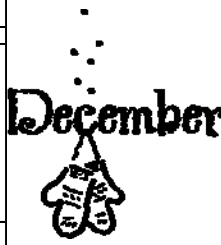


Faith Fellowship Baptist Church

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December 2009





December

Business Meeting
Sunday, December 29

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It's December!! December is always a busy month and it is no different this year. We are starting off with a bang. We discussed our proposed budget for 2010 and will be voting on it without discussion Sunday morning. Also this week, we begin Taste of Christmas. Then we go right on into the Christmas season and New Year and then not only the month will be gone but also the year. I want to thank all who worked at putting our new budget together and now we all need to work to meet the coming budget. It is bold, challenging but very doable. We just need to be faithful in tithing and giving an offering above the tithe.

Taste of Christmas is always a blessing and I am assuming that it will be again this year. We need to be praying for all that are involved and also for those who will be attending. Let's pray that God will use the Taste of Christmas to enhance the Christmas spirit for all of us. This is a great time of year. I love to tell the story for I know that it is true. Amen?

Let me say for me and my family "Merry Christmas." I pray that it will be a very meaningful and blessed time for you and yours. Let's celebrate the birth of our Lord together. God Bless!

Bro. Russell

**Keep
in Christ
Christmas**

- Dec. 1-Courtney Virgin
- Dec. 3-James Testerman
- Dec. 4-Kaylee Owens
- Dec. 7-Kendall Washburn
- Dec. 10-Sally Waits
- Dec. 14-Dee Ann Clemons
- Dec. 15-Cyndy Hancock
- Dec. 17-Teresa Coker
- Dec. 17-Maggie McLaren
- Dec. 17-Dylan Clemons
- Dec. 17-Carolyn Wampler
- Dec. 18-Brad Canaday
- Dec. 18-Jamy Stumbaugh
- Dec. 19-Nancy Keller
- Dec. 22-Alexis Mosley
- Dec. 23-Dodie White
- Dec. 25-Crystal Clay
- Dec. 27-Glenn Hancock
- Dec. 27- Beth Helm
- Dec. 28-John Pearson
- Dec. 30-Samantha Wilson
- Dec. 31-Cody Palmore



- Budgeted Offerings:**
- Nov. 1-\$5,157
 - Nov. 8-\$2,060
 - Nov. 16-\$4,513
 - Nov. 22-\$1,691
 - Nov. 29-\$2,522



News from Rachel Powell

My mom came for a two-week visit. At the beginning of her time, we went on a research trip to gather information about a few different dialects of the Dogon language. The Dogon area, for those that do not know, is one of the biggest tourist areas in Mali, and the Dogon people are said to have the highest number of known believers in the Mali people groups. There are also sixteen dialects of the Dogon language, and not all can understand each other. We have discovered that there are large percentages of different dialects that have little or no access to the Gospel. On this trip, we visited three villages, two of which have never heard of God's Word and one of those had never heard the name of Jesus. The third village knew of people who came to share with them two years ago, but have not come back. These people are wanting to know more, but there is currently no work being done among them. We had the opportunity to share stories with these villages, and two of them have expressed their desire for us to come back and share more.

During my Mom's visit, we had plenty of time for shopping, and hanging out in Bamako. The last day mom was here, we had the opportunity to go up to the top of one of the monuments here in town, and it was really neat getting to see across all of Bamako. We had a great time together!

Prayer Requests:

1) Mom hurt her foot while she was here, please pray for healing.

2) Travel as I am heading home for the holidays next month.

3) A team from Texas and a team from Georgia that will be traveling here very soon!



It is hard to believe that my favorite time of year is here! I want to take time to challenge each of our students this season to focus on why Christmas is special, Christ! This time of year is always a busy one, and this year will be no different. I would like to thank all of our students who helped with this year's Taste of Christmas. This month, our Wednesday night talks will be geared around a Christmas theme. We will be having our Student Ministry Christmas party on December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Pastor Russell's house. We will be having food, games, and a gift game. We invite all of our students to join us. I would also like to remind our students that on Wednesday December 23, there will be no regularly scheduled church activities. We would like to invite everyone to join us for Carols, Candles, and Communion on December 24 at 6:00 p.m. This will be over right at 7:00 p.m. so that we can celebrate with our families. I truly hope that this Christmas season we will be able to focus on the celebration of Christ's birth!



Wednesday Night Supper

- Dec. 2-Mexican Chicken, tacos, rice beans, sherbert
- Dec. 9-Chili, chips, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, cakes
- Dec. 16-Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic toast, brownies
- Dec. 23-Stew, cornbread salad, cobbler
- Dec. 30-Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cheesecake

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Dec. 6-Brian & Lacey Ramsey
- Dec. 13-Tim & Cindy Franklin
- Dec. 20-Jerry & Carol Pace
- Dec. 27-Jamy Stumbaugh, Jayden Stumbaugh

MEN'S RETREAT



Men's Conference
With guest speaker
Neal Jeffrey
at Sabine Creek Ranch
January 22-23, 2010

Cost for the conference is \$75 and includes 3 great meals, conference fee and lodging. Sign up in the foyer or see Gary Smithers for more details.



Taste of Christmas

December 4, 5 & 6
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to share in the joy of the season through music and puppets, food and crafts. See the holiday train, the live nativity, and let the children visit with Mrs. Claus.

Don't miss this opportunity to share Jesus as the Reason for the Season with those you love!



Adult Mission Study
Tuesday Dec. 8
10:30 a.m.

Men & Women are invited to attend the Mission Study.



Music Notes

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's Christmas! It's time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will come and celebrate with us during "The Taste Of Christmas" open house December 4th, 5th and 6th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. each evening. Invite your family,

friends, neighbors, co-workers, everyone to come and enjoy the evening. There will be something for every age to enjoy: puppet shows, a live nativity, crafts and Mrs. Claus for the children, great holiday food, a fantastic Christmas train layout that will amaze you, and the presentation of the musical "On This Very Night" by the choir. This promises to be a very special event. As the words in the title of the musical states, "On this very night, everything's changed. God is among us; no fear remains. All of creation sings out with joy for this Baby Boy!"

Special thanks to those who provided special music for worship during the month of November: Nicole and Kameron Minchew, Darlene Nix, Cassie Lovell and the choir.

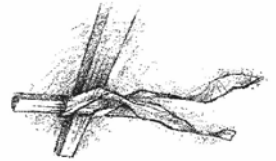
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For Foreign Missions
Remember our Foreign
Missionaries
This Christmas season!



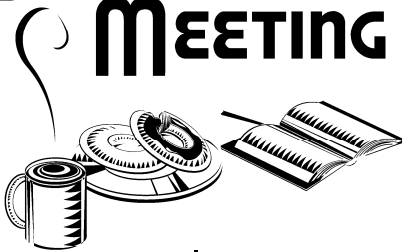
angel food
MINISTRIES

Our church is now up and running as a host site for Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food provides selections of groceries for purchase at a greatly reduced cost. These groceries are available for anyone to purchase. All of our church members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Selections include the signature box, which will feed a family of 4 for about a week, the convenience package, which contains prepared meals specifically designed for seniors, a produce selection, and several meat options. All orders must be made and paid for in advance. Food must be picked up at the church at the scheduled time on distribution day. Full menus for each month will be available at the church. See Tim Franklin for more information!

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BREAKFAST MEETING



Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 12 @ 8:00 a.m.
In 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
5:30 p.m. - Discipleship Classes

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. - Acteens
5:30 p.m. - Family Supper
6:30 p.m. - Children's Missions Organizations
6:30 p.m. - Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Youth Worship "Oasis"
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal