

BUDGET

November (Incomplete)	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed:	\$ 56,166.50
Received to date (2 weeks)	\$ 39,763.00
THIS YR.	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed to date:	\$603,998.00
Received to date:	\$562,600.36

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nov. 2	184
Nov. 9	155
Nov. 16	170
Nov. 23	N/A
Nov. 30	N/A

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

<i>Rev. Mark Lindsey</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Lynn Madden</i>	<i>Music Minister</i>
<i>Fara Newkirk</i>	<i>Children's Coordinator</i>
<i>Zach Martin</i>	<i>Student Minister</i>
<i>Ann Clark</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Praise Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>10:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Awana (school term)</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Student Ministry</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Handbell Choir</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Refuge Student Ministry</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Kids Praise</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
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<i>Midweek Bible Study</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Singles Bible Study</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Celebration Choir</i>	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Priscilla Brown
- 3—David Fitzgerald
- 5—Rebekah Hale
- 7—Kathy Sledge, Clayton Huffman
- 8—Dawson Mowry
- 14—Sarah Crews
- 15—Jennifer Davis, Alice Lee
- 16—Deb Spadoni, Elizabeth Hale
Jordan Layrock
- 17—Ruth Phillips, Eddie Whitworth
Trent Oden, David Heird, Alex Bryant
- 18—Chuck Tripp, Stephen Shirron
- 19—Eddie Layrock, Hunter Sledge
- 22—Dorothy Caddy, Melinda Neubauer
Sondra Harrington, Grant Westmoreland
Jonathan Wallace
- 23—Kasey Whitworth
- 26—Cassie Hatch
- 27—Delynn Thomas, A. J. Spadoni
- 28—Karson Ramsey
- 29—Geraldine Tharpe, Susan Hicks
- 30—Scott Hutcheson
- 31—Charlene Frisby, Nancy Watson, Alberta Harper
Tyler Ramsey, Kaden Crosswhite

If we miss your birthday (or get it wrong), please call the church office

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We need your e-mail address in the church office. Please contact us if we do not have your e-mail address on file. Thanks!

SPECIAL POINTS

OF INTEREST

- Deacons of the month for December are Mike Moore and Orrin Damron, with Ed Koon as alternate. Deacons Meeting will be Sunday morning, Dec. 7, at 8:00 a.m.
- Ushers for the month of December during Morning Worship Service are Mike Moore, Don Hawkins, Tony Palmer, Mack Dixon, Herbie Waymack and Phil Shirron.
- The monthly Nursing Home Ministry will be Saturday, December 20, at 3:30 at the Sheridan Nursing & Re-Hab Center.
- The Singles meet each Wednesday night in the home of Sherry Lindsey at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday night suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. each week. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, with a family ceiling of \$12.00. Come fellowship with your FBC church family!
- The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28 for Thanksgiving, and from Tuesday afternoon, December 23, through Friday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- No evening services or activities will be held on Sunday nights, December 21 and December 28, because of the holidays.
- The Food Pantry will be Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. This is sponsored by the Mae John Swaty Class.
- The Deacons and Wives Christmas social will be held on Saturday, December 13.
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Refuge.

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Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Week of Prayer for International Missions and Missions Studies
November 30-December 7

National Goal \$165,000,000

Church Goal: \$15,000

The Lottie Moon Post Office will be set up in Fellowship Hall to mail all your cards to the church family and donate to Lottie Moon



**IT'S A
WONDER-FULL
LIFE**

**Performed by
KIDS' PRAISE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:00 P.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY**



**The Glory
of
Christmas
2008**

**Sunday, December 14
10:45 a.m.**

Featuring the
Celebration Choir, Handbell Choir and
Kids' Praise



*The Hanging of
the Greens*

Sunday Evening
November 30
6:00 P.M.



Thanks to everyone who participated in OCC this year! We have collected over 300 from our church to date.

Prayer Concerns....

PRAY for those of our community who are ill or bereaved— Joe Beckwith, BMC; Evan Watson, Children's; George Hatch; Nancy Tyson; Sue Brown; Jean Hopkins; Ronnie Graves; all who have lost loved ones recently.

Welcome, New Members..

