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That Binds The Church and Home Together

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Holiday Season Dates to Remember

December 10	Children's Pageant Practice	9:00 am
	Children's Christmas Party	11:00 am
December 11	Christmas Cantata (one service only)	11:00 am
	Schoolage visit Homebound	
	White Christmas Service	6:00 pm
December 13	Philia Class Christmas Dinner	5:30 pm
December 14	Children's Pageant	6:00 pm
	Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner	6:30 pm
December 18	"Bowl" Fellowship & Caroling	5:00 pm
December 23	Office Closed	
December 24	Christmas Eve Services	5:00pm, 11:00pm
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service (one service only)	10:00am
December 26	Office Closed	
January 1	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship Service (one service only)	11:00 am
January 2	Office Closed	

*A Loving & Caring Church
Transforming God's Vision Into Action*



Luke 2:8 says, “And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.” (RSV)

David Currie tells the following story.

“I cannot remember a time when I was not ranching. When I was very young, Dad would let me skip school each year on the day that we sheared the sheep. I had an old yellow felt hat on which I put a brand every year we sheared. Even in college I would bring friends to help us.

“Today I still have a few goats at our place south of San Angelo. One Sunday afternoon I was feeding the 30 cows when Loretta (his wife) called to tell me that a red nanny had given birth to three kid goats next to the barn, and that I should come and see them.

“ When I got there, two of the three were standing up. I helped the third one get on its feet, but I noticed that, while the mother ate the corn I had put out, she would not let the kids nurse when I put them next to her. However, they would suck my fingers. I said to Loretta that I didn’t think the Momma was going to let them nurse and that we needed to get some powdered goat milk to give them before the cold front hit. Unfortunately it was too late to find a place to buy milk that evening.

“In hindsight, I realize I should have brought them into the barn to stay warm until I could get some milk for them the next morning, but I was still hoping their Momma would let them nurse. Dad always said if a lamb or kid nursed, they would make it no matter how cold it got, because the milk would keep them warm.

“The next morning it was 26 degrees (after being 82 the day before). As I left for work, I stopped near where the kids were born, and found that two of the kids were dead and the other barely alive. I took the one who was still alive to the barn and put him on a piece of carpet in front of a heater. Then I drove to the feed store to buy milk. I tried and tried to get the kid to suck, but he wouldn’t or couldn’t. After 2 hours I had to give up and realize that the little billy kid was gone.

“Again, in hindsight, I know I did not “keep watch over my flock by night.”

The shepherds were watching their flocks by night, and God was watching over His flock, too, when He sent Jesus to us. So the question is, this Christmas Season, who do you love so much that you would - or do - keep watch over them by night?

Who do you know who feels that they do not matter? That can happen at Christmas. Don’t they need for you to tell them that Jesus was born specifically because they matter to God and to you?

Whatever flock God has given you, watch over them, and tell them and others how much you care, and, more importantly, how much Jesus cares about them.

George Fletcher



⇒ Winter Book Club selection announced, club begins in January

⇒ FBC Hosts Blood Drive

⇒ SLC Registration for 2012 - 2013 school year begins in January

Check Out Our Website

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
NOV. 27	60	218	278
DEC. 4	105	198	303

CONTRIBUTIONS:	NOV. 27	DEC. 4
NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 11,788	\$ 11,788
RECEIVED TODAY	\$ 11,305	\$ 14,557
NEEDED TO DATE	\$ 565,824	\$ 577,612
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 545,173	\$ 559,729
BUDGET OVER (UNDER)	\$ (20,651)	\$ (17,883)
RESTRICTED GIVING	\$ 1,252	\$ 4,965
RESTRICTED TO DATE	\$ 62,778	\$ 67,743
FOOD ITEMS TODAY	147	tbd
FOOD ITEMS TO DATE	1,509	tbd
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TODAY	\$ 0	\$ 75
FOOD FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO DATE	\$ 130	\$ 205

