

SENIOR PASTOR

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CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

A highlight for me is our annual church-wide Christmas fellowship. I love the informal setting that allows us to relax and become acquainted, or reacquainted. We live in a fast-paced world that is getting faster with each passing day. Let me encourage you to make plans to fellowship this Sunday night with the Family of First Baptist Church at 6pm. It is a great way to start the Christmas season.

Moreover, the Personnel Mat has requested I make you aware that staff baskets will be available at the Christmas fellowship so you can drop off your Christmas card to the staff. I look forward to seeing you Sunday night.

SUNDAY MORNING

The next to last message on Job is entitled, "Job Finally Gets It" from Job 42:1-6. No, he does not get what he deserves, but he finally understands that God was always at work in ways he could not see or imagine. This Sunday, we will uncover four truths that will make your Christmas season even brighter.

PRAYER REQUEST

I ask that you be in prayer as the Personnel MAT develops job descriptions for the positions of Education/Pastoral Care Pastor, and Children's Director. We anticipate next year will be a time of continued blessings as we seek to honor God.



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wish to express sympathy to the family of Dessie Taylor.

Tithes & Offerings	
General Fund.....	\$18,497.46
Building Fund.....	22,076.50
Youth Fund.....	80.00
Total.....	\$40,653.96

Attendance Report	
Sunday School Attendance.....	463
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	172
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	477
Total Morning Worship.....	649

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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I LOVE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

Christmas songs, parties, food, parades, friends and family are always highlights of the Christmas season. I just love this time of the year. Several friends have chosen to send newsletters with their cards and that is especially nice since it helps us catch up with what is happening in their lives.

But best of all is the fact we can celebrate the birth of our Savior. As we enjoy this special season of the year, let us be very careful not to forget 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."*

WHEN PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

This past week several of the prayer requests on our prayer list have been answered. Our Lord, in His grace, has met our needs and we want to say, Praise the Lord!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Kyle, Carissa, Baylie & Taylor Colston



Peyton Bickham



A thank you note from the family of Bob Boyett is posted on the back hall bulletin board.

MUSIC NOTES

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THANK YOU SONSHINE SINGERS

Wonderful concert Sunday night! Thank you SonShine Singers for reminding us through songs the importance of Christmas traditions and world missions.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MUSIC EVENTS

- - Sunday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. the **Heavens Angels** will present the Nativity.
- - Sunday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. the Sanctuary Choir along with ensembles and soloists will present this years **Rediscover Christmas Festival**.
- - Sunday, December 23, 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy an acoustical **Candlelight Carol Sing**.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

All choirs, ensembles, instrumentalists and soloists are asked to be at a special rehearsal on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The **SonShine Singers** (Grades K-2) and the **King's Kids** (Grades 3-6) will rehearse at their normal time of 5:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon.

PIANO TUNING

I am asked quite often for the name and number of the piano tuner I use here at the church. His name is Dan Kessinger and you can reach him at 903.561.0022.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

You are invited to a Cookie Exchange Thursday night, December 6 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring 4 dozen cookies to share and you will leave with 4 dozen cookies!



Please plan to join us for our church-wide fellowship this Sunday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Bring finger foods & desserts. This is a wonderful opportunity to join your church family for a time of food & fellowship.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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CHRISTMAS PARADE REPORT

What a wonderful time we had as part of the annual Carthage Christmas Parade. Our entry was entitled *All I Want for Christmas is World Peace*. We again won 1st place thanks to all those that helped with this year's entry. A great big thank you goes to Randy Liedtke, Bobby Watson & Jamie Ratley for the hours they gave in constructing & decorating the float. A special thank you goes to Marine Sergeant Bob Harness, a veteran of the Korean War, who served as our Honor Guard. You can always count on the Marines.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BANQUET

You will not want to miss this year's youth Christmas banquet on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will have a short drama presentation & then we will enjoy pizza & a time of fellowship.

2008 YOUTH EVENTS DATES

PRINCESS RETREAT
7TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS
JANUARY 19

STUDENT LIFE- HOUSTON
FEBRUARY 22-23

SPRING BREAK MEXICO MISSION TRIP
MARCH 16-22

CENTRIFUGE
7TH-8TH GRADES
JUNE 8-14

OCOEE OUTREACH MISSION TRIP
9TH-12TH GRADES
JULY 19-25

AWANA MINISTRY

by *Randy Liedtke*

I wish to thank all of our AWANA parents for a wonderful fall session. Your faithfulness to bring your children is to be commended. Our last night for this session will be Wednesday, December 12 which will be a Store Night. We start back on Wednesday, January 9.