

Faith Fellowship Baptist Church

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How about this, the first newsletter of 2009. I don't know about you but for me time is just flying by. I pray that you had a wonderful New Years and are looking forward to what God has to offer in the months ahead.

We have a tremendous miles stone coming up in a few months. In February, Faith Fellowship will be ten years old. Can you believe it? We are going to have a big celebration on February 15th. We will have a catered dinner, a video presentation of the last ten years and a concert by Gordon Jensen. Gordon Jensen is the one who wrote *Written In Red*, the Easter musical our choir performed last year. I think it is going to be a great time.

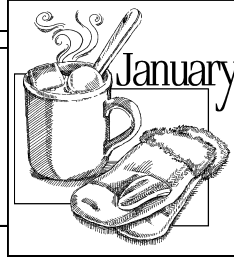
We need to put a special committee together to get everything planned. We need to contact former members, our former pastor Jeff Johnson, and everyone else who has a connection to FFBC. This is going to be a special day and I believe God will honor all of our efforts. I believe it will be a great start to an even greater year. Thank you for all your faithfulness.

Beo. Russell



Budgeted Offerings:

Dec. 7—\$6,493
Dec. 14—\$1,314
Dec. 21—\$4,199
Dec. 28—\$3,041



**Business Meeting
Sunday, January 25**

- Jan. 4—Glenn Coker
- Jan. 4—Sharon Jackson
- Jan. 5—Garrett Knowles
- Jan. 11—Otis Higginbotham
- Jan. 12—Spencer Johnson
- Jan. 16—Tina Patty
- Jan. 20—Bonnie Smithers
- Jan. 21—Maria Bacon
- Jan. 21—Maxine Foster
- Jan. 21—Liz Utley
- Jan. 22—Layla Canaday
- Jan. 24—Dale Utley
- Jan. 30—Robert Waits
- Jan. 31—David Reddick



All Church Fellowship
Sunday evening,
January 25



News from Rachel Powell

It has been quite the week working on language in a village, and celebrating the holidays! We have been staying in a village with a wonderful family that takes really good care of us, and teaches us A LOT. We have been working on our language a lot, and I think we are actually making some progress on it. We went back to Archenland to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas with Kacy, Reaiah, and some African believers. We got our hair braided and by braided I mean with a weave, and put henna on our feet. Christmas Eve, Pastor was showing the Jesus film to the town, and many people showed up. Afterwards, some people stayed and ate, drank tea and sat around and talked, it was a lot of fun. The next morning, Christmas, we had a service at Pastor's house and ate lunch. Reaiah, Kacy, Rachel and I headed back to Bamako later in the day to have a Christmas dinner in town.

My contact information is:

Rachel Powell
s/c SILAH Mali, B.P. 2017
Bamako, Mali

Prayer Requests:

- The family we are staying with (they are all muslim)
- Language acquisition
- Continued good health



**Wednesdays
@ 6:30 p.m.
For all elementary
Age Children**



I cannot explain how excited about 2009 I am! I am thrilled about what God is going to do in our Student Ministry.

I would like to ask our church family to pray for all of our students as they begin the second half of their school year. We will have many opportunities this new year beginning with the StudentLife Live-Love Conference. The conference is February 6-7 for a cost of \$70. Being that we will have to stay overnight, in Dallas, the deadline to sign up is January 11. For those you have signed up, a \$35 deposit is due January 14 to reserve your spot. If there are any questions, please let me know ASAP.

Lastly, we will be having our annual Super Bowl Fellowship on February 1. There will be more information to come. Thank you for all the support for our student ministry.

Brandon

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**Prayerfully consider new opportunities
For service in 2009**

**Men's Conference at
Sabine Creek Ranch
January 23-24**

This winter retreat will feature guest speaker Neal Jeffrey. Cost is \$45 per person and includes food and lodging. Sign up by calling Gary Smithers at (903) 421-3453. Sabine Creek Ranch is a camp and retreat center located just east of Dallas near Rockwall.



**Sunday School Leadership Training
January 17, 2009
At First Baptist Church , Whitesboro
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Sponsored by
Grayson Baptist Association
with First Baptist Church , Whitesboro**

Join Josh Hunt as he shares from his book
“Disciple Making Teachers”
at this wonderful conference opportunity.

Let Russell know if you are able to attend!



**Wednesday
Night Supper**

- Jan. 7—Stew, cornbread, salad, rice krispie treats
- Jan. 14—Pork chops, corn, black beans & rice, salad, rolls, cake
- Jan. 21—Sloppy joes, sandwiches, salad, chips, cheesecake
- Jan. 28—Chicken tetrazzini, green beans, garlic toast, salad, pie

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

- Jan. 4 - Jerry & Carol Pace, Allen Gemeinhardt
- Jan. 11 - Robert Waits, Matthew Burkett
- Jan. 18 - Debbie Fulenchek, Allen Winslett
- Jan. 25 - Don & Mozelle Riggle

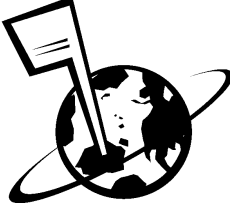


Wow! Christmas has come and gone so fast this year, as did the whole year of 2008. I can't let the season pass by without saying a huge thank you to the choir for their outstanding performances during our Taste of Christmas open house. Thank you for your hard work and commitment. This year we had good attendance and 100% participation from the choir. Also, to all the cast and crew and everyone else who had a part in the Taste of Christmas—thank you for a job well done!

Next, I would like to thank our church family for your kindness and generosity to Kathy, myself, and our family. The cruise that you presented to us caught us completely by surprise and left me without words to adequately express our gratitude. You are a wonderful church family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who provided special music for our worship services and Christmas Eve service this December: The Choir, the Quartet (Otis Higginbotham, Steve Wampler, Chris Wilburn, and myself), Melissa and Courtney Virgin, Nicole and Kameron Minchew, and Cassie Lovell.

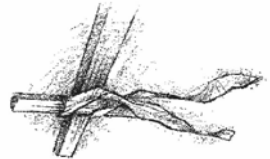
Looking forward to an outstanding 2009!
David



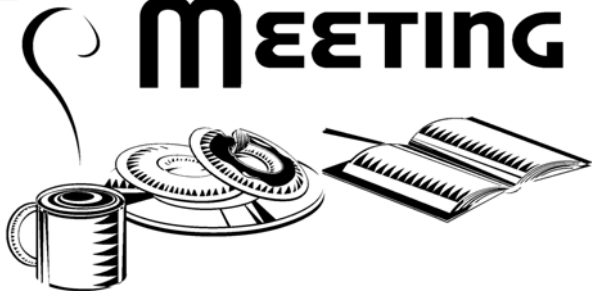
**Adult Mission Study
Tuesday Jan. 13
10:30 a.m.**

**Men & Women are invited
to attend the Mission Study
in the fellowship hall.
A covered dish
luncheon will follow.**

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BREAKFAST MEETING



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 10
8:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Remember to give faithfully to the World Missions Offering

60% goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions
20% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions
20% goes to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions



Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - Acteens
5:30 p.m. - Family Supper
6:30 p.m. - Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Youth Worship "Oasis"
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal