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**FIRST Edition**

**AT THE HEART OF THINGS DOWNTOWN**



✘ **From the Pastor** ✘

*“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14*

How do you respond when you see a genuine need? You probably react in one of two ways; you will either be moved by compassion or be unmoved due to immunity because of the daily bombardment of needs that surround us. To be moved by compassion is to have that gut-wrenching feeling that motivates a person to action.

Nearly 35% of American families have found themselves forced to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage. With the increased need, our giving toward the World Hunger Fund has trended downwards in recent years. In 2004, \$6 million was given. In 2010, \$4.5 million was given - a decrease of 25%.

Overseas, Southern Baptist missionaries and humanitarian workers rely on the World Hunger Fund for crucial ministries. “Millions of people around the world are suffering from chronic and acute malnutrition. Thankfully, missionaries are on the field feeding many of these adults and children as well as providing the expertise necessary for their communities to reclaim their lands for crops and livestock.” Richard Land

If you have not given to this great cause, join my family and me in helping provide for the needs around the world through the many missionaries who are already on the field. Again, 100% of this offering goes to meet needs, 0% for administrative purposes.

In Christ,  
*Michael*

*November 2011 Bible Reading Challenge*  
*Philemon, Titus & Nehemiah*

*November Prayer Meeting*

Beginning on Monday, November 7, the Fireside Room will be open for prayer from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The purpose of this time will be to pray for the new service that we plan to start early in 2012. It will be a come-and-go format.



**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY**

**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK ONE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.**



## Children's Happenings and Updates

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

The late A.W. Tozer once made this claim, "A thankful heart cannot be cynical." I suspect he is right. It just may be that the cynical spirit of many has come about because of our failure to be grateful. So I'm devoting the entire month to fostering a gratitude attitude. I resolve to obey the Biblical call to "give thanks in all circumstances". (1 Thessalonians 5:18) And it's not enough to do it just on Thanksgiving either; we all should make thanks living a daily goal.

Just to be clear, I give thanks to God for His many blessings. I haven't created my own good fortune. I owe a lot to my family even though they are not the ultimate source of my blessings. Every good gift – whether delivered through country, church, friend, or family – is ultimately traceable to God's generosity.

I saw a cartoon years ago that featured a bewildered-looking fellow sitting at a Thanksgiving table loaded down with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. The caption read, "Alvin the atheist realized he was at his lowest point, for he felt grateful but had no one to thank." A believer doesn't have that problem.

When you sit down with the people you love this Thanksgiving, give thanks in a specific rather than generic way. Don't simply acknowledge the vague, warm-fuzzies of a national holiday. Articulate your personal prayers of gratitude to God for his material gifts, for the important people He has placed in your life, for His strength in difficult times, for His Spirit's presence in your life, and – above all – for the salvation He has provided through the Lord Jesus Christ.

So why not join me in the resolve I shared with you earlier? In getting ready for Thanksgiving, let's live a gratitude attitude very day. Co-workers today, family tonight, people who assist you at the post office or grocery, anyone who blesses your life – thank them sincerely for things that make your life better. Who knows? Thanksgiving could become a way of life.

Blessings,  
*Stacy Adamson*

## Overflow Student Ministry

I'm excited about what is happening in the student ministry! We have had our highest attendance in weekly ministries since I have been at First Baptist. We have also had a great time at events this fall. This month I only have a few things to make known. First, we are going to celebrate 11-11-11. The students are out of school, and we are going to plan an afternoon of service and an evening to play. Second, it is time now to plan for summer. We have our camp date set for July 30-Aug 3, and I am working on at least one mission trip opportunity. Look for details in your next Youth News. Also, if you have not received a copy of our Youth News and would like to be added to the email or mail list contact Brock.



In His Service!  
*Brock*

## FBC/SRO Christmas Concert

Mark your calendar now for one of two concerts on December 18 to be presented in the Worship Center of First Baptist Church. There will be performances at 2 & 5 pm. Make plans to attend and invite your neighbors, friends and family.

# "Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer"

## "In Step with the Spirit"

Monday, November 7, 2011, First Session 3-5 pm  
Second Session 6-7:30 pm

A light meal will be served between sessions.  
Hosted by Greene County Baptist Association WMU

*"If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:25*

# In Step with the Spirit



## "50+ Soup/Chili Supper and Auction"

Thursday, November 10, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bring an item to auction off to benefit Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. George Vincel will be our auctioneer. We will have craft items, a carving, baked goods and other items available to bid on. Please check with Gerald Jones or a committee member (Millie Davidson, Ruth Day, Durlene & Tom Castor, Nancy Eslick, Sharon Enyart, June Perkins, Tom McGraw or Floyd Austin) concerning items for the auction. Soup and chili will be provided. Cost is \$1 per person.



## Christian Author Catherine Palmer

Catherine Palmer will be speaking on Sunday, November 13, in the evening worship service. Catherine is the author of over 35 novels with more than a million copies sold and the winner of a Christy Award for outstanding Christian romance. Raised in Kenya, she now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she continues to write in addition to serving as an urban missionary to refugee women through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is the daughter of Harold Cummins, and the late Betty Cummins.

