



The December 2014 newsletter of FBC Trussville

Ministry of Praise 228.1025

2014 Christmas Music!

Wednesday, December 3
6:00pm • Worship Center
An Unexpected Christmas, presented by our 1st - 5th grade children's choir!

Sunday, December 7
6:00pm • A200
The Christmas Journey, presented by our K3 choir.

6:30pm • A200
The Christmas Present, presented by our K4-K5 choir.



Sunday, December 14



6:30pm • Worship Center

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Waypoints



A word from our Pastor's heart

Merry Christmas! There is no other celebration like it and there shouldn't be. Christ's birth is the beginning of true joy, hope and unparalleled love. I know you're busy, but I hope you have already begun making plans to attend this month's special services, performances and events that celebrate Jesus' birth.

During December we will receive our annual **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Every penny of this offering supports the work of our 4,816 international missionaries. Last year these missionaries shared the gospel with 1.7 million people and helped start 6,200 new churches. Our goal as a church is \$150,000. I hope your family will find a way to participate in this offering that impacts lives literally around the world.

Also in December you'll be able to enjoy the sounds of Christmas through our Ministry of Praise. On Wednesday, December 3 our Children choir will present **An Unexpected Christmas**. That following Sunday, Dec 7 our Preschool Choirs will present **The Christmas Present** and **The Christmas Journey**. Lastly, our Choir and Orchestra will join with recording artist Travis Cottrell in the 2014 **Trussville Christmas Celebration**. Find the time to bring your families to these wonderful presentations.

If you look around the Gathering Space you'll notice the **Living Tree Wreaths**, each representing a family we're helping with Christmas. You can participate by taking an ornament, purchasing the gift and bringing it back over the next few weeks. On December 17, these families enjoy a delicious meal and hear the true Christmas story. Nothing is better than a mom, dad or child coming to know Christ at Christmas.

My favorite times with our church family happen during our candlelight services. We will have our first candlelight service on Sunday, December 21 for those of you who will be traveling during Christmas. For the rest of us we can choose from two services on Christmas Eve. Bring your whole family.

On **Sunday, December 28** we will all worship together at 10:00am in one worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

Whew, what a busy month! But, don't forget to take the time to remember Christ who was born for us!

Merry Christmas,

Buddy
 Pastor Buddy Champion

Welcome New Members to the First Family!



Christy & Wade Bryant
 by letter; **Jackson** by profession of faith (Also shown, **Lizzie** and **Amelia**)



Courtney Crowe
 by profession of faith

Photo not yet available

- **Noelle & Chris Moon**, by letter (11/02)
- **Minnette & Jim Moreno**, by letter (11/23)
- **Barbara Minton**, by letter (11/23)

FBCT Library

December hours

Sundays, Dec. 7, 14 & 21
 8:00am-12:30pm

Tuesdays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16
 9:00am-5:00pm

The library will be closed Wednesdays this month.

The Living Tree Wreaths



Helping families in need within our community and church at Christmas.

- Wreaths are on the wall just outside the worship center.
- Each wreath represents a family being helped
- Each tag represents a Christmas need.
- Take a tag or all the tags for a family.
- Wrap items described on the tag.
- Return gifts to the Event Center by Wednesday, December 10.

Living Tree Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 17

6:00pm • Gym

If you would like to help at this dinner for the families we're assisting, let us know at 228-1017.



Led by the FBCT Children's Ministry. For questions call 228-1017.

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Music Recital & Art Show

Saturday, December 6 • 9:00am & 10:30am

Showcasing the offerings of our fine arts program!



Students 228.1018

Student Christmas Party/Worship

Wednesday, December 10 • 5:00-8:00pm

High School Worship Space

This will be a combined party and worship service for middle school and high school students.

Student Ministry Info: kelseyw@fbctrussville.org



Sports Recreation Ministry 228.1000

Upward Basketball

The 2015 Upward season is almost here! Practices begin the week of December 1st, games begin Saturday, January 10!



Walk Across Alabama

Stay tuned for more info on this wellness activity for adults, coming in 2015!

Sports Recreation Info: kathyb@fbctrussville.org

Senior Adults 228.1014

Important December Dates:

- Joyful Hearts Leadership Mtg. - Monday, Dec. 1 • 9:00am • D141
- JH Singers Rehearsal - Thursday, Dec. 4 • 10:00am • D142 (lunch to follow)
- Alzheimer's Support Grp. - Tuesday, Dec. 9 • 6:30pm • D139
- JH Singers Carol Sing- Thursday, Dec. 11 • Details TBA
- Joyful Hearts Christmas Banquet - Tuesday, Dec. 16 • Gym • \$6

Senior Adult Ministry Info: jamiec@fbctrussville.org



Christmas Poinsettias

Displayed in the Worship Center this Christmas, in honor or memory of your loved one. Order at the Event Center or on your Sunday Worship Guide tear off through Wednesday, December 10.

