24	Saturday	Christmas Eve Services	5:00 and 11:00pm	Sanctuary
December 25	Sunday	Christmas Worship	10:00am	Sanctuary
January 1	Sunday	One Worship Service	11:00am	Sanctuary
January 4	Wednesday	Sign Up Deadline for Retreat	5:00pm	Call the Office
January 11	Wednesday	Youth Group Resumes	5:45pm	301
January 27 - 29	Fri - Sunday	Winter Retreat	5:30pm - 12 noon	Meet at Church

Please SIGN UP for our Winter Retreat (January 27 - 29) by calling the church office by January 4<sup>th</sup>! The medical release and trip covenant are online and also included in your January Youth Scoop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - what to know

**WINTER RETREAT:** This year's theme is *Hearing God's Call*. If you would like to attend, please sign up by **JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>** by calling the church office. The cost is \$45 and can be paid by check with YOUTH RETREAT in the memo line. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30pm on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and return to the church in time to attend the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. You will need to bring a completed medical release and trip covenant, as well as the normal sleepover items. We look forward to this exciting and always super-fun event!

**YOUTH GROUP:** Remember that our Youth Group will not meet for the remainder of December, but will resume Wednesday night meetings beginning **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Come and bring your friends!

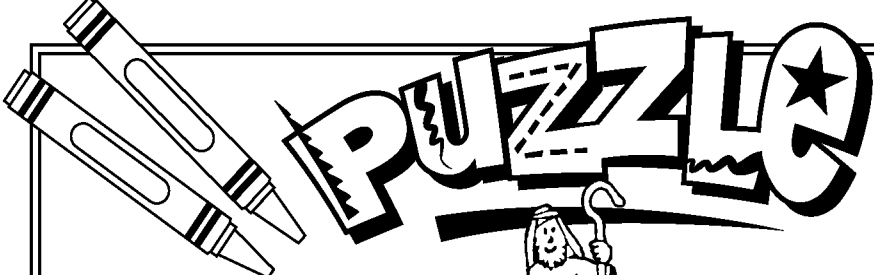
A special thanks to Courtney Bragg and Aimee Holgate for providing snacks and fun for our Youth Christmas Party in December!  
We couldn't have done it without you!!

You can get a medical release from the 301 House or at [www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/youth](http://www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/youth)


QUESTIONS? Please contact Kristin at  
THE CHURCH OFFICE: 540-662-5367 or e-mail [kristinwhitesides@gmail.com](mailto:kristinwhitesides@gmail.com)

## Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

- January 8<sup>th</sup> "Doughnut Sunday"  
 January 22<sup>nd</sup> Schoolage Sunday School Meeting @ 9:00 am  
 January 23<sup>rd</sup> CMT Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Church Office  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> Nursery Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm












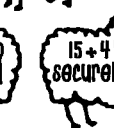




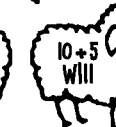
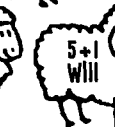
# PUZZLE



## A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

**Directions:** To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

 7+6 strength	 9+1 shepherd	 30-5 the	 7+5 ends	 50-26 live	
 21-10 will	 27-24 reach	 10+7 flock	 40-20 stand	 15+4 securely	 8+8 his
 35-31 lord	 17-3 greatness	 10-3 earth	 10+5 will	 5+1 will	

"He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_  
 15                      20                      10                      17

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .... And they \_\_\_\_\_  
 13                      4                      11                      24

\_\_\_\_\_, for then \_\_\_\_\_  
 19                      16                      14                      6

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."  
 3                      12                      25                      7

MICAH 5:4, NIV

## FBC WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2012

### Sunday

- 8:00am Praise Chorus
- 8:30am Worship Service
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 11:00am Bible Friends
- 2:30pm Hispanic Service

### Monday

- 9:00am SLC (Sept. - May)

### Tuesday

- 9:00am SLC (Sept. - May)
- 9:30am Sr. Chime Choir (Apr. - Dec.)
- 11:00am Singin' Seniors (Apr. - Dec.)
- 11:30am Al-Anon
- 3:00pm Anger Management
- 7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday

- 9:00am SLC (Sept. - May)
- 5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15pm Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
- 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, Women's Study Group, Preschool Care/W.N.B.

