

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR November 1-17

NOVEMBER 1-17 RECEIPTS	\$18,354.00
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED	\$24,607.47
RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET.....	\$ 6,253.47

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

NOVEMBER 1-17 Receipts.....	\$18,354.00
NOVEMBER 1-17 Expenses.....	\$10,543.13
NOVEMBER 1-17 Receipts over Expenses.....	\$ 7,810.87

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2013

OCTOBER 1-31 RECEIPTS.....	\$21,637.00
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED.....	\$24,607.47
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....	\$ 2,970.47

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

October 1-31 Receipts.....	\$21,637.00
October 1-31 Expenses.....	\$15,789.99
October 1-31 Receipts over Expenses.....	\$ 5,847.01

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Curtis Dalton, David Burquest, Tom Head
Alt. Dennis Prichard

DECEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

1—Mark Burquest 8—Curtis Dalton
15—Chuck Hughey 22—Jon Huguley
29—Mike Sullivan

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER

BIBLE STUDY—— 85
MORNING WORSHIP—— 110

If you are not plugged in with a Bible Study Group you are
missing a blessing. Bible Study begins at 9:15 am
Join Us! We have classes for all ages!



Men of Faith Bible Study
Monday, December 9
6:30 PM

All men are invited to attend!



Keenagers
Monday, December 9
Noon—Covered Dish
Entertainment: Dulcimer Group

All Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a dish and join
us for wonderful food, fellowship and entertainment.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING EMPHASIS
NOVEMBER 24—
DECEMBER 8
GOAL: \$4,600

WALKING OFFERING
DECEMBER 8TH



WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd
Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Our next
meeting will be December 19. Ladies, please
join us as we look at and plan for the mission
opportunities before us.



For Students
January 3-4
Tickets: \$60/
person

Great Speakers, Worship, and Growth!!



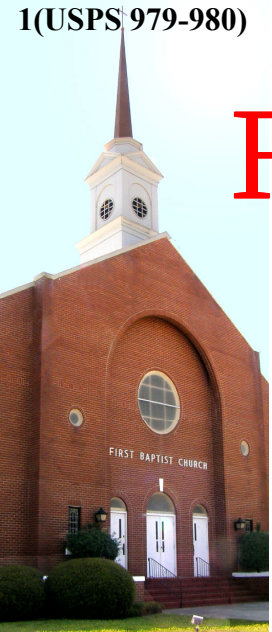
Our Christian sympathy is extended to
family and friends in the loss of one of
our beloved church family,
Jean Clegghorn. Please be in prayer for
the family and close friends.

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“In the heart of the city...Seeking the heart of God”

Our Ministerial Staff

Chad Wood
Nick Prieto

Pastor
Worship & Youth Pastor

From the Pastor

Do you remember when you first started to understand the full meaning of Christmas? For me, it was right around my freshman year of high school. I was already past the stage where I thought Christmas was about a jolly fat guy in a red suit from the North Pole to knowing it was really about Jesus. But it was around my freshman year that I started to really contemplate the importance of Christmas. It was about the Gospel. It’s about the Incarnation that God became flesh to dwell with mankind. Yes, Christmas is about gifts, but ultimately about God’s Gift to humanity. God so loved the world that He GAVE His Son.....for us! There has never been, nor will there ever be, a greater gift given than that which was given us by God Himself. Jesus died on a tree that was made a cross. And on that tree He bore the sins of the world, which includes both yours and mine. When I started to understand the full meaning of Christmas as a freshman, I wrote a poem about it called, “O CHRISTmas Tree.” Yes, I used to write poetry. It is a poem ultimately about the Cross that held God’s gift to us, which is Jesus. The Cross was the Ultimate Christmas Tree. And now, I would like to share this poem with you in the hopes that you will join me as we enter the Christmas season reminded of the greatest Christmas gift ever.....God Himself!