Blood Drive Hosted by FBC



First Baptist is hosting a **Blood Drive** sponsored by the Red Cross on **Tuesday, January 17th, 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. 11 Laine Everhart - Tracy Howard
- Dec. 18 Stephanie Duvall - Linda Fletcher
- Dec. 25 No Bible Friends

Nursery Volunteers

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



- Dec. 11 Sharon Woodard
- Dec. 18 Eileen Fuelling
- Dec. 25 Donna Walter

ANNUAL WHITE CHRISTMAS

The Annual White Christmas Service will be celebrated on Sunday, **December 11th, 2010** at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Many choirs and individuals will share their musical talents, the pastor will bring a devotional, and we will present our White Christmas gifts. Please plan to be there for this special Christmas mission service.

Holiday Office Hours

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

A REMINDER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2011

Offering envelopes and other contributions need to be into the Church Office by **December 31st** 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.

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.

A Christmas Program will be Presented Prior to the Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner

The dinner will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th**, at 6:30pm in the CEB. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth and \$4.00 for children. You may make your reservations by using forms found in both narthexes or call the Church Office by noon on Monday, December 12.

The Preschoolers and Schoolagers will present a **Christmas program** prior to the dinner at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Children will meet in the Schoolage Room at 5:30pm.





White Christmas 2011 is THIS Sunday, December 11th



Six Sundays items are still being collected in bins in the new narthex.

November 6	canned tuna or chicken
November 13	paper towels
November 20	toilet paper
November 27	tooth paste and tooth brushes
December 4	full size bottles of shampoo
December 11	full size bath soaps

Remember to bring your **adoption items** to the White Christmas service on the 11th. Items should be unwrapped, in the shopping bag you received on Adoption Sunday with the corresponding Angel card attached to the outside of the bag. Please include in your bag a roll of wrapping paper for the recipients use. If you would like to deliver your bag in advance you may take it to the church office or make other arrangements through Cheryl Jones. Homebound adults gifts may be wrapped. The White Christmas Committee will provide a poinsettia and fruit bag for each of the homebound.

Adopt a Child - Purchase one or more toys and an outfit of clothing

Adopt a Teenager - Purchase a gift certificate, a small gift, and/or an item of clothing

Adopt an FBC Homebound Adult - Purchase a gift or remembrance.

Assist a Family - Donate food (including turkeys or turkey coupons!), gift certificates to grocery stores, the mall, retailers, or service providers are very flexible and may be used by the White Christmas committee to purchase items for families, or may be given as gifts themselves.

You can also **contribute cash** to the White Christmas program through the offering plate or by sending your donation to the church office. Indicate "White Christmas" on your check. Offering envelopes will be available at the White Christmas service on December 11th. Donations of cash, checks and grocery store gift cards will be used by the WC Committee to fill the needs of all groups as best we can.

We need boxes (heavy-duty medium and large size) Please bring to lower auditorium

Donate your Time:

Saturday, December 10th - from 1pm to 4pm, we will have a work session in the CEB.

Monday, December 12th - help make homebound deliveries and other assorted tasks.

Tuesday, December 13th - help distribute gifts & food to families in the CEB, from 9am to 2pm.

****This year the White Christmas Committee will not require help in the CEB after the White Christmas Service on December 11th. ****

If you would like to help, please contact Cheryl Jones (665-1880).

Lori's "Senior Moments"

Why Is Jesus Better Than Santa Claus?

Santa lives at the North Pole... JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh... JESUS walks on water.

Santa comes but once a year... JESUS is ever present.

Santa fills your stockings with treats... JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down the chimney uninvited... JESUS stands at your door and knocks,
and enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa... JESUS is as close as the mention of His
name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap... JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa asks your name... JESUS knew our name before we were born.

Santa says "You better not cry"... JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me."