### Thursday

- 9:00am SLC (Sept. - May)
- 6:00pm Adult Handbells (Sept. - May)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (late Aug. - June)
- 7:00pm Hispanic Music Practice

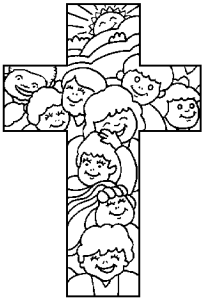
### Friday

- 9:00am SLC (Sept. - May)
- 12:00pm Al-Anon
- 7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Meeting
- 8:00pm Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

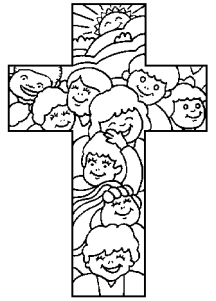
Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord .... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV



As We Start the New Year



# “Son” Shine Learning Center Registration 2012/2013 School Year



**REGISTRATION: Members of FBC Exclusively: Jan. 5 - 13, 2012**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED: 9:30am - 12:30 pm Monday - Friday**

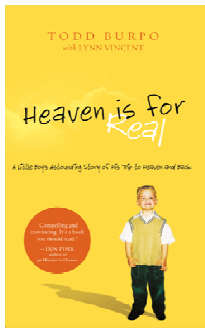
*If you are interested, please give us a call.*

*(Registration forms are available in the FBC office)*

**REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS: JANUARY 14, 2012**

**REGISTRATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY: FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

**QUESTIONS??? Call Sherry Schryver @ 662-1071**



## Winter Book Club 2012

On Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00am, we begin a Winter Book Club. Our selection is *Heaven is for Real: a little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back* by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. The book relates the experience Todd's son Colton had as a 4-year-old when a

ruptured appendix required emergency surgery.

It will be a 6 week study. Plan to come and take part in what is sure to be a lively discussion and good time of fellowship! Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Lori Ann Horne Pendleton is facilitating the study. If you need a copy of the book please inform the office when you call to sign up. Please call and sign up at the church office at 662-5367.

## Chix with Stix

Chix with Stix will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00pm in the 301 House. The ongoing project is Chemo Caps. For more information contact Jae Hinson at 542-0443.

## The ‘Word’ Sunday School Class

Our class will be studying *40 Days in the Word*, a Rick Warren study, beginning January 15th, 2012 and lasting 6 weeks. Please join us for this exciting study of God’s Holy Word.

For more information, call **John Habeck** 336-5158 or **Jan Habeck** 336-5159.

## Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night activities continue with dinner and fellowship at 5:45pm in the CEB. Permanent reservations can be made by calling the Church Office or filling out a dinner reservation card and marking it “permanent.” Then you only need to call the Church Office if you **cannot** come. If you expect your attendance to be irregular, please call the Church Office by the preceding Monday. 2:00pm that day is the deadline! We will keep the prices the same as last year.

**The next regular Wednesday dinner is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

ADULTS: \$4.00

YOUTH: \$3.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$2.75

CHILDREN’S PLATE (IE., PB&J): \$1.50

MAXIMUM FAMILY TOTAL: \$12.00

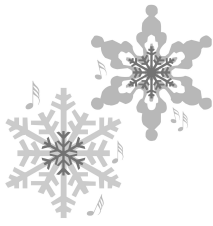
Youth Bible Study/Fellowship begins at 6:15pm in the 301 House. Adult Bible Study, Women’s Bible Study, and Preschool care and W.N.B. begin at 6:30.

**Please Join Us For Good Food & Fellowship**

**FELLOWSHIP**



**DINNER**



# January 2012 Birthdays



1	Lauren Adams	15	Ed Chandler	25	Marian Cather
1	Mary Jolliffe	15	Shelby Comstock	25	Doris Farr
1	Matthew Simmons	15	Shane Everhart	25	Dottie Grim
2	John Knode	15	Susan Mathias	25	Stuart Martin
3	Mattie Fries	15	Linda Simpson	25	Wesley Everhart
4	Paul Hylton	15	Michael Van Amburg	26	John David Beavers
4	Courtney McCalley	15	Betty Sacra	26	Anna Kate Shurley
5	Margaret Hovatter	16	Thelma Cooke	26	Saedie Wilson
5	Jane Mehaffey	16	Lynne Hottel	27	Dougie Brumback
5	Kathlene Saunders	17	Stacey Francisco	27	Robert Palmer
6	Lynda Risinger	18	Evelyn Esslinger	28	Ginny Carnell
7	Todd Diehl	18	James Johnston	28	Natasha Chapman
7	Hudson Edwards	18	Jae Hinson	28	Krista Winston
9	Patricia Bowers	18	Robin Painter	29	Bruce Boppe
9	Ricky Bragg	19	Isaac Knittle	29	Paul Sweet
9	Bonnie Stickley	20	Bill Breeden	29	Ann Laurie Van Amburg
10	Steve Barnett	20	Miles Oliver	30	Jimmy Gordon
13	Milton Aquila	22	Stacie Brown	30	David Headley
13	Mary Moore	22	Bradley Hatton	31	Allison Hinson
14	Bryan Fletcher	22	Ben Rhodes	31	Dallas Norris
14	Holly Conde	23	Tina Crabill	31	Diana Zombro
14	Katherine Sumner	23	Emerson Fletcher		

