

First Baptist Church
Prattville

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Historic District.....
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HIGHLIGHTS

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CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Larry Jenkins
Minister to Students

Rev. Mitch Loftin
Minister of Music & Worship

Mrs. Debbie Conway
Director of Children's Ministry

Rev. Dave Burns
Minister to Mature Adults
& Pastoral Care

Rev. Carter Reeves
Music Associate

Ms. Allison Wilks
Director of College
& Young Singles Ministries

Mrs. Kelli Reeves
Children's Ministry Associate

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WIQR Radio

WIQR, 1410 AM radio will
broadcast First Baptist Church
Sunday Morning Worship
Service from
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
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Deacons of the Week
Dec. 20 – Dec. 26

Kelly Burdette 365-7024
Ed Clapp IV 365-3061



**The Staff of FBC
wishes you and your
family a
Merry Christmas!**



**CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICES**

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 20

6:00 p.m.

Harpist - Gail Ezelle

FBC Handbell Choir

One Voice - Youth Ensemble

KFC - Children's Honor Choir

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CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.

Dress Christmas casual.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:00-8:15 a.m. Library Open
 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 1/Traditional Blended Worship W.C.
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 2/Praise & Worship W.C.
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 3/Traditional Blended Worship W.C.
 3:30 p.m. Acteens
 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
 6:00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight W.C.

Monday, December 21, 2009

8:15 a.m. No Kindergarten
 3:30 p.m. No Puppets Rec. Room

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

7:30 a.m. Fun & Fitness Room 104
 8:15 a.m. No Kindergarten
 9:00 a.m. No MDO
 9:00 a.m. No Ladies Bible Study Room 104
 10:00 a.m. No J.O.Y. Club Chapel

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

8:15 a.m. No Kindergarten
 9:00 a.m. No MDO
 4:45 p.m. No Handbells
 5:00-6:00 p.m. No Library Open
 6:00 p.m. No Children's Choirs
 6:00 p.m. No "Club 412" Chapel
 6:00 p.m. No Wednesday Night Options
 6:00 p.m. No Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Room 102

Thursday, December 24, 2009

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 a.m. No Fun & Fitness Room 104
 8:15 a.m. No Kindergarten
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight W.C.

Friday, December 25, 2009

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED *Merry Christmas*

Recently Hospitalized

<u>BAPTIST SOUTH</u>	<u>JACKSON</u>	<u>HEALTHSOUTH REHAB</u>
Brenda Hall	Joel Smith	Evelyn Sutherland
Frances Yancey		<u>PRATTVILLE BAPTIST</u>
Sammy Hall		Lura Smith

HOMEBOUND

Annie Merle McCollough
 209 A Nisbett Court
 Prattville, AL 36066



SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the George O'Brian family.



December 20... Carols by Candlelight, 6:00 p.m.
**December 23... No Wednesday Night Supper
 No Wednesday Night Activities**
**December 24... Candlelight Service and Observance of
 the Lord's Supper, 5:00 p.m.**
December 24-25... Church Office Closed
**December 27... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Only
 No Sunday Night Activities**
**December 28-31... Church Office Hours
 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**
December 30... No Wednesday Night Activities

A Moment with the Pastor

"The Joy of Christmas" was a wonderful music and drama presentation of the Christmas story. I appreciate our Music Ministry team and Mitch's leadership. We owe gratitude to our talented members for their long hours of rehearsals and deep commitment to bless us during the Christmas season. No doubt this was one of the highlights of Christmas at First Baptist.

Don't forget we have two special events to conclude our celebration of the birthday of Jesus. Sunday night, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. we will have our "Carols by Candlelight" and Thursday night, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. we will have our "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and the Lord's Supper."

See you Sunday. Don't forget your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Travis

From the Desk of the Minister of Education

Winter Discipleship Options – A new semester of adult discipleship classes will begin in January. Wednesday night classes begin on January 6, and Sunday classes on January 10. Here is a partial list of classes to be offered. Be sure to watch future issues of the *Highlites* and posters in the hallways for more details.

Sunday Night Discipleship Training classes: "The Disciple's Cross," "First Place," "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World," "Men's Book Study," "The Frazzled Female," and "Faith That Can Move Mountains."