Santa makes you chuckle... JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

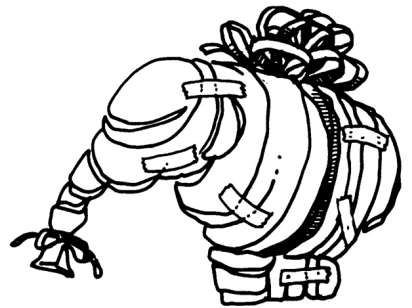
While Santa puts gifts under your tree... JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

JESUS is still the reason for the season!

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

Singin' Senior Christmas Luncheon

On Tuesday, December 20th at 11:30am the Singin' Seniors will gather for their annual Christmas luncheon at Hunting Ridge Retreat. Please see Robert Palmer for tickets. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Don't forget to bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift for the exchange. This will be a wonderful celebration of Christmas and our wonderful ministry through music!



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.





2011 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 10th, Saturday

9:00am Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
11:00am Christmas Party (CEB)

Dec. 11th, Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30am NO SERVICE/Only 11 o'clock
9:45am Sunday School: Older Schoolagers Visit Homebound
11:00am Worship Service - "Shout the Good News"
6:00pm White Christmas Service (Childcare Provided)

Dec. 14th, Wednesday (Child Care Provided)

5:30pm Pageant Children meet in Schoolage Room in costume.
6:00pm Children's Pageant (Sanctuary)
6:30pm Bill Harper Memorial Christmas Dinner (make reservations in church office)

Dec. 18th, Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am Worship Service - Praise Chorus
9:45am Sunday School: The Christmas Story by Josephine/Schoolage Dept.
11:00am Worship Service - Singing Seniors - "African Noel"
5:00pm "Bowl" Fellowship & Caroling (Lower Auditorium)

Dec. 24th, Saturday CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Worship Service (Childcare Provided)
11:00pm Worship Service

Dec. 25th, Sunday CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Worship Service (Only One Service - Childcare Provided)

Jan. 1st, 2012 Sunday NEW YEARS DAY

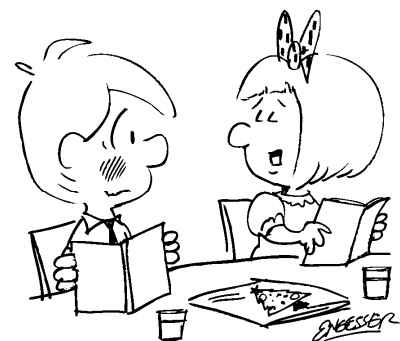
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Only One Service - Childcare Provided)



Upcoming Events

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL



"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse' is NOT a Bible verse!"

CHILDREN'S NEWS

The Children's Ministry
First Baptist Church Winchester, VA

December 7, 2011

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



Children's Christmas Party

December 10, 2011

@ 11:00 in the CEB

A fun time with crafts and special activities.
Light lunch will be served and a special visitor in red is expected.

Great photo opportunities!

"Feeding Our Neighbors"



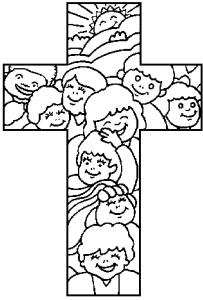
Schoolage Mission Project:
Bring a food item each
week as part
of your offering.
Food Items to date: 1,509



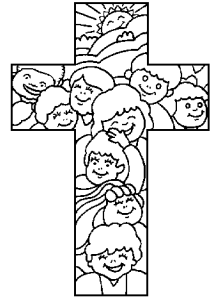
Children's Pageant
Practice

December 10, 2011
9:00am Saturday
In the Sanctuary





“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

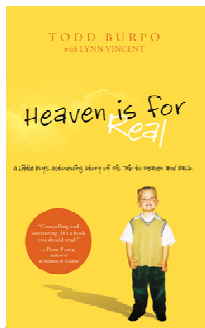
If you are interested, please give us a call.

(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 16th, 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 9th, 2012 at 7:00pm in the 301 House. The ongoing project is Chemo Caps. For more information contact Jae Hinson at 542-0443.

