



- All contributions for 2011 must be received by the church financial office by December 31, 2011 or post-marked December 31, 2011 in order to received tax credit for the year 2011.
- PLEASE note that the church office will be closed on Friday, December 30, 2011.

★ All contributions received on Sunday, January 1, 2012 will be posted for the year 2012.

Celebration Choir CD's

Available in the Music Office



Purchase all three for \$25

FBC Night @ The Clubhouse

The Clubhouse, located at 2704 Old Register Rd., invites FBC families and their un-churched guests for a free evening of family fun Monday, January 9 OR Tuesday, January 10 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Bowling, shoe rental, Lasertag, Ballocity, Miniature Golf, Batting Cage and Golf Range will all be included.

Please use this as an opportunity to invite un-churched friends to experience an evening of fun and fellowship with our family of faith. Tickets will be required at the door for free admission. A full service restaurant and arcade will also be available but are not included in this free offer. There is something for all ages. Please choose a date for your family to attend and pick up your free tickets from Susan Williams.

Tickets will be available in the children's ministry office on a first come, first served basis beginning on Wednesday, Dec. 21.



**Dr. John Waters
Pastor**



When teaching His disciples one day, Jesus used a word that we don't hear very much today—"inasmuch." It was a common word years ago, and it is used nearly 1,000 times in the Bible. When this single word from the ancient language is translated into English, we typically join the three separate words of "in-as-much" into the single "inasmuch." The most famous use of this interesting word occurs in the story when Jesus commends His disciples for visiting Him while He was in prison, clothing Him while He was naked, and feeding Him while He was hungry. Not remembering any of these specific actions toward the Lord, the disciples wonder when they performed such noble, humble acts. Jesus famously replies in Matthew 25:40—"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me."

Even today, Jesus wants us to have an "inasmuch" mentality. Surrounded by hurting, broken, and non-believing people, we must go forth with a humble heart and willing spirit, knowing that "inasmuch" as we love, serve, and provide for others, we are doing the same for Christ. That's why this year's theme of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is so poignant—His Heart, His Hands, His Voice. By giving, going, and serving, we not only are serving others as we would "inasmuch" serve Him, but we are doing it for His glory and in His name. Your gifts to this missions offering enable our 5,000 Baptist missionaries across the globe to serve and love others by becoming His heart, His hands, and His voice. I invite you to be a part of changing the world from Statesboro, Georgia, by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for worldwide missions. And remember, inasmuch as you give for others, you have also given to the Lord.

Merry Christmas

It is difficult to believe that this is our seventh Christmas in Statesboro. Cynthia and I have been so blessed over these past years to serve alongside you here in Bulloch County, and we are so thankful that you have accepted us into the family at First Baptist Church and allowed us to journey beside you these past seven years. You have blessed us beyond measure, and our hearts overflow with gratitude and appreciation for the blessings of God that have come through you. As your family celebrates Christmas, we pray that it will be a wonderful experience of celebrating God's work and presence in all of our lives. From our family to yours, Cynthia and I wish you the very best Merry Christmas, and we pray that the truth of Jesus Christ will continue to ring throughout your life.

Your Pastor,

www.untilsunday.org

Follow our Pastor on Twitter: @JohnWaters11

CALENDAR

CHURCH MAIN LINE
(912) 764-5627
PRAYER LINE 489-5371

Sunday, December 25
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service



Monday, December 26
Church office Closed

Tuesday, December 27
10:00 a.m. Praise Moves Exercise
1:00 p.m. Caring Threads

Wednesday, December 28
No Church Activities

Thursday, December 29
5:30 p.m. Praise Moves Exercise

Friday, December 30
Church office Closed



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The flowers in the Worship Center are given this Sunday to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phil Morris and Julie Morris Golden by their family.

The poinsettias are placed in the foyer for the month of December in loving memory of Crysta Dwinell Lavender and George Dwinell by Rusty and Ford Bailey and Vicki Dwinell and Jennifer Pflieger.



