



A Word to the Family Pastor John

The "Holiday Season" is upon us and as I reflect on that I realize how much, even though now so secularized, it is about our Savior. We, as believers celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas from the very heart of what they are all about. Don't fall in to the trap of a celebration that has everything to do with "big meals", "presents", "days off", and "seeing family" and nothing to do with Jesus.

The season here at FBC offers you times to fellowship and worship with your church family as we celebrate these holidays together. While many of us will travel and capture the true meaning of the season elsewhere with family and friends; don't miss the opportunities that you have here.

The church wide Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Around the World, Sunday School class parties, special Christmas musical presentations, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, these are just a part of the "Holidays" here because they are "Holy Days" where we celebrate our God and Savior!

See you at the celebrations,

Pastor John



Rob's Notes

Well here we are again at the "Holiday Season." I've gotten to where I don't even use that term much anymore because of the way the world has turned the celebration of the birth of our Savior into something less than a "Holy Day." With that thought in mind, I began a study recently, exploring who Jesus really is because I suspect that many people, even some long-term Christians, have a very narrow view of who Jesus really is.

We recognize Him as the Baby in the manger, born of a virgin and loved by an earthly father. But, do we really see Him in all of His glory? My challenge to the church in these "Holidays" is to look beyond what we've known thus far about Jesus, and find in Him a personal relationship like no other. This will require more time in developing that relationship through Bible study, prayer and meditation, but the rewards will be unfathomable.

Don't forget our combined Adult and Children's Choir Christmas program on Sunday morning December 20. You will be blessed by the music and the Word.

Yours because I'm His,

Pastor Rob

CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY Brandon Moore

Just about a week ago was my 5th year anniversary on staff here at First Baptist. Its hard to believe that it has been that long. I guess time really does fly when you are having fun. I have been able to minister to many students and adults during these last five years and I thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve here in our church.

We have some very exciting things happening within our youth ministry. We recently started playing football on Sunday afternoons, and what started as just a pick up game with 10 people, has turned into a really good ministry opportunity. Over the last few weeks we have had about 25 people show up to play. While a lot of them are our church folks, several of them are youth that need to be reached. Pray for us as we continue to try and reach these students

His Servant,
Pastor Brandon

Here are a few upcoming events
Nov. 29th - SNAC from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Bring snacks

Dec. 12th - Youth Christmas Party -
6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Women's Mission and Ministry

We are now collecting pies to deliver to Loxley Work Release Center for Thanksgiving. We will deliver the pies on Tuesday, November 24th. If you have any question see Vivian Hanich

The Women's Ministry will be enjoying a Christmas visit to the Swift-Coles Historic Home (Bon Secour's Tidewater Mansion) and lunch at the Tin Top Restaurant on Tuesday, December 1st. Home admission fee is \$3.00. The van/bus will be leaving the church at 9:30 AM. Call Sue Hardee or Vivian Hanich for more info. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

Table Top Tuesday
December 8th at 11:00
Becky Nichols will host at
Mariner Lakes Clubhouse

Gail Headrick
Children's
Ministry
Coordinator



God has blessed us with another Christ filled Christmas season, so get ready to be blessed. We are averaging 27 children on Sunday mornings for "I Believe" and about 60 children on Wednesday nights for AWANA. M & M Club continues to be one of the children's favorite times at church.

God has blessed us with the adult leaders to teach our children and I know He is very pleased. Please continue to pray for these men and women as they prepare our children for tomorrow. I want to thank these leaders for carrying on this year through my many illnesses. To my church family, I thank you for always being there. Here is what is going on in the children's ministry:

M & M Club Shoe Boxes are on the way to bless children around the world.

Our children will be singing with the Adult choir on Dec. 20th for a program that will bless you.



The Christmas Store will be in a couple of weeks. The children have worked hard learning Bible verses and earning AWANA bucks to buy Christmas gifts.

We will have our annual trip to CiCi's Pizza and the nursing home for our Christmas social

God Bless You!
Mrs. Gail

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24th
at 5:30 PM

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions
helping support over
5,000 Missionaries.

Be praying about the best offering
you can make to world missions

March for Missions
Sunday Morning
December 13th

From the Finance Committee

Budget Requirement: \$287,405.00
Given to Date: \$233,079.00
Expenditures of Date: \$236,876.00



We will be serving hot chocolate
and our Children's Choir will be
singing at the City's Christmas
Tree Lighting
Dec. 3rd at 6p.m.

Christmas Around the World

Sunday Dec. 6th
6:00 pm

O.B. Community Center

Pastor:
John W. Price

Minister of Music/Sr. Adult Pastor:
Rob Lane

Youth Pastor:
Brandon Moore

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Thanksgiving Events

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 22nd 6 p.m. at Christian Life Church	Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal Tuesday, Nov. 24th 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
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December 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Women's Ministry Trip	2. Church coUncil 7:00pm	3. City Christmas Tree Lighting Children's Choir Singing	4.	5.
6. Regular Services Christmas Around The World Dinner-6:00 PM Orange Beach Community Center	7.	8.	9. Regular Wednesday Services 	10.	11.	12. Dr. Jon's S.S. Class Party Youth Christmas Party
13. Regular Services March for Missions M & M Club	14. Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm	15.	16. Regular Wednesday Services Business Meeting 	17. Pastors and Deacons Christmas Banquet	18.	19.
20. Regular Services "Come and Behold Him" Musical Presentation M & M Club	21.	22.	23. Regular Wednesday Services	24. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE 5:30 PM	25. Christmas Day Meal served from 11-2 in Fellowship Hall	26.
27. No P.M. Services	28.	29.	30. No Regular Wednesday Services	31. HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!	Church Office closed between Christmas and New Year's Day! In case of emergency, please contact Pastor John at Home: 981-6415 or Cell: 550-5718	

"Come and Behold Him"

a musical presentation
by our Adult and Children's Choirs

Sunday, December 20th

During the morning worship service

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11