## FROG Needs Your Support!



Not the amphibian – the area’s foster parents, **Families Reaching Out Group**, need your help collecting clothing and other children’s items for foster children. Many times items are needed on short notice, so the group is starting a new project called **Our Children’s**

**Closet**. By collecting clothes of different sizes for different seasons and other children’s items, they’ll pool their resources and be able to get what they need quickly, without the added stress of shopping. Look for receptacles at FBC to leave new or gently used children’s clothing and other children’s items. Contact Jennifer Turman Bayliss for additional information (540) 327-2118. Cash donations to the non-profit organization are also appreciated.



Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Bible Friends 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)	<b>2</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> SLC Closed	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 7:00 PM AMC (CO) 7:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)	<b>4</b> NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES 9:00 AM SLC (CEB)
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM 2nd Sunday Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service - Deacon Ordination 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:30 PM Personnel Committee (CO) 6:30 PM SLC Committee (CEB) 7:00 PM Chix with Stix (301)	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 6:30 PM Stewardship and Finance Committee (CO) 7:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM W.N.B. & Pres 7:30 PM Deacons (CEB)
<b>15</b> 8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)	<b>16</b> <b>Martin L. King, Jr. Day</b> SLC Closed 10:00 AM Winter Book Study (LA)	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 7:00 PM HRR Committee (HRR) 7:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:00 PM Homebound Teaching 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM W.N.B. & Pres 7:30 PM Planning Team 7:30 PM Stewardship & Finance
<b>22</b> 8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service (Pulpit Exchange) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service (Pulpit Exchange) 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 10:00 AM Winter Book Study (LA) 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team (CO)	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM W.N.B. & Pres 7:30 PM Church Council
<b>29</b> Youth Retreat (1/27 - 1/29) 8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 10:00 AM Winter Book Study (LA)	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (CEB)	"The steadfast love of the Lord his mercies never fail, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness."

**WEEKLY JANUARY SCHEDULE 2012**

Sunday

8:00am Praise Chorus  
 8:30am Worship Service  
 9:30am Church Library Opens  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
     Nursery (1's - young 3's)  
     Bible Friends (older 3's - 1st Grade)  
 2:30pm Hispanic Service

Monday

9:00am SLC  
 10:00am Winter Book Study (begins 1/16/12)

Tuesday

9:00am SLC  
 11:30am Al-Anon (301)  
 7:30pm Hispanic Bible Study (301)

Wednesday

9:00am SLC  
 5:45pm Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15pm Youth Fellowship  
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday

9:00am SLC  
 6:00pm Handbell Practice

# January 2012

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Activities</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 9:30 AM SLC Registration for FBC (5<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>) 6:00 PM Handbell Practice (LA) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>6 Epiphany 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 12:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB) 8:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 8:00 PM Al-Ateen (LA)</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Breakfast (CEB) Bible Study (301) Children's Study, Women's Study School Care</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 6:00 PM Handbell Practice (LA) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 12:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB) 8:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 8:00 PM Al-Ateen (LA)</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM SLC Registration for Current Students and Siblings 9:30 AM FBC WOM (CEB)</p>
<p>Breakfast Breakfast (CEB) Bible Study (301) Children's Study, Women's Study School Care Sunday School (CEB) Trustees Finance Committee (CO)</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 6:00 PM Handbell Practice (LA) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 12:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB) 8:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 8:00 PM Al-Ateen (LA)</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>Breakfast (CEB) Bible Study (301) Children's Study, Women's Study School Care Sunday School (CEB)</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 6:00 PM Handbell Practice (LA) 6:30 PM Nursery Committee (CO) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)</p>	<p>27 Youth Retreat (1/27 - 1/29) 9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 12:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 7:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB) 8:00 PM Al-Anon (301) 8:00 PM Al-Ateen (LA)</p>	<p>28 Youth Retreat (1/27 - 1/29)</p>

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
how great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV).



