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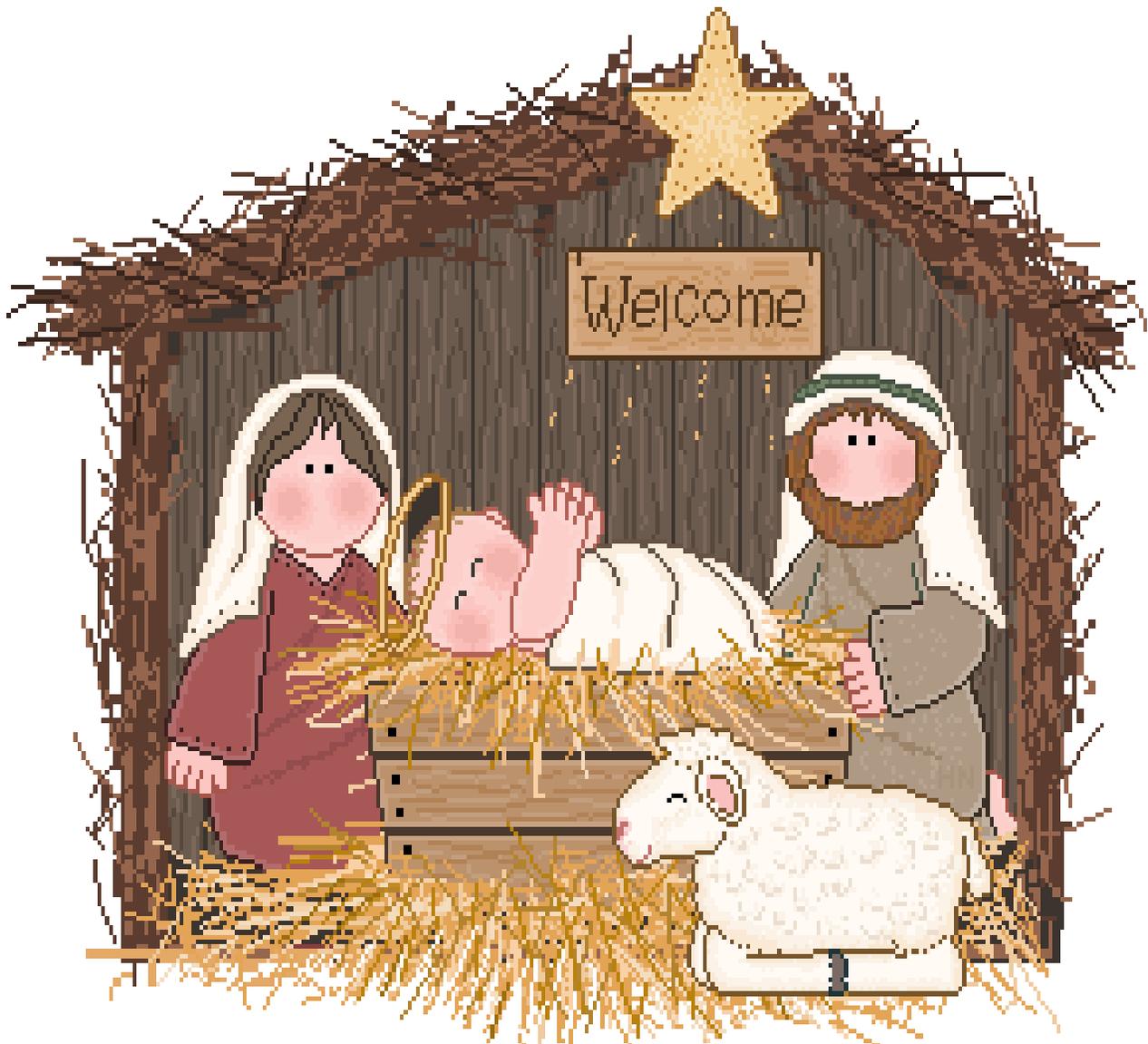
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First Baptist Church Mission Statement

To exalt the Savior, equip the saints, and evangelize the world
through the power of God's Word.

