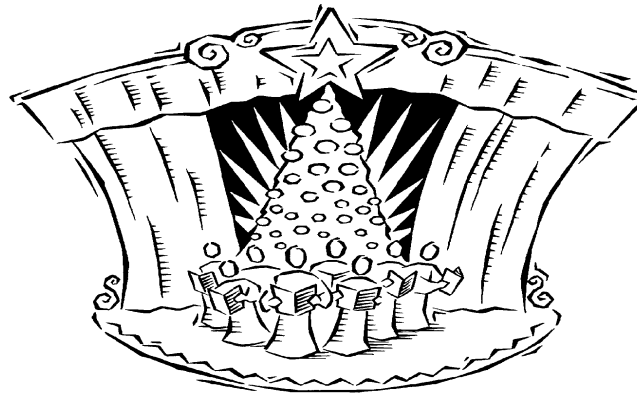


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ALBANY

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DECEMBER, 2011

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C H R I S T M ★ S  
*Cantata*

LIGHT LOOKED DOWN

and the Word became flesh

Edited by

Keith Wilbanks & Sarah Huffman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

10:40 A.M. &

6:30 P.M.

**WOMEN ON MISSION  
DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

KITCHEN DUTY AND CAKES FOR BIRTHDAY  
PARTY AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER -  
M&M CIRCLE

Mon., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... M&M Circle, hostess, Tammy Prewitt  
Thurs., Dec., 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. . Birthday Party at Golden Living Center  
Tues., Dec., 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting for International Missions  
Tues., Dec., 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m..... Lucy Wagner, hostess, Peggy Mader  
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**DEACONS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY**

**DECEMBER:**

4<sup>TH</sup> - David Hansel  
11<sup>th</sup> - Kevin Harding  
18<sup>th</sup> - Dean Gillespie  
25<sup>th</sup> - Kent Holcomb

**JANUARY:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Mike Owsley  
8<sup>th</sup> - Bryan Prewitt  
15<sup>th</sup> - Larry Allenbrand  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Jason Newman  
29<sup>th</sup> - David Hansel  
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**NURSERY WORKERS**

**DECEMBER:**

4<sup>TH</sup> - Kay Holcomb/Makenzie Gillespie  
11<sup>th</sup> - Barb Rainey/Sidney Youngs  
18<sup>th</sup> - Laura Stevens  
25<sup>th</sup> - Kelly Manning  
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**BACK PACK BUDDIES PROGRAM**

For December, First Baptist Church is to donate  
single serve cups of Pudding, Jello and Applesauce.  
Questions, call Barbara Rainey, 726-3362.  
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**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

National Goal: \$175 million  
FBC Goal: \$3,000  
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**DAY OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

We will have an ornament exchange,  
so bring an ornament if you want to participate.

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

Regular Budget Offering

11/06.....\$4,837.00  
11/13.....\$2,242.06  
11/20 .....\$2,503.89  
11/27.....\$  
Weekly Average ..... \$3,194.31  
Weekly Budget .....\$3,339.29  
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**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School..... 120  
Morning Worship..... 188  
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**BUILDING FUND**

11/06.....\$848.00  
11/13 ..... \$383.00  
11/20.....\$592.00  
11/27 ..... \$  
TOTAL ..... \$1,823.00  
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**CHURCH PHONE: 726-5626**

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Pastor's e-mail - [chad@fbcalbany.org](mailto:chad@fbcalbany.org)  
Church website -[www.fbcalbany.org](http://www.fbcalbany.org)



**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Every December, it is our practice to promote and collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This year, we will do so once again. I want to encourage you to pray about what you might give to support this offering this month. Let me share with you a few reasons why this offering is so important.

1. We give to *Lottie* because we believe God has called us to be on mission. Because of that call, we pray for missionaries, we give to missionaries, and we go on missions. We pray constant prayers for missionaries like Whitney Prewitt, Heather Teater, Tommy & Cyndi Morreau, Jack Long, Candy Maddox and others. We go on mission to Joplin, and Haiti, and Panama, and Wyoming, and South Dakota, and Albany, Missouri. And together we give to support missions efforts here and around the world.

2. We give to *Lottie* because we know we can't answer the call alone. A church like ours doesn't have the financial resources to fully support a missionary. But joined together with other churches, we can support lots of missionaries. All of those supporting churches gather together to support over 5,000 international missionaries—and this doesn't even count all of the missionaries we support on this side of the world. As partners with other churches, we need to do our part to support our mission force.

3. We give to *Lottie* because we have been blessed so much by God. We realize that God has given us the beautiful gift of his son. God has also blessed us with so many other gifts. Because of those blessings we want to give back. We want to give so that others can also be blessed. We want to go so that others can come to know the great gift of Jesus.

We are such a giving church. Time and time again, we meet and exceed our missions giving goals. This Christmas season, I hope you will pray about how God might have you give to support our mission force around the world. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**NO BUSINESS MEETING  
IN  
DECEMBER**

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**PRIME-TIMERS CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHEON**

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Noon



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**FBC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Classes and other FBC groups will present 5-10 minute spots of skits, songs, and scripture.

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**COOKBOOKS**

We still have cookbooks for sale at \$15.00.  
They would make great Christmas gifts.

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**HAITI TRIP**

June 20-27, 2012 we will be taking a trip to Haiti. You'll hear more in January. Commitments to go must be in by the middle of March.

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**COURAGEOUS**

The Rigney Theater in Albany will be showing *Courageous* on the first weekend in December. Make an effort to go. Take your family, take your friends, go several times. Let's show our support for movies like this in Albany.

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**WINTER WEATHER POLICY**

If school is dismissed for weather on a Wednesday, there will be no Wednesday night activities.

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**DECEMBER - Youth will attend the EXTREME WINTER CONFERENCE in Branson, Missouri on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**FEBRUARY - Youth will attend the ACQUIRE THE FIRE activities in Kansas City on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you are interested in attending either one of these events, contact Rick Smith.**

**DECEMBER IN A NUTSHELL**

Sun