Breakfast (begins 1/11/12)  
Bible Study (begins 1/11/12)  
Children's Study (begins 1/11/12)

Thursday (cont.)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc.)  
7:00pm Hispanic Music Practice (CEB)

Friday  
9:00am SLC  
12:00pm Al-Anon (301)  
7:30pm Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB)  
8:00pm Al-Anon, Al-Ateen (301, LA)

**Abbreviations in the Tie**

- AMC Admin. Management Com.
- 301 301 House
- CEB Children's Ed. Building
- CO Church Office
- HRR Hunting Ridge Retreat
- LA Lower Auditorium
- MBC Men's Bible Class
- Sanc. Sanctuary
- WOM Women on Mission
- SR Schoolage Room
- BSC Bible Seekers Class

## A REMINDER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2011

Offering envelopes and other contributions need to be into the Church Office by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** to receive credit for them on your 2011 Statement. Please be faithful to your commitment to the ministries of First Baptist Church.

*Thank you for your support for the 2011 Church Budget.*

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### Compassion for Orphans

November 6th was Orphan Sunday -- a day in which Christians unite to stand for the parentless in our country and our world. God has a special mandate for his followers to care for orphans (see Deuteronomy 10:18, Zechariah 7:10, Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 82:3-4, James 1:27). You can support these children locally and globally through FBC by:

Donating gently used or new clothing for children in foster care. Clothes for all sizes and seasons are needed! Receptacles are placed around the church.

Supporting the youth's Congo project, which provides access to secondary education, medical care, and spiritual development to 30 students affected by war in the Congo. Many of these students have lost one or both parents. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

For more information on how Christians can support God's call to care for the parentless, check out a new addition to the church library, *Orphanology: Awakening to Gospel-Centered Adoption and Orphan Care*.



### Love Offering

What is that offering envelope in the current set of envelopes mailed to you that is entitled "Love" Offering? What is it used for? For those who don't know, the church uses this offering for a Christmas or end-of-the-year bonus for our church staff. The money received is supplemented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee and is divided and given as a "bonus" to each of our staff. You are encouraged, as you feel led, to participate in this special offering.

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### Christmas and New Year's

#### Worship Services

**Christmas Eve Services** will be held at **5:00pm** (nursery available) and **11:00pm**. As part of the service there will be special music, a Christmas "story" from the Pastor, the lighting of the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath, the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper and "Passing the Light".

**Christmas Day** there will be **one** worship service at **10:00am**. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

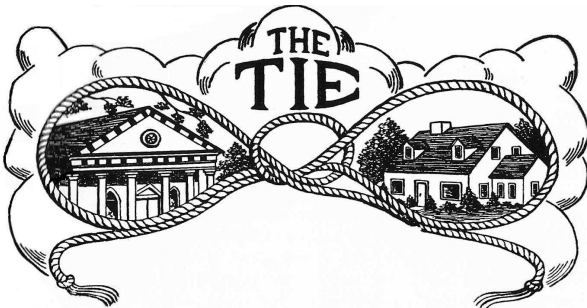
**New Year's Day** there will be **one** worship service at **11:00am** and Sunday School will be at 9:45am.





**Great job kids!**

“Son”Shine Learning Center 4’s Class, with teachers Kathy Marks and Stacey Francisco, are pictured holding the 23 blankets collected and donated to White Christmas.



(from the front cover)

*May you have  
The gladness of Christmas  
Which is HOPE  
The Spirit of Christmas  
Which is PEACE  
The blessing of Christmas  
Which is LOVE*

**50 Years Ago in the Tie...**

December 22, 1961 Tie

**Our White Christmas Service**

At no time has our White Christmas service reached greater heights than it did last Sunday evening. Our choirs - sixty-two voices - did a magnificent job as they brought to us the Christmas story in carol and song. We are deeply grateful to Miss Jones, our Minister of Music, to Miss Jane Cather, our pianist, and to Mrs. Clark, the director, as well as to every member of each of the three choirs. We are also grateful to Miss Mary Virginia Carson who arranged the manger scene, the costuming and timing of all the prophets, the wise men, and the shepherds. Those who portrayed these parts were Melinda Williams, Frank Sherman, Joe Hepler, Danny Crabill, Chuck Rhodes, Bobby Saville, Jerry Wisecarver, and Clyde Houston.

“A CHURCH WITH A LIFE CHANGING PROGRAM”

# FBC Snow Policy



**Sundays** - Every effort will be made to hold services. The early service will be canceled first to allow the weather to improve.

**Weekdays** - We will make a decision regarding the day's activities as soon as possible.

**Listen** to the radio stations 1400AM or 92.5FM after 6:00am. We will also have an updated message on our church voice mail and our website.



Heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Robert Palmer** and family, whose nephew **Marshall Allen Tumer** died December 15, 2011.