DECEMBER, 2015





TIM'S NOTES

Well, here we are again. Christmas is just a few days away and we are on the threshold of another new year. And, who knows what the New Year will bring? It will bring what every year of life brings: joys, sorrows, victories, and defeats. It will bring blessings and trials, life and death. It will bring challenges and opportunities, as well as failures and disappointments. There will be times of prosperity and times of financial stress. 2016 will be another year on our Journey through Life. And the real question is NOT what will the New Year bring, BUT what will I bring to the New Year?

Will I bring optimism or pessimism into this year God has blessed me with? Will I bring the baggage of past mistakes and failures, the frustration of disappointments and a burdened spirit weighed down by the cares of this world?

Or, will I bring the hope of a life well lived in Christ Jesus. Will I manifest, in my life, the power and glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? After all, I am responsible for me and "my" attitude. Doesn't the Bible encourage us to lay aside every weight that so easily besets us? (Heb. 12-1).

God has blessed us so much. Let's honor Him by letting others see Him in everything we do this New year. May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is the fifth year we have been a Drop-Off Site for Operation Christmas Child. That would not be possible without people like Terry and Cheryl Buhler, they stepped up to serve. They went through the interview process through Samaritan's Purse and were approved to be the coordinators in order for us to become a drop-off site. They are here for 8 days, 2 hours a day for churches and organizations to bring their shoeboxes to be dropped off. Again, "Thank you Terry and Cheryl Buhler for your service to the Kingdom." Also, Warren and Jean Godsmark have also continued to help this year as well, Thank You.

This year our church family gave over 300 shoeboxes toward Operation Christmas Child. The Drop off total from churches and individual organizations this year at our site was over 1000. That is over 1000 collected shoeboxes representing children that will hear about Jesus in their own language. Please pray as the shoeboxes are being prepared to be shipped. Pray specifically for each child and their families as God's word is given to them that they will hear and receive Christ as a direct result of obedience from His people. Thank you church family, for caring and giving the Gospel to others through Samaritan's Purse.

In Christ, Bro. Tim

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jer. 29:11 NIV*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 pm Kidz Praise Musical:
Wrapping All the Way

Sunday, December 13th 6:00 pm

A Christmas Worship Celebration

All Choirs will sing (3 & 4 year olds through Senior Adults)

Times of Sound Checks are as follows:

4:30 YAH Choir

5:00 Celebration Choir

5:15 Youth Choir

5:30 Kidz Praise K-5th grades

5:45 Kidz Praise 3 & 4 year olds

Sunday, December 20th 5:30 pm

Church-Wide Fellowship & Carol Sing, meet in the FLC.

Everyone bring a pot of chili for your family and some to share with crackers or bread. Tea and coffee provided.

Dec. 21st through 25th Church Office **CLOSED
NO Activities**

Wednesday Dec. 24^h Christmas Eve 5:30 - 7:00 pm
The Lord's Supper served to Individuals and Individual families in the FLC

Sunday, December 27th
NO Evening Worship- Christmas Day Weekend

Wednesday Dec. 30th NO Activities

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Friday, January 1st 2016 New Years Day
Church Office **CLOSED**

Sunday, January 3rd
NO Evening Worship- New Year's Day Weekend

Wednesday, Jan. 6th Ministry Fair 6:00 - 7:30 pm

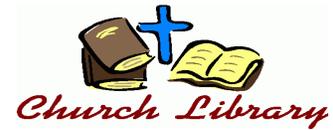
Whole Smoked Boston Butts \$25 Donation.
Tickets Available Dec. 6th at the Church Office or after services on Sunday & Wednesday

2 Days to choose from:

Wed. Dec 16th Pick Up from 3 – 6 pm
/ Sun. Dec 20th // Pick Up from 5 – 7 pm
Proceeds are to help us with Missions Through the Arts