Break-Out Sunday School Class

The Break-Out Sunday School Class has a new name - “The Word.” Anyone is welcome to drop in and out for a particular study of interest at any time. Our Advent study continues through January 8th(or 15th).

For further information, please 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! **FELLOWSHIP** the prices the same as last year.

The next regular Wednesday dinner is January 11th, 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.



DINNER

Please Join Us For Good Food & Fellowship

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!

Wednesday Night Youth Group will only meet once in December, on DECEMBER 7th at 5:45 pm!

Date	Day	Activity	Time	Location
December 7	Wednesday	Youth Group	5:45 pm	301
December 11	Sunday	White Christmas/Youth Party	6:00/7:00 pm	Sanctuary & 301
December 14	Wednesday	Children's Program and Dinner	6:00/6:30 pm	Sanctuary & CEB
December 18	Sunday	Christmas Caroling	5:00 pm	Meet in CEB
December 24	Saturday	Christmas Eve Services	5:00 and 11:00 pm	Sanctuary
December 25	Sunday	Christmas Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary

Please SIGN UP for our Winter Retreat (January 27 - 29) by calling the church office! If you want to play Thieves' Christmas at our Christmas party, just bring a wrapped gift that cost \$5 or less!

UPCOMING EVENTS - what to know

- YOUTH GROUP:** We will only meet once in December on December 7th! Be there! :-)
- YOUTH PARTY:** Come join us in 301 after our White Christmas service (around 7:00 pm) to enjoy snacks, fellowship, and Thieves' Christmas! Just wrap a gag gift from home or a \$5 or less gift you buy and be a part of the fun!
- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:** Our church has a number of Christmas celebrations during the month of December. I hope you will be a part of some or all of them! From the children's pageant and dinner on December 14th to Christmas caroling to our homebound on the 18th to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, there are many ways to get into the Christmas spirit!

We have some wonderful events coming up in the New Year!

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR for:

January 27 - 29: Winter Retreat at Hunting Ridge

February 5: "Souper" Bowl in the CEB

February 15: WATTS meal preparation

March 10: Apple Blossom Prep Party

March 31: AB Tickets go ON SALE!!!

You can get a medical release from the 301 House or at www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/youth

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



Advent Bible Study

Featuring: *A Christmas Carol*

There is a four-part Advent Bible Study on Thursday mornings that continues through December 22. Similar to what was done on Wednesday nights a few years ago, it combines reading and watching Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with related Bible readings. Sessions are from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the lower auditorium. Using a somewhat different approach from what was done before, more time is being devoted to discussion of what we have seen and read. No book is required, but a copy of "A Christmas Carol" is recommended. Please call the church office if you would like to be a part of the group. If you need to secure a copy of the book, please call Bob Stainback at 722-2006. The study is being facilitated by Lori Pendleton and Bob.

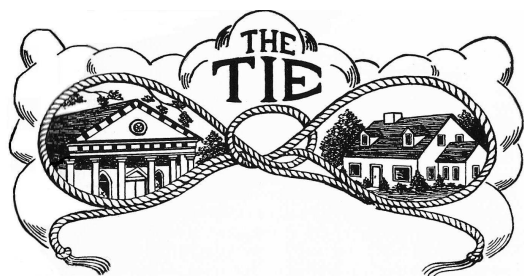
SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS!



On December 11th we will have one worship service at 11:00 am. The Chancel Choir will present a new Christmas Cantata, *Shout The Good News!* This musical work recounts through scripture and song the story of Christ's birth. We will hear the foretelling promises of prophets, observe angelic proclamations, and see the wonder of God's plan for Christ to be born in a humble stable. It is a timeless story filled

This beautiful service will also be available for DVD purchase. An Affair To Remember will be video taping the service and the cost is \$20.00 per DVD. Please call the church office at 667-5367 if you would like a copy as a keepsake!

with wonder, mystery, hope and love! There will be a string quartet, oboe and tympani joining us for this joyful Cantata. Please plan to bring your family and friends to this special day of Worship!