O CHRISTmas Tree

So there you are O Christmas Tree,
Standing so high on Calvary.

Truly you hold just one ornament,
The price of a man whom God has sent.

And There you stand upright and bold,
You are the foundation of the best story told.

So well put together and your wood is strong,
To be as your ornament my soul shall long.

You are stained with blood from when he was nailed,
He there took my place although I failed.

What was it like as he was displayed?
He suffered on you as he was betrayed.

The presence of glory scorned by your touch,
The things he went through and loves us so much.

The glory, the grace, the Almighty power,
He walked in my shoes, my life that was sour.

And you were the key to which he changed the earth,
To trust and obey with a second birth.

Though it should have been me that hung on a cross,
But now in his presence, my life not a loss.

So there you are O Christmas Tree,
Holding the man who died for me.

Love you FBC!
Pastor Chad Wood

Recommended Reading
Vintage Church by Mark Driscoll

DECEMBER 2013

Sundays

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

Wednesdays
5:30 pm CARE
6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study

**Birthdays*

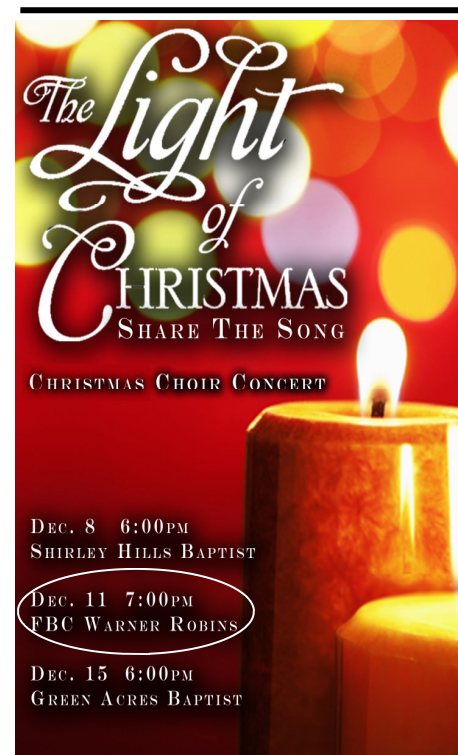
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Home School Presentation—6 pm (this will be our Celebration Service for December)	2 Stewardship 4 pm *Chuck Gibbs	3 *Madison Silverstruck	4 *Dorothy Scacciaferro	5	6 *Susan Silverstruck *Mike Sullivan	7 CHRISTMAS Parade Outreach—8:45 am—1 pm
8 Brad Savage—guest speaker (missionary) - <i>The Light of Christmas</i> at Shirley Hills Baptist—6 pm	9 *Beth McConnell Keenagers Noon Men's Ministry Bible Study 6:30 pm	10	11 <i>The Light of Christmas</i> Choir Concert 7 pm @ FBCWR	12 Pictorial Directory—2pm—9pm	13 Pictorial Directory—2pm—9pm Youth Ladies Sleep over	14 Pictorial Directory—10am—5pm *Mark Ryan Lilly
15 No Church Council Meeting or Stewardship Meeting <i>The Light of Christmas</i> at Green Acres Baptist—6 pm	16	17	18	19 WMU 10 am	20 Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Party 5pm-10 pm	21 Fellowship Hall Reserved *Lee Miller *Ann Cooper
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED *Lamar Christopher	25	26	27	28
29 CSM 5th Sunday Food Collection *Jon Huguley	30 *Miranda Gibbs	31 New Year's Eve *Mark Burquest	1 New Year's Day Office closed No Evening Service			
 In observance of Christmas the church office will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25. The office will also close Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.				Guest Speaker: Brad Savage Sunday, December 8 10:30 AM Global Outreach International Missionaries to Ecuador		