**FROM YOUR
DEACONS**



There goes the alarm clock again, another day of the same-old, same-old. Have you ever felt like your life is like the movie Groundhog Day? That you're destined to repeat the same things over and over and over. It is easy to get into a routine and get bored with life in general. Today's society with its fast-pace, smart phones, e-mails, and social-media has made us into a people that almost need a constant bombardment of information and things to do. Unfortunately this has created in us a false sense of importance of ourselves and a self-centered focus that only leads to more of the same. I believe this is one of the Devils schemes to make us ineffective in the lives of the people that we come into contact with on a daily bases. Listen to what the author of Hebrews says about what our focus should be:

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Hebrews 10:23-24

With our hope firmly in Christ, believing the promises of God (2 Corinthians 1:20), our lives are to be focused on considering one another and figuring out how to stir up love and good works in one another. This kind of intentional consideration of others with the sole purpose of showing them what your hope is while pointing them to the Cross, as well as stirring up in them love and good works is a purpose for us as Christians that can help us with this problem of boredom. You see if we truly get this right then we won't have time to be bored, we will be constantly studying those around us and looking for opportunities to point then to Jesus. People change and circumstances change so this kind of intentionality is ever changing. With each new day, let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, so that we might live out the Gospel and make our Savior famous.

November 9th – December 13th

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December 14th – January 10th

- *Ed Carter
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*Team Leader

As I write this article for the December, we will be giving thanks for all that we have and realize just how blessed we all are. There are so many in this world that are so lonely and lost, going hungry every day. We need to give more, love more, do more not just think about it and pray for our leaders and our country.

I believe I mentioned a book last year entitled **Christmas For A Dollar**, a wonderful book and movie for the whole family. If your family hasn't seen it, it is a well worth while movie to watch. We have both in the library. A wonderful story.

Here are a few other books that we would like to share during this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and these are all for children:

Little Tree Found by Troy Schmidt: In this very special children's story, Little Tree finds himself pulled from his home and dying in a mysterious place, until a Father and Son purchase him and give him new life as a Christmas tree. The journey of Little Tree tells the true meaning of Christmas as a message of salvation and new life that comes from God and his Son Jesus Christ. **(Call # CE Sch)**

Silent Night, Holy Night: The Story Behind Our Favorite Christmas Carol by Myrna Strasser: The touching story behind "Silent Night". Learn how a moonlit visit to a humble woodcutter's cottage inspired the immortal words to the best-loved Christmas carol. **(Call # CE Str)**

Penny's Christmas Jar Miracle by Jason F. Wright: Penny Paisley holds a party to present the family "Christmas Jar"—a jar in which her family has been saving spare change throughout the year—to an ailing neighbor, Grandpa Charlie. **(Call # CE Wri)**

The Gift of the Christmas Cookie: Sharing the True Meaning of Jesus' Birth by Dandi Daley Mackall: During the Great Depression, Jack helps his mother make cookies for the needy at their church, learns the story of how the first Christmas cookies were used to spread the gospel to people who could not read, then finds a way to bring that story to life. **(Call # CE Mac)**

Drummer Boy by Loren Long: After accidentally being thrown away, a beloved toy Drummer boy goes on an adventure that eventually brings him back to a warm home, where he is placed near baby Jesus in a manger scene. **(Call # CE Lon)**

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Papa's Gift: An Inspirational Story of Love and Loss by Kathleen Long: Clara's grandfather gives her a snow globe. She loves it because she loves him. She loves him almost more than anything else on earth. When he dies she is devastated and lost. It is a long process, but Clara finds her way back and learns about life, death, and the life hereafter. **(Call # CE Bos)**



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HEAR US ROAR! "No greater joy can I have than this, to HEAR that my children follow the truth. 3 John 4"

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR:

December 7: Boys basketball game, Bell Middle School, 4:00 and 5:00 in Bell

December 8: Girls basketball at 4:00 pm and Boys basketball at 5:15 with Victory Christian School of Valdosta in High Springs

December 8: Christmas Concert, K-2, Tuesday, 7:00 pm in the FBC Sanctuary

December 10: Christmas Concert, Third through Eighth Grades plus High School Chorus, 7:00 pm in the FBC Sanctuary

December 11: Girls basketball at 4:30 and boys basketball at 5:45 with West Meadows Baptist Academy of Jacksonville in High Springs

