

## (Welcome) to First Baptist Church

Whatever your need, whatever your reason, **welcome** to First Baptist Church of Guntersville. We know that He has a purpose for bringing you on this special day, to this special place. We hope you feel a genuine (**welcome**) as you share with us in this worship experience. As a church family, we have a clear vision of what God wants this fellowship to do: **“to know Christ and to make Him known.”** True worship is our spiritual priority and loving people is our spiritual privilege.

» Please complete the **guest information card**, located in the front of your pew, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the offering time. We will respect the personal nature of the information that you share.

» **CDs** are available of this morning's message. You may obtain a copy by contacting the Church Office.

» If you have made a **personal commitment** to God regarding your relationship with Him and/or this church, we encourage you to come forward during the **invitation** following the message to share this decision with our church family.

» Our **offering** time is an extension of our worship. As our guest, you are welcome to worship with an offering, but please do not feel obligated.

» Should you **need help**, please see one of our ushers. They're ready to help you or get whatever help you may need.

» **Wednesday evening** activities begin with Youth Worship at 6:00 p.m. and Bible Study/ prayer service for adults at 6:30. A variety of activities are provided for children & students as well.

### HOW TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**By Baptism:** For one who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and desires to obey Christ by being baptized by immersion.

**By Letter:** For one who is saved, has been baptized by immersion after being saved and is a member in good standing of another Baptist church.

**By Statement:** For one who has been saved and baptized by immersion after being saved, but is not a member of another Baptist church.

*Come forward during the invitation at the end of the worship service and tell the pastor that you want to become a member of FBCG, and we will take care of the rest.*

## Contemporary Worship – 8:15 a.m.

*Jesus What a Wonderful Child*

### Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy— Luke 2:8-20

*Joy to the World*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Video

### Prayer and Offering

*The Greatest Gift*

### Message

### Invitation –Offering

*“Joy to the World! The Lord has come, let Earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room. Let Heaven and nature sing. Let Heaven and nature sing. Let Heaven and nature sing!”*

## Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

### Prelude – Sandra Martin

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy— Luke 2:8-20

**Hymn – How Great Our Joy(#269)/Joy to the World (#270)**

**WELCOME & Fellowship – Arise, Shine (#241)**

**Choral Message – Broken Hallelujah**

*Soloist: Candy Patterson*

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Video**

**Offertory Hymn – O Holy Night (#285)**

### Offertory

### MESSAGE

**Hymn of Invitation – What Can I Give Him? (#263)**

**Acknowledgements of Decisions and Announcements**

**Song of Celebration – Go Tell it on the Mountain (#258)**

**Postlude – Sandra Martin**

## -USHERS-

### December 11

Tony Cornelius	Frank Duckett
Ben Gilliland	Jeff Wolford
Billy Ray Cowen	Shirl Dollar
Larry Paul Pack	Tommy Mason
Mac McCord	Danny Patterson
Wayne Todd	Albert Smith

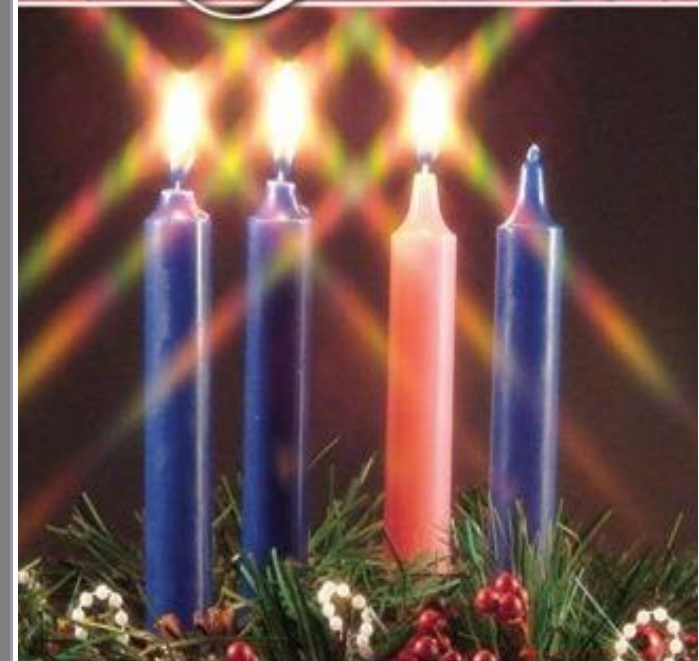
### December 18

Tim Bice	Brad Bruce
Joe Boyd Vinyard	Neil Christopher
Bill Collins	Ron Dutton
Kevin Hawk	Harold Phillips
David Pollock	Pete Richeson
Wayne Stewart	Torrey Whitaker

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

December 11, 2011



*The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*Luke 2:10*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### THIS WEEK IN THE NURSERY:

#### 8:15AM Service

Tracy Smith (control desk)  
Amy Hawk  
Sally Landers

#### 10:30AM Service

Brian, Melanie, and Faith Baker  
Tammy, Morgan, and Macy Patterson  
Martha Bryant



## MATURE/SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

I know you are excited about the celebration of the birth of our Savior. We are reminded of the wise men bringing their gifts to Jesus. You and I have an opportunity to share with and give to various ministries this Christmas. The Lottie Moon offering and the Christmas Coalition are only two. Let us give with thankful hearts and know that in giving to others is giving as unto our Lord.

## FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR

We are going to have a Dirty Santa up at the Lodge on Wednesday December 14th that will take the place of our worship service. The gift can be up to \$10, but needs to be appropriate for a youth function. We are through with Sunday Night Discipleship for the remainder of the year, but will start back at the first of January.

To the Church Family of FBC,

Thank you for your calls, thoughts, kind notes, and visits during the loss of my Grandmother, Mrs. Clevedell Blackwell Lackey. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and Child of God. Her legacy of love and desire to share Christ in all she did will forever live on. May God bless you all!

Love in Christ,  
Kelleybrooke Brown and Family

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up a slip at the end of the pew. You can leave these in the offering plate. Please make sure your check is marked for the flower committee (Poinsettia) or that you mark an envelope in this manner if you pay with cash. Each poinsettia is \$12. Thank you!

## HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011

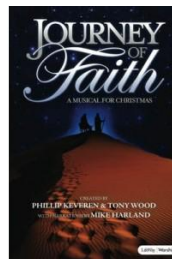
IMBSMISSIONS.COM Our church goal: \$50,000



This week's Memory Verses:  
"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."  
—Matthew 1:21



The Lamb Family in Concert  
Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> FBC Sanctuary 6:30p.m. Everyone Welcome!



Created by Dove Award-winning songwriter Tony Wood and LifeWay exclusive songwriter Phillip Keveren, this powerful, new musical is overflowing with the sounds and story of Christmas. You will enjoy such a unique combination of treasured holiday classics and brand-new, soon-to-be favorites. Thought provoking narrations and masterful arrangements weave together a rich colorful tapestry of celebration, passion, insight, and invitation that will touch your heart this Christmas season!

Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> – both morning services – Bring your family and friends!

### Welcome New Members:

Daisy Grace Baker – by Baptism

Ginna Bess Carr – by Baptism

Patricia Graves – by Letter

\*December 14<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting

\*December 18<sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight – 6:30p.m.

\*December 25<sup>th</sup> – one worship service 10AM (no nursery and no Sunday School on this day.)

\*December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – FBC Offices Closed

## Christmas Store Elves!!

We need you!

December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2PM we will have a "Christmas Store" for the residents of Marshall Manor. We will wrap their chosen gifts. Please help if you can! All welcome!

# this week @ fbc

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

## week of December 11, 2011

### Sunday

Contemporary Worship 8:15 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Traditional Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 6:30 pm

### Wednesday

Family Night Supper 5:30 pm  
Library Opens 6:00 pm  
Youth Worship 6:30 pm  
Children's Activities 6:30 pm  
Prayer Service Adults 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm  
Praise Team Rehearsal 8:00 pm

The staff is ready to help you in any way possible. If you would like prayer, an answer to a question, or personal ministry, please give one of these caring Christian leaders a call. They're ready to make a difference in your life!

### CHURCH OFFICE: 582-5141

Joel Samuels, Pastor ext 102  
Charles Watkins, Associate Pastor ext 107  
Chase Dowdy, Minister of Students ext 105  
Johnny Beard, Minister of Education ext 103  
Melanie Baker,  
Director of Children's Ministries ext 104  
Ken Patterson, Minister of Music ext 108  
Minister of Students ext 105  
Barbara Young, Secretary ext 101  
Kelleybrooke Brown, Secretary ext 100

### Bring your family to supper with us on Wednesdays!

1 Adult \$5.00  
2 Adults \$10.00  
1 Adult/1 Child \$7.50  
1 Adult/2 Children \$10.00  
1 Adult/3 Children \$12.50  
2 Adult/1 Child \$12.50  
2 Adult/2 Children \$15.00  
Family Cap \$15.00

### Menu for 12/14/2011

Taco Soup  
Baked Potatoes  
Cornbread/Chips  
Salad  
Cupcakes

### Deacon Lock-Up Schedule

#### December 2011

Richard Manley, Jack Payne,  
Greg Johns

#### January 2012

Blake Campbell, John Rutland,  
Kenny Littleton

Our people came - 12/04/2011

FBC SS Total 366

### TERRACE LAKE BIBLE STUDY -

Our people gave - 11/29-12/05

Undesignated \$ 27,420.52

### Building Fund &

Challenge to grow 1,476.50

Other 10,401.79

TOTAL \$ 39,298.81

### Challenge to Grow

Loan Balance - 1,255,523.46

Monthly Need - \$8,737.57

CTG Last Mth Rec-Nov - \$19,785.00

CTG MTD (12/05/11) - \$1,476.50

### TELLER COMMITTEE

12/11/2011 12/18/2011

Danny Owens Danny Owens

Richard Manley Richard Manley

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