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Do you memorize Scripture? Personally, it has not always been my favorite thing to do even though I grew up memorizing certain verses. Recently, I have developed a new pattern of memorization, and I have seen God work in my life in incredible ways. Ephesians 6:17 states, “and take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**” This verse goes along with the rest of the armor of God, but this piece of the armor is for OFFENSE not defense. When we memorize and meditate on God’s Word, we are filling our minds with God’s truth, which the Holy Spirit will then use in our lives against the enemy and for the spreading of the Good News. Many times, we try to fight with a dull, non-threatening sword and wonder why we are not successful against the enemy! If you want to live in greater victory and experience God on a new level, hide God’s Word in your heart! Get someone to hold you accountable as you intentionally memorize Scripture. I encourage you to start with a small chunk of Scripture...maybe Colossians 3:12-17.

CHRISTMAS is almost here!!! And I am excited to let you know our concert with 4 area church choirs should be amazing! The music is fantastic! The sound is big and beautiful! The message is wonderfully Christ-centered! And it’s “Christmassy”!! We have 3 concerts on December 8th, 11th, and 15th. FBC is hosting the concert on December 11th (Wednesday) @ 7:00 pm. This is sure to be a great night of worship and clear gospel presentation, so be in much prayer and INVITE!!!

Nick



The Light of Christmas
SHARE THE SONG
CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

DEC. 8 6:00PM
SHIRLEY HILLS BAPTIST

DEC. 11 7:00PM
FBC WARNER ROBINS

DEC. 15 6:00PM
GREEN ACRES BAPTIST



“Happy Birthday Jesus Party!”
December 15
10:30 A.M.

For Preschoolers and Children

For more information, please see Pam Sweatt or Jana Shugart

Pictorial Directory Photo Schedule

Thursday, December 12—2pm—9pm

Friday, December 13—2pm—9pm

Saturday, December 14—10am—5pm



If you have not signed up to have your photo taken, please do. We would like for all members to be represented in our directory. It really helps new members to put a name with a face!



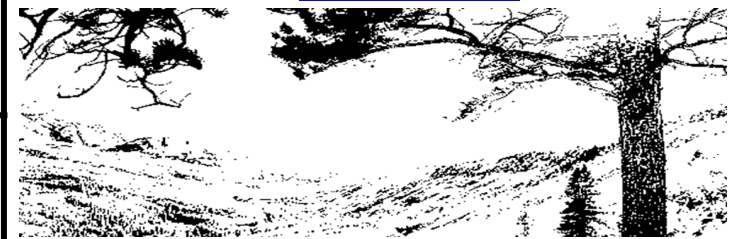
CHRISTMAS Parade

Outreach Project
December 7
8:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Join us as we share water & apple cider with others at the parade. We will set up in front of the church.

...Outdoor Experiences...

2nd Annual Men's Ministry Dinner Fellowship
When: 4 January 2014
Time: 5:30 PM
Where: First Baptist Church Warner Robins
1135 Watson Blvd (Fellowship Hall)
Menu: Italian meal
Cost: \$10.00 per person//ticket sales Begin 3 December 13
Guest Speaker: Brian Anderson
Door prizes include: Golf packages, outdoor/camping gear, gift certificates and more.
Your opportunity to share your favorite outdoor experience
For tickets pls Contact Jeff Sweatt (478) 955-3105 or email mensministry@fbcwr.org



HOME SCHOOL CHORUS PRESENTS:
“THE PERFECT GIFT”
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 6 PM



The Perfect Gift musical brings a great message of hope this Christmas season! Jesus, the Perfect Gift, wants to come into our lives and hearts. He wants to bring us His LOVE, JOY, and PEACE. You will love the script full of humor and fun, the songs that are wonderfully performed, and the Biblical message will touch your heart.

As always, part of the mission of Homeschool Chorus is to change lives with every musical presentation. It is our prayer that children and adults will come to know the Lord as they experience *The Perfect Gift*. Invite your friends and family.

After the musical a Christmas party will take place in the fellowship hall. Bring a finger food to share and join us for a fun time!