# REMEMBER, REBUILD...

# RENEW, REJOICE!

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGES TO DATE - \$1,412,450

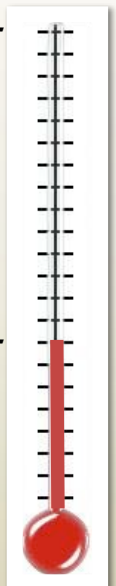
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*"The God of heaven will give us success."  
Nehemiah 2:20*



# "Hang Your Hope on Jesus"

## 4th Annual Ladies Christmas Brunch



Once again, our Christmas Brunch will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Our theme will center around the story of the "Candy Cane". Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 13. Tickets may be purchased following morning worship services in the Conference Room, located next to the Chapel. Table hostesses will be needed again this year and are responsible for decorating a table and providing all table settings for eight. Table hostess handouts with all the specific details and sign up to host a table will begin on November 13 at the table across from the elevator. This is a wonderful beginning to the Christmas season!

### Dates to Remember

- Nov 22 – Annual Thanksgiving Service with Lord's Supper, 6 pm
- Nov 24 & 25 – Offices closed
- Dec 4 – Hanging of the Green, 6 pm
- Dec 11 – Children's Choir Christmas program  
"For the Glory of the King", 6 pm in the Worship Center
- Dec 18 – FBC/SRO Concerts, 2 & 5 pm
- Dec 19 – 50+ Christmas Brunch with the Parkview Choir, 10 am FH

### 2012 Budget Update

The 2012 budget for First Baptist Church has been approved by the Finance Committee and will be distributed on November 6. A question and answer session will take place on November 13 at 5 pm in the conference room and we will vote on the budget November 20 during our regular monthly business meeting.

### Ladies of First Baptist

*You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Stacy Adamson on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 10:00-12:00 in Fellowship Hall. Stacy and Richard are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Dillard's, and Walmart.*

*Bring a copy of one of your favorite recipes to share with Stacy.*

### November Birthdays at First

November 1	Jim Cook	November 8	Veda Locke	November 15	Brandi Thompson	Don Duncan	
	Randy Russell	November 9	Doris Gaddy	November 16	Mary Sue Harper	Cathryn Vincel	
November 2	Dick Bishop	November 10	Ruth Day		Sidney James	November 23	Russell Keeling
	Carole Kidwell		Betty Merritt	November 17	Sally Baldwin		Maria Rigg
	Sam Loethen		Judy Nichols		Jenny Wassam		Debra Trogdon
	Blye Moore		John Wheeler		Erma Wiser	November 24	Wes Brizendine
November 3	Mildred Dopp	November 11	Harold Cummins	November 18	Susan Welker		Jean George
	Bonita Helsley		Mona Fath		Beverly Woodson		Gail Smart
	Kevin Wilson		Annie Wassam	November 19	Lucy Hurd	November 26	Oliver Burgin
November 4	Paula Lawson	November 12	Barbara Bullington		Bill Rentfro		Diana Penrose
	Rocky McBride		Reba Hargus	November 21	Ellen Branstetter	November 27	Ron Baker
	Delbert Spence		Jim Philpot		Karen Flanigan		Carly Brock
November 5	Angela Pinegar	November 13	Richard Bonham		June Pertuche		Melissa Courtney
November 6	Maxine Curp		Velma Hoefgen		Steve Viehland	November 28	Tristan Zachary
November 7	Virginia Harper	November 14	Robin Rueter	November 22	Nelda Branson	November 29	Nick Givens

## November 2011 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 MBC Convention/Osage Beach -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	2 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	3	4 -1st Friday Art Walk 6:00 PM -YA2 Party 6:00 PM	5 -Wedding shower 10:00 AM
6 -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Church Council 5:00 PM	7 -Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM	8 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	9 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	10 -50+ Soup & Chili Supper 6:00 PM	11 SPS school's out	12
13 -Choir luncheon 12:00 PM -Finance Committee 4:30 PM -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM	14 -Lighthouse Family Night 6:00 PM -Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM	15 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM -Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	16 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20 -Adult 4 Brunch 9:00 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Business Meeting 7:00 PM	21 -Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM	22 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Thanksgiving-- Lord's Supper 6:00 PM	23 No Activities Scheduled SPS school's out	24 Thanksgiving/Offices C...	25	26
27	28 -Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM	29 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -MOPS 6:00 PM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	30 -Trustees 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Missions Emphasis 6:00 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM	1	2	3

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

*Worship with us at 10:45 am & 6:00 pm Sundays*

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Check us out on the web at [www.fbcspringfield.com](http://www.fbcspringfield.com)

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## THE RECORD SPEAKS

	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
ATTENDANCE	374	297	367	355	N/A
FINANCIAL					
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	\$22,904	\$21,920	\$11,304	\$14,741	N/A
MONTHLY TITHES TO DATE.....					\$70,869
MONTHLY BUDGET TO DATE.....					\$84,942
MONTHLY NEEDED TO DATE.....					\$14,072
RECEIVED YTD.....					\$788,320
BUDGETED YTD.....					\$789,795
YEARLY NEEDED.....					\$1,475

## YOUR CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR .....	MICHAEL OVERTON
PASTOR OF WORSHIP & ADMINISTRATION .....	DAVID NOLTE
YOUTH PASTOR.....	BROCK KENNEDY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	STACY ADAMSON
COLLEGE PASTOR.....	SCOTT BRYANT
FINANCIAL.....	RON CONN
PASTOR'S SECRETARY.....	JANE ADAMSON
ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY.....	BETTY AUSTIN
RECEPTIONIST/MUSIC SECRETARY.....	VALERIE MCBRIDE
ORGANIST.....	BLYE MOORE
PIANIST.....	JANICE BRANDENBURGH
MAINTENANCE.....	DOUG MCKINNEY
BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS.....	JACOB JONES & CHARLES GOODWIN
CONTRACT CLEANING.....	JIM SMITH



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