Missions 228.1014

San Francisco Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, December 7 • 4:30pm • D142

Get details about the 2015 mission trip at this interest meeting!

S.A.L.T. Groups

New groups starting on January 10:

- "Key Biblical Principles of Fasting," held in EB01. Contact Sherry Bircheat for more information at 661-9986.
- Thessalonians, a Beth Moore Study, held in E206. Contact Shirley Lyle for more information at 655-7543.

Season Of Our Savior

Fill Christmas stockings for children in Birmingham area homeless shelters. Help our WMU with this effort through Tuesday, December 9th. Visit the Missions Wall for details.



WMU Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, December 2 • 10:30am • D200

All are welcome to this lunch as we welcome our special guest Andrea Mullins speaking on *World Crafts*, an effort our missionaries use to teach people abroad how to earn income.

Samaritan's Purse Processing Center Trip

Thursday, December 18 • Atlanta, GA

Help get shoeboxes from across the United States ready to ship all over the world! We'll leave FBCT at 8:00am, returning at 8:00pm. Space is limited...reserve your place at 228-1014.



Prison Ministry Christmas Snack Cakes

Please bring wrapped snack cakes to the Missions wall by Sunday, December 14th.



Missions Ministry Info: jamiec@fbctrussville.org

Widows/Widowers Banquet

Sunday, December 7 • 12:00pm • Gym

A special time for widow/widowers and the Deacon Ministry. If you are attending please let us know at 228-1020 by Thursday, December 4.



Christian Sympathy

Andrea & Kevin Smith and family in the loss of her grandmother; Krista & Keith Doss and family in the loss of his grandmother, Kathrine Doss.

Lib Stalnaker in the loss of her husband, Tom Stalnaker.

Ann & David Earwood in the loss of his mother, Ervena L. Earwood.

Peggy & Joel Rickles in the loss of her mother; Amy & Seth Riggins and family in the loss of her grandmother; Kristi & Leslie Ennis and family in the loss of her grandmother; Lauri & Leigh Bennett and family in the loss of her grandmother, Margaret Lowery Forrester.

Martha Jones in the loss of her sister, Marian Wright.

Stacy Cole in the loss of her grandfather, Jack Emmett Cole.

Charlotte & Cecil Medders in the loss of her mother, Pansy Glaze.

Carol & Russell Kizer and family in the loss of his stepfather, L.C. Robinson.

Lisa & David Byars in the loss of her mother, June Compton.

Lynn & Buddy Champion and family in the loss of his mother; Macie & Matt Partridge in the loss of her grandmother, Martha Champion.

Christine Pridgen and family in the loss of her mother, Violet Walding.

Karen & David Ramsey in the loss of her mother; Michelle & Jamey Ramsey and family in the loss of his grandmother, Barbara Gill.

Small Groups

	11/02	11/09	11/16
8:00	348	325	308
9:15	1,143	845	940
10:45	241	230	244
Total	1,732	1,400	1,492

December Fellowship Meals

Served Wednesdays in the Gym, 4:30-6:00pm through December 10 for 2014. Our meals will resume January 7, 2015.

- 12/03: hamburger steak (grilled cheese)
 - 12/10: chicken fingers
- Adults \$5 • Kids \$2 • Family Max \$15



Tithes and Offerings

	11/02	11/09	11/16	11/23
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 108,072	108,072	108,072	108,072
Budget Receipts	\$ 143,955	113,557	105,631	96,625
G3 Receipts	\$ 9,266	7,465	10,917	4,051
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 4,755,168	4,863,240	4,971,312	5,079,384
Budget Receipts YTD	\$ 4,697,636	4,812,423	4,918,054	5,025,026
G3 Receipts YTD	\$ 533,006	540,671	551,988	556,039

(11/23 & 11/30 small group info and 11/30 financial info will be included in the January Issue.)

2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Goal: \$150,000
Nat'l Goal: \$175 Million

Supporting the efforts of Southern Baptist Missionaries Around the World!



FOR CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN DECEMBER @ FIRST BAPTIST

AND AT OUR CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 5:00PM
CHRISTMAS EVE • 3:30PM & 5:00PM