

First Baptist Herald

From the heart of your pastor ...

As you receive this copy of the First Baptist Church *Herald*, I will be with a team of volunteers from our church who are enthusiastically distributing Scripture to tourists in Thailand. For months we have anticipated and prepared for this mission endeavor. This year our church has already sent teams to North Africa, East Asia, the former Soviet Union, Mexico, China and North Korea. Sharing the love of Christ with those who need Him is the very essence of what defines us as Baptist Christians. Since 1846, the greatest common denominator among Southern Baptists has been our common devotion to missionary endeavors. That remains true today here at First Baptist Church. Maybe you have never felt the call of God to actually go yourself, but you can still be engaged in touching the world for Christ. Please pray about this.



In early November, our youth ministry department is once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes will be delivered in the name of Christ by Samaritan's Purse to needy children around the world. I hope you will support our youth and either pack a box yourself or help them secure the resources to pack many, many shoeboxes.

Toward the end of November, we will begin promotion of our annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. As Southern Baptists, we help send out over 5,000 international missionaries. Leaving friends and family in the United States, they devote their lives to sharing the Gospel and enabling groups like ours to join with them in this Kingdom work.



I hope that missions excites you as much as it does me. We are so very blessed as recipients of God's grace. So many others still need to hear the Good News. I hope you will help them know about Jesus through these mission opportunities. Begin praying now about your personal involvement.

I look forward to seeing each of you and reporting what God is doing even now on the mission field. May God bless each of you.

Bro. Maurice

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Educationally Speaking



The holidays are approaching, but new people continue to visit and join our church because of your efforts in . G. R.O.W. Praise the Lord.

Schedule

November 5	W. Team (4pm)
November 12	G. Team
November 19	R. Team
November 26	Dismissed
December 3	O. Team
December 10	Dismissed (Living Christmas Tree)
December 17	Miracle G.R.O.W. (all teams)
December 24	Dismissed
December 31	Dismissed

Friday Night Madness: Sunday School Leadership Rally

Friday, November 10 from 6:30 to 9pm

Are you looking for some inspiration and excitement for your Sunday school class? Are you looking to double your class with people? Friday Night Madness is for YOU! Special speakers will be Josh & Missy Hunt sharing their dream and ideas for reaching and ministering to people in small groups. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and age-group workshops will begin at 7pm.

Reservations will be needed for dinner and child care by Wednesday, November 8. Call Tammy (524.3691) in the church office.

World Changers

Opportunities for touching the future in children's ministry are a prayer away. Become a **World Changer** by ministering to a child. Contact Richard (524.3691), Sandra Rolle (526.7975) or Carol Gilliland (523.1886) for opportunities available in preschool and children's divisions.

Budget Preparation Dates

- Sunday, November 5
Budget Passed Out
- Sunday, November 19
Budget Discussion
- Sunday, December 10
Budget Vote (without discussion)



Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

- Wednesday, November 22
All Afternoon & Evening Activities Dismissed
- Thursday, November 23
Church Office Closed
- Friday, November 24
Church Office Closed
- Sunday, November 26
All Afternoon & Evening Activities Dismissed

Week of Prayer for International Missions and International Mission Study

December 3-10

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal: \$150 million

Our Goal: \$27,000.00



International
Mission Board
www.ime.org

Eleventh Annual Presentation of the

Christmas Alive **Living Christmas Tree Concert**

December 9 at 11am & 7pm

December 10, 11 & 12 at 7pm



General ticket sales will begin Wednesday, November 1. Tickets are \$5/person and may be purchased at the following locations:

First Baptist Church

106 South Miranda

Christian Crossing

151 South Walnut, Suite A2

Chapter & Verse

1300 El Paseo, Suite B2

Johnston's True Value Hardware

1002 West Picacho

Image Masters

1309 East Lohman



Committee Volunteers Needed

The *Living Christmas Tree* is more than a project for our music ministry. Rather, it is an opportunity in which the entire church family can participate.

Prayer - "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

All of our clever programming and spectacular displays will have no value in building God's kingdom unless the Spirit of the Lord is powerfully at work during each presentation. Prayer is the avenue for this to take place. Perhaps you would like to commit to meeting periodically between now and presentation time to pray for the manifestation of God's Power during each presentation. And then, beyond that, we want to have select intercessors praying specifically during each presentation - December 9 thru 12. Remember - Anyone can pray! How about it?!

Tree Assembly & Removal - On Monday, December 4, the tree will be taken out of storage and brought to the auditorium. A crew of eight to ten men will fully assemble the tree, later, this same crew will be responsible for taking the tree down and packing it away in storage.

Trimming the Tree - After the tree has been assembled, yards and yards of garland and decorative ornaments have to be put in place.

Light Crew - Four to five individuals to run follow spotlights and control the house and theatrical lighting.

Tickets - Individuals to sell tickets on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Greeters - Lots of men and women with friendly faces to greet and assist our guests. Let's show them that we are a church that cares. We must make a lasting first impression.

Parking Lot Attendants - Individuals willing to attend our parking lots and assist the community in finding a place to park.

Refreshments - Individuals who would be willing to help coordinate and serve refreshments during breaks. From time to time, the choir will be in extended rehearsals. Break time will be necessary.

Childcare - Childcare is a big need for every rehearsal and presentation time. Many who will sing and play have children who need to be cared for. Perhaps you could volunteer to help. This will give our regular paid workers a break.

Banners - Four men to carry banners throughout the presentations.

Shepherds & Wisemen - Three men with full beards to play the parts of shepherds & wisemen. These characters will not speak a single word!

Tech Operators - Two to three individuals to operate various computers that drive the slides for the congregation and choir.

Media Library



Library Hours

Sunday 9:15 to 10:45am
 Wednesday 5 to 6pm
 Thursday 9:30 to 11am

Unlikely Angel, The Untold Story of the Atlanta Hostage Hero.

Caring for Aging Loved Ones. A lifeline for those navigating the practical, emotional and spiritual aspects of care giving.

Monthly Mission Project, Sponsored by Women on Mission



November - Canned Goods for Gospel Rescue Mission.

A collection box is located outside the Media Library.

Herald Deadline

Submissions for the December edition of the *Herald* are due in the church office by **Wednesday, November 15.**

After Hours Emergency Number

526.9321 - Follow the instructions.



Saturday, November 11

First Baptist Church of Las Cruces Staff

Senior Pastor..... Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth
 Education MinisterRichard King
 Music/Worship Minister.....Mike Edwards
 Student Ministry Intern..... Brian Clayburgh
 Ministers of Prayer & Spiritual RenewalJim & Sharon McPherson
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 Receptionist.....
 Education Ministry Assistant Tammy Coleman
 Music & Student Ministry Assistant Melody Harrison
 Building Superintendent..... Keith Whiteley
 Webmaster..... James Harrison

Dear Church Family

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and support for me over the past several weeks. A very special thank you to Richard for coming to El Paso and staying until you found me. Special thanks to Barbara Hanson, Rae Gassell, Gertrude Casey, Jackie Harris, Myrtis Lauterbach, Joyce Burkner, Pastor Prayer Partners, Ann Lashly, Will & Dorothy McWhorter, Gene Jameson, Bob Morris, Barbara & Bill Davenport, Hazel Wolfenburger and Patty Alford.

With a Grateful heart in Christian Love,
 Dee Harris

The family of Bill Gilliland would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, kind words, cards and support during Billy's illness and memorial. As a result of your prayers, God was merciful in sparing him from prolonged suffering. Our extended family members were blessed by Dr. Hollingsworth and the food provided by the young adult 2 Bible class and the bereavement committee. We feel the strength of our Lord through your prayers and the love of this church. May God bless each of you.

Thank you,
 Judy, Gary & Carol Gilliland
 Mario & Traci Prieto
 Shane & Tami Meinhold

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, calls, visits and gifts while David was in the hospital. We are so grateful to belong to a body of believers who lives out the love of Christ in real ways. May God bless you all as you draw nearer and nearer to Him!

David, Tania and Hannah Delgado

Thank you church family for the prayers, calls and cards upon the recent loss of Bill's dear sister. Our family members certainly felt the love and caring of First Baptist Church.

With Sincere gratitude and Christian love,
 Bill & Barbara Davenport

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls, hospital visits, prayers and loving concern during Larry's and my recent illnesses. What a blessing to have the support of a loving praying church. Thanks again. You are the best!!!

Love,
 Larry & Lois Martin

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