December 18, 2011

Morning Worship Service 1255
Sunday School 851

Weekly Receipts
Budget Needs\$50,961.53
Budget Receipts.....\$49,366.70
Designated Gifts\$14,030.68
God Is Faithful Gifts\$57,716.00

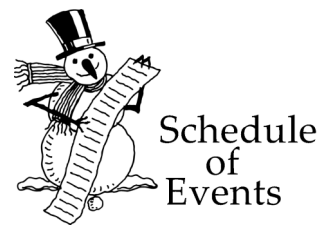
Year to Date as of 11-30-2011
Budget Needs\$2,249,166.66
Budget Receipts.....\$2,177,000.76
Budget Expenses\$2,165,797.22

Capital Campaign ... God Is Faithful
Total Pledged.....\$4,457,602
Total Receipts.....\$2,256,582

Sanctuary Memorial Items
Total Receipts.....\$192,400

Organ Fund
Total Receipts.....\$14,135

Lottie Moon Receipts.....\$21,978.30



December 23 - Church office closed
Christmas Eve services:
 Family Service 5:00 pm
 Candlelight Communion Service 6:30 pm
Christmas Day Service
 10:00 am

December 26 - Church office closed
December 30 - Church office closed
January 4 - Family Night Supper (no children's activities)

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Candlelight Communion Service
6:30 pm
No childcare provided for these services

Christmas Day Service
10:00 am

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December 25, 2011

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Men's Wild Game Supper

Thursday, February 2, 2012

7:00 pm

Perry Fellowship Hall

We are now accepting donations of meat for the Wild Game Supper.
 Contact Ricky Allen at 489-7922 or ricky@fbc-statesboro.org

No Parking



Parking on Woodrow Street is Prohibited by the City.

Please park in the designated FBC parking areas.

Do not park on Private Property.



We express Christian sympathy Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory in the loss of her mother and to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brunson on the death of her father.



Nursing Ministry: Mr. Luke Anderson, Mr. Pete Campbell, Mr. Bill Cook, Mrs. Marguerite Hamner, Mr. Harold Howell, Dr. Bill Kent, Mr. George Parker, Mrs. Mary Phelps, Mrs. Wilma Ward
Lottie Moon: Mr. James Albert Brannen, Mr. Pete Campbell, Mr. Dan Cronin, Mrs. Patricia Deal, Mrs. Joyce Floyd, Mrs.

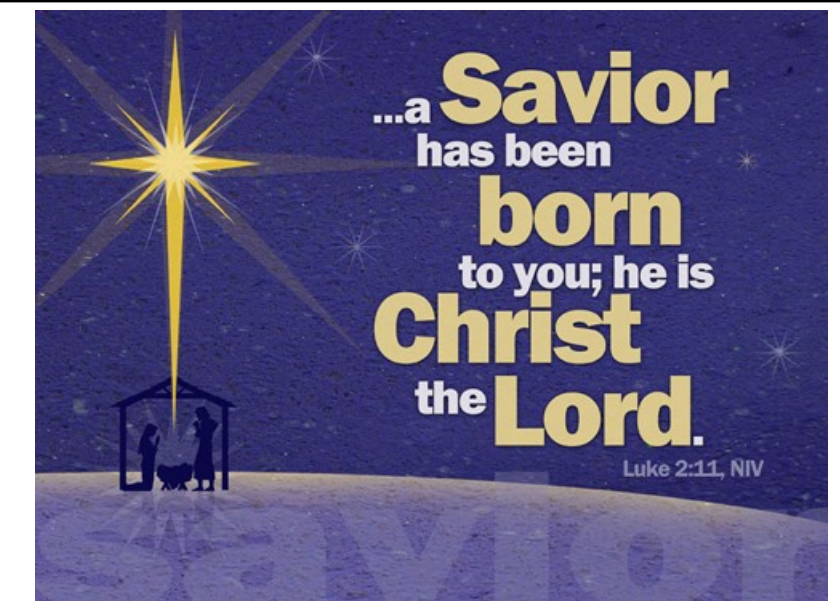
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Building Fund: Mr. James Albert Brannen, Mr. Pete Campbell, Dr. Bill Kent

Organ Fund: Dr. J. Curtis Lane

Library: Mrs. Mary Phelps

Poinsettia: Lorene Bradley Knight Hart, Andrew Jackson Knight



*From the Staff of
 First Baptist Church*

Merry Christmas