Wednesday Night Options: "How to Have a Quiet Time," "January Bible Study: Matthew," "Five Conversations You Must Have with Your Daughter," "Experiencing God's Design for Your Marriage," "Women's Bible Study," "DivorceCare" (DivorceCare begins on January 13).

Men's Conference – FBC Woodstock

The deadline to sign-up for the Woodstock Men's Conference is January 5! There are a total of 40 slots and they are beginning to fill up. Allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful new year in 2010!

John

**THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
 THE CANDLE OF LOVE**



In the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, we light the Candle of Love on our Advent wreath. The greatest love ever expressed to mankind is the gift of God's Son, Jesus. I John 4:10 explains God's purpose... "Here is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the Savior of the world." The Candle of Love reminds us that it is God's desire that all people experience His love.

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, may the Candle of Love remind you that God's Son, Jesus, provides forgiveness of sin. If you are a Christian, may this candle remind you of the great gift God has given you through the gift of His Son, Jesus.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Think your gift to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering won't make a difference? Every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to help support nearly 5,600 Southern Baptist missionaries serving worldwide. The offering represents 54% of the International Mission Board's total income. Where does the money go once it leaves our church? 100% goes directly to support missionaries around the world. 90% is used for direct expenses such as salary, housing, food, children's education, and benefits. The other 10% is used by the missionaries for ministry support items. Last year, those missionaries reported almost 27,000 new churches and 566,00 baptisms. The lost are believing because *you* give!

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

National Goal - \$175 million

FBC Goal - \$65,000.00

Year-to-Date - \$42,540.51



**“The Joy of Christmas”
A Night of Joy and Praise**



Yes, our musical/drama “The Joy of Christmas” was truly a night of joy and praise for our Lord and Savior. We had over 200 singers in our Adult, Youth, and Young Musicians choirs combined, 22 instrumentalists in the orchestra, 14 people in the drama cast, 48 ladies presenting the Christmas cards, and 10 people helping with the technical crew. All total, we had well over 250 people involved in this year’s Christmas pageant.

Thank you Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, and orchestra for simply doing an outstanding job. Thank you Misty Harris, Deli Roberts, and Young Musicians Choir for adding so much to our program. Thank you Carter, Donna, and Jamie for leading and playing so beautifully in accompanying our choir. Thank you Ashley, Isaac, Shawn, and drama cast for all those many hours of rehearsal and for truly bringing forth the message of Jesus Christ and the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Arlinda Coleman and the Women’s Ministry ladies for writing notes and helping with our special Christmas card presentation. Thank you to all the sound, lighting, powerpoint, and behind the scenes people for making us sound and look our very best. A special thank you goes to Rebecca Kerr and Kelli Reeves for giving tirelessly of themselves with all the many details coordinating and directing this year’s drama.

Many decisions for Christ were made at the conclusion of both Sunday and Monday night’s programs. These decisions made all of the hard work and many months of rehearsal worth it all. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making “The Joy of Christmas” a true worship experience.



**In His Service,
*Mitch***

PIPIN’ HOT for CHRISTMAS - The second annual Christmas concert featuring musicians from FBC, FUMC, and First Presbyterian will be held at FUMC here in Prattville. The concert will be Saturday, December 19, at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Teacher Appreciation Banquet
For Preschool/Children’s Teachers and their Spouses
Tuesday, January 12
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Walk of Fame

RSVP by
January 10

LAST WEEK

December 13, 2009

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Adults	2229	728
Youth	441	148
Children	415	163
Preschool	327	162
Homebound	25	18
Total	3437	1219
8:15 a.m. Worship		522
9:45 a.m. Worship		567
11:00 a.m. Worship		190
Total Sunday Morning Worship		1279
No Discipleship Training		
Christmas Program Attendance		1600

**Stewardship Report
December 13, 2009**

Budget Offering	\$ 47,997.77
Designations	\$ 36,004.83
Building Fund	\$ 8,559.50
Total	\$ 92,562.10

Budget Offering

Needed Year To Date	\$ 2,591,750.00
Total Year to Date	\$ 2,603,063.94

Continuing Our Journey II

This Week’s Contribution (#34)	\$ 8,559.50
Given Since 5/1/09	\$ 215,500.75
Loan Principal as of 10/31/09	\$ 1,400,957.88

New Members

Bailey Wilson - Baptism #11

Year-End Giving

Thank you for your support of the ministry of First Baptist Church. We have two more Sundays to give to our church this calendar year. Remember, in order to get proper credit for your 2009 contributions, all gifts have to be received at the church or postmarked by December 31.