50 Years Ago in the Tie...

December 8, 1961 Tie

From the Pastor's Column...

Words fail to express the joy that comes to us when real spiritual progress had been made. Such was the feeling of all of us last Sunday morning when the announcement was made that the response on the part of our people to the request of the Finance Committee that all of us pray about our giving and then give as directed by God. On Friday, December the first, Mr. Alan Dulaney, our Building Fund treasurer, paid the Farmers and Merchants Bank the sum of \$5,290.92. \$4,260.00 of this amount was on the reduction of the indebtedness and \$1,030.92 was for interest. When this payment was made we had left in the Building Fund exactly, \$1,350.87. It is as Dr. Hawthorne, Chairman of the Executive Board, said Sunday morning before the Men's Bible Class, "It all goes to show what God will do when we really commit a thing to Him and let Him lead us."



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.

Household Items Needed

Bessy Geronimo Montufar (daughter of our Hispanic pastor), her husband and two children, are moving into an apartment. They are in need of furnishings. Anything, in good condition, that is suitable for an apartment, is needed. This includes furniture, bedding, linens, kitchen utensils, etc. If you can help, or for more information, please call the church office.

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.

Birth Announcement with Special Note

Amy Tomblin Henkel had a baby boy, **Matthew Edward Henkel**, on 11/11/11. Amy is the daughter of Sally and the late Eddie Tomblin and the niece of the late Bev Sherry. Amy has 3 other children. Matthew was born 2 weeks early and his lungs were not fully developed. He is receiving care at MCV(Medical College of Virginia) in Richmond and the family is traveling there, from Fredericksburg, daily. If you would like to help with the Henkel's expenses, contributions may be sent to:

Sherry Financial Advisors
ATTN: Matthew Henkel
PO Box 236
Hartwood, VA 22471-0236



Congratulations to Scott and Sarah Beavers Yi on the birth of their daughter, **Emily Anna Yi**, on November 28th, 2011. Grandparents are **John and Laura Beavers**.

Congratulations to **Jeremy and Holly Nightingale** on the birth of their daughter, **Elin Claire Nightingale**, who was born on December 4th, 2011.



What's on Your List?

A little smile, a word of cheer,
A bit of love from someone near,
A little gift from one held dear,
Best wishes for the coming year...
These make a Merry Christmas!



—John Greenleaf Whittier

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.

A Christmas Tapestry

“Christmas reminds us we are not alone. We are not unrelated atoms, bouncing and ricocheting amid aliens, but are part of something, which holds us and sustains us. As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December’s bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same. Christmas shows us the ties that bind us together, threads of caring, woven in the simplest and strongest way within the family.”

— Donald E. Westlake



He will be called
W O U N S E L O R
M I G H T Y G O D
E V E R L A S T I N G F A T H E R
Prince of Peace

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 to volunteer in 2012!

God bless you as we continue with this ministry.

In Christ’s love,

Linda Fletcher

Dare to Hope

If you’ve ever given up on a dream, then you have something in common with Zechariah. When an angel brought news that Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, would soon have a son, Zechariah had trouble believing it (Luke 1:13-18).

How long had it been since Zechariah first prayed for a son? More to the point, how long had it been since he’d given up praying for a son? With the couple’s childbearing years long past, Zechariah likely felt compelled to emphasize the impossibility of the angel’s proclamation.

Perhaps you know what it’s like to lose hope. Zechariah’s story reminds us that God’s plans cannot be hampered, even when the laws of nature stand in the way. Hold onto your hope because God works miracles.

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Newsletter Deadline

The next Tie will be mailed on **Wed. Dec. 21st**. Please submit content to Kay by **10:00am Friday, Dec. 16th**. Email is 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



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



Remember Our Homebound

Homebound Spotlight

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We encourage everyone to send a note to Patricia.

In His Love, Lori & the Homebound Team



Christmas Dinner

The Philia Class will hold their Christmas Dinner at Hunting Ridge Retreat on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011. The Social will begin at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