December 12: High Springs Christmas parade, FCA participates with a float

December 14: Girls basketball at 4:00 pm and Boys basketball at 5:00 pm with Countryside Christian School in Gainesville

December 15: Girls basketball 4:00 pm and Boys basketball at 5:00 pm with Cedar Key School in High Springs

December 18: Girls basketball at 5:00 pm and Boys basketball at 6:15 with Calvary Christian Academy of Middleburg in High Springs

December 21 – January 1: Christmas break, FCA closed

FCA School Board Members: Kathy Barnes, Kim Carter, Shelly Donnelly, David Friar, Ruth Lord, Drew Mock, Chairman Daniel Shepherd, and Kim Teele.

Website: For ongoing and updated information, please visit our website: fcahighsprings.org.

Fall Fundraiser: Our fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks for your participation. Over \$26,000 worth of items were sold which means our school made an approximate profit of \$13,000! Our top class was Miss West and her Kindergarten class. They enjoyed their movie and popcorn day on Friday, November 20.

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Ongoing Fundraisers: Here at FCA, we have several fundraisers that go on year round. We appreciate all of our parents and church family helping in the collection of the following: Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+ labels, Sunny D labels, Coke Rewards. Thank you and please keep up the great work of donating to FCA!!

Student Government: SG will help coordinate the FCA High Springs Christmas Parade float on December 12.

These teachers at First Christian Academy are reporting some very exciting things going on in their classes:

VPK, Jessica Smith, Karen Dye, Gay Moody, Becky Dye, Tonya Davis, Hana Wingfield: Our VPK held their annual Thanksgiving Program and Feast on November 20. It was an outstanding and fun event!

Second Grade, Mrs. Kim Friar and Lindsey Bigelow: "We are trying to get to the land of Canaan. We have been studying about the life of Moses. Moses has just died and Joshua has been appointed the new leader. But we can't get to Canaan yet. We must take a break and talk about the First Thanksgiving and then, of course, the birth of our Savior! We will be visiting Plantation oaks in December to pass out Christmas cards and sing carols to the residents. We are learning in Math to carry over into the tens place and the hundreds place!"

Submitted by Linda Petteway

THANK
YOU

To My Church Family,

I just want to say Thank You for my Thanksgiving Box and how good it was. I enjoyed it very much.

My granddaughter cooked most of it for me. I cooked the pie and she cooked the rest.

I thank Jesus every day that I am able to do a little bit at a time. Jesus is in my heart all the time. I am not afraid when my time comes to meet Jesus. I am looking forward to meet Jesus.

Thank you again for the Box. Keep me in your prayers. Jesus is real.

Love to my church and prayers,
Maudine Douglas

What's Happening



Morningstar Baptist Church presents "Take a Journey on the path to Bethlehem," December 12 & 13, 2015 from 6 – 9 pm. They are located at 11250 West CR 18, Lake Butler.



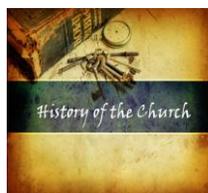
Join the High Springs Community for the 2015 Christmas Parade and bring your friends and neighbors. The parade starts at 6 pm on December 12th.

CAMP VICTORY FAMILY MISSION TRIP

The annual Camp Victory Mission Trip is scheduled for January 28 – 31, 2016. Please prayerfully consider going. There is a maximum of 125 people that can go. The signup sheet will be placed in the Church Foyer, December 20th. If you have any questions, please give Matthew Humphries a call at 352-514-6830.



Women's Resource and Medical Clinic, faith based local crisis pregnancy center, has a position open for Director of Client Services. Duties include front office administration, managing the volunteer program and client services. Approximately 35 hours per week. Contact Sue Illig at 352-377-4947 or womensresourcece@bellsouth.net. The deadline to apply is 12/31/2015.



The History Books are in! If you ordered a book, you can pick it up after the morning services in the Library. There are some extra books on sale for \$30, if you did not pre-order. Please note: the DVD pictures are accessible on the computer only.