IRA Charitable Rollover Expires Soon
The deadline is December 31. Go to www.fbcprattville.org

8:15 a.m. WORSHIP CARE

December 20

Bed Babies B	Bonnie Bates/Heather Youngblood
Bed Babies C	James & Kelli Petrunic
1A	Hermie George/Cassey George
1C	Neil & Ellis Messick
3A	Richie & Kelli Beyer
3C	Trey & Jamie Rogers

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP CARE

December 20

Bed Babies C	Bonnie Bates/April Tiller
1A	Hermie George/Cassey George
1C	Robert & Kelly Sedgwick
2A	Peter & Ashley Contin
3A	Ken & Delia Roberts
3C	Jason & Teri Roe

DEACON LED HOME PRAYER MEETINGS JANUARY 3, 2010

Childcare (Birth-5yr) (At the church) Open—4:30-7:30 p.m.

CLASS	TEACHER	DEACON/STAFF	PLACE	TIME
College Young Singles Medium Singles	Kliff Mosley Allison Wilks Ken Knapp/Joel Chance	Randy Salle`	TBA	5 p.m.
Newlyweds Median Adults	Tom & Beverly Malone/Jeremy Calloway Hindman/Arp	Mike Entrekin	Mike & Risa Entrekin 1021 Windrush Lane	5 p.m.
Young Coed	Dave Burns/Brad Morrow/Randy Salle`	Kelly Burdette	TBA	5 p.m.
Singles 50+ Empty Nesters	John Narramore John Johnston/Doug Bowling	Ron Feild	TBA	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Steve Willingham/Chuck Grainger	Kerry Cox	TBA	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Greg Gray/Shane White	Ron Thweatt	Eric & Kim Hyde 2603 Savannah Drive	5 p.m.
Median Women Median Adults	Janet Applewhite/Kelli Lee Tom Conway	Tim Applewhite	TBA	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Ken Hollon/Tim Haseltine/Dan Henk	Bruce Ward	Bruce & Melanie Ward 105 Jordan Crossing	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Kerry Cox/Doug Savell	Doug Darr	Bill & Dianne Morgan 1833 Edinburgh St.	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Carl Salle`	Steve Willingham	Carl & Donna Salle` 148 County Road 29	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Ron Feild	Phil Hobbie	Harold & Anne Stockman 745 Gin Shop Hill Rd.	5 p.m.
Median Adults	Jim Abraham	Mark Ford	David & Susan Davis 910 Silver Creek Cir.	5 p.m.
Empty Nesters	Bruce Ward/Spencer Knight	Nicky Davis	Billy & Jeannie Sparks 633 Shadow Lane	5 p.m.
Women Men	Nadine Herrod/Mae Wingett/Shirlie Jensen Jimmy White	Tom Malone	Donald & Nadine Herrod 1287 Huie St.	5 p.m.
Women Men	R. Hardin/M. Wood-M. Champion/H.Graham H. Powell/D. White	Horace Powell	Horace & Nadine Powell 125 Heritage Hills Dr.	5 p.m.
Men Women	Harold Hammond/Pete Walden Bertie Vaughn	Spencer Knight	Bob & Bertie Vaughn 200 Chalet Woods Dr.	5 p.m.
Women Men	Margaret Hall/Jamie Barnes/Melba Burdette Jimmy Sanford	Dean Argo	TBA	5 p.m.
7th Grade		Ed Clapp	Andy & Robyn Gaydon 506 Weatherby Trail	5 p.m.
8th Grade		Gregory Gray	Ed & Candi Clapp 1954 Chancellor Ridge Rd.	5 p.m.
9th Grade		Matt Burns	Matt & Kristen Burns 129 Bryan St.	5 p.m.
10th Grade		Rodney Arp/ Archie Cowart	Archie & Kelly Cowart 404 Reynolds Mill Rd.	5 p.m.
11th Grade		Shawn Hubbard	Randy & Dawn Allen 163 Co. Rd. 27	5 p.m.
12th Grade		Bubba McDonald	Wes & Sheridan Cahoon 304 Cambridge St.	5 p.m.

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