**Marley Robertson**, who was injured in a car accident December 16th, continues to improve in a Roanoke hospital. Marley's sisters, Lindsey and Erin, are chronicling her recovery online. To keep up with her progress and offer support visit [strongformarley.wordpress.com](http://strongformarley.wordpress.com)

## What is WATTS?

For those that are not yet familiar with the program, WATTS stands for **Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter**. WATTS is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a safe, temporary, overnight, cold weather shelter for homeless guests in Winchester and Frederick County. WATTS extends current ministries to the chronically homeless in our community. Our week to host is Feb. 13 - 20.

Congratulations to **Barry and Becky McLoughlin** on the birth of their daughter, **Kayla Naomi**, who was born on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Grandparents are **Gene and Susie Canupp**.



Congratulations to **Sandy and Kristin Whitesides** on the birth of their son, **Samuel Alexander**, who was born (on his Dad's birthday) December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## HELPING



## HANDS

The **Helping Hands Ministry** needs "more hands" than it currently has. This ministry sends cards to members of the church who are ill or are in the hospital. If you have a little extra time on your hands, call **Elma Morrison**, 662-0666.

## MANY THANKS

*What a pleasant surprise! We had no idea Ann would be on the list to receive White Christmas gifts. First, the poinsettias are lovely, and they presently grace our hearth. Ann will enjoy the snuggie throw and whatever she buys with the welcome gift card. A special thanks to our "Friends at First Baptist" for all the generous gifts and to the Men's Bible Class for the abundant fruit basket. On behalf of the entire Pearce family, a loving thanks to you all, and especially to Allen and Peggy May for delivery.*

## Check the Attic...

For old copies of FBC bulletins or other pictures or documents of historical interest. The **History Committee** is working to collect items to add to its archive. If you have items you believe should be included please email Sue Spangler at [susancspangler@gmail.com](mailto:susancspangler@gmail.com).

# Grace Notes

By Lori

*"Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*

**Silent Night** has been recorded more than any other song in history! It was created out of necessity because the organ was broken at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria in 1818. The Assistant Priest at the church, Joseph Mohr was getting ready for Christmas Eve services when he discovered the organ wouldn't play! He frantically tried to think of some special music for the service. He prayed to God and remembered a poem he had written several years earlier. He took the poem to the house of a musician he knew, Franz Gruber, who upon looking at the poem came up with the beautiful, simple accompaniment on his guitar. They did use it for the Christmas Eve service. A few weeks later into the new year, the beloved carol's march to worldwide popularity began when the man who came to repair the organ heard the lovely carol and shared it across Austria as he traveled from town to town.

*Silent Night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in Heavenly peace.*



*Silent Night,  
Holy Night*



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## Bible Friends Ministry Volunteers Needed

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children"*

Matthew 19:14

Thank you so much to those already volunteering for the Bible Friends Ministry! We need two unrelated volunteers for the Bible Friends Ministry for each eleven o'clock service.

As coordinator of this wonderful Children's Ministry, I'm hoping to get **six additional volunteers** for 2012 to either teach or help our teachers. It is truly a blessing to teach and work with the children ages older three's to first grade. The lessons are prepared for us and are geared to their learning level. To see the art work they make for parents and siblings on special occasions demonstrates the true blessings we have in our life!

Please help us in this worthwhile ministry for the young children at First Baptist Church and contact me as soon as possible at (540) 664-3135 or email [lgfletcher@comcast.net](mailto:lgfletcher@comcast.net) to volunteer in 2012!

God bless you as we continue with this ministry.

In Christ's love,

Linda Fletcher



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### Newsletter Deadline

The next Tie will be mailed on **Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit content to Kay by **10:00am Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Email is [tie@firstbaptistwinchester.com](mailto:tie@firstbaptistwinchester.com)

### Bulletin Deadline

The Church Bulletin is printed **EVERY Thursday Morning**. Please submit content to Kathy by **noon on Wednesday**. Email is [fbcwinc@firstbaptistwinchester.com](mailto:fbcwinc@firstbaptistwinchester.com)

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### First Baptist Church Prayer Chain Ministries

Direct your prayer request(s) to:

Daytime Hours: Donna Walter @ 722-2230 or Linette Spicer @ 662-1120

Evening Hours: Janet Luttrell @ 667-8758 or Laura Beavers @ 667-3191

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Remember Our Homebound

### Homebound Spotlight

Katherine Warfield  
141 Meadowbrook Drive  
Stephens City, VA 22655

We encourage everyone to send a note to Katherine.

*In His Love, Lori & the Homebound Team*

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### What to Give?

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

-Oren Arnold