We want to extend a warm welcome to James Peden, a member of our Singles Ministry, who joined our church recently as a candidate for baptism. Welcome to FBC!

We extend a warm welcome to Anita Soto, who recently joined our "official" church family. Anita has been an active member of the Singles Ministry, and we welcome her and her family to FBC!

Disciple Now Weekend

The Student Ministry will be hosting Disciple Now on December 5-7. The activities will begin on Friday afternoon. They will have a full day of activities on Saturday, and conclude with worship on Sunday. Pray for them and their sponsors and leaders as they enjoy this time of reflection, fellowship and worship.

2009 Church Budget

The 2009 Church Budget will be available in the foyer on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, for you to pick up and study. The Finance Committee will have a public forum in the Conference Room in immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship Service on Dec. 14 for anyone who has a question about the budget. It will be voted on in Special Business Conference on December 17.

ORDINATION SERVICE

An Ordinance Service for Zach Martin into the ministry has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21.

You're Invited...

Mrs. Brenda Alexander
and
co-hostesses
cordially invite you to attend
a drop-in miscellaneous bridal shower
honoring
Melissa Bragg
bride-elect of
Mr. Denver Peacock
on Sunday, the seventh of December
from two until four o'clock in the afternoon
at her home
46 Julia Drive
Sheridan, Arkansas

Note: They are registered at McCoy-Tygart, Dillard's, Pottery Barn, Williams-Sonoma and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Thank You..

Dear Church Family,
"Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, voiced concerns and beautiful plant during my recent surgery and recovery. A special 'thank you' to Bro. Mark for sitting with my family the day of surgery. What a great blessing each of you are to Marilyn and me!"

Steve Sites



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will again adorn our sanctuary this Advent season. Call the church office to order one in memory/honor of a loved one. They are \$12.50 each, and the names will be listed in the bulletin beginning December 7.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

The Koinonia Class is hosting a Thanksgiving meal for the needy of our community and those of our church who have no family activities on that day. Call the church office if you plan to attend, or if you can help serve or prepare this outreach meal.



From Our Pastor...

What a joyous time of the year! Ever since I was a child, the Christmas season has been special. I love the sights, the sounds, the smells, and the feeling of this special celebration. Unfortunately, the time becomes a bit stressful as we party and shop all month long! It is good to join others in get-togethers; and, it is good to give and to receive gifts. But, we must never forget God's gift of Christmas – His son, Jesus Christ; or God's gathering around the manger.

At the manger, God's gift was surrounded by heaven and earth. Angels and the hosts of heaven were present at His birth. But, also were shepherds and kings there to worship the Christ-Child. All of creation focused on a

manger in Bethlehem to acknowledge the miracle of God's grace and love made manifest in His only Son.

I am sure the sights, the sounds, the smells, and the feelings of the occasion were overwhelming, and unforgettable to those present. It must have been quite a scene! We could never begin to understand what it must have been like to be present that day, but we can celebrate the presence of Christ with us today.

"He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart!"

My you experience the blessed presence of God's gift alive in you!



Women's Ministry

ANGEL TREE—The Women's Ministry's Angel Tree this year has wish lists from DHS foster system for two teenage girls, ages 15 & 17. Gift ideas are on the angels and need to be turned in by Dec 7, either to the tree or to Lori McCain.

Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday night
November 23
at First Assembly
6:00 p.m.

ADVENT DECORATIONS

The Flower and Church Decoration Committee will decorate the sanctuary and foyer for the Advent and Christmas season this coming Sunday, November 23, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come and help. We want to thank Mr. James Williams, who has donated a new Chrismon Tree that will adorn the sanctuary this year. The children will decorate that tree with Chismon ornaments during the Hanging of the Greens.

PRIMETIMERS Christmas Lunch



The Primetimers will have a Christmas lunch on Dec. 18 in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided if needed.

A trip to OBU "Festival of Christmas" on Dec. 6 is being planned. More info later about this trip.

College Students

The Koinonia Class will distribute care packages to college students during finals in December. If you have a college student, send their address to kenbragg@alltel.net or call the church office at 942-2211, or Beverly Bragg at 942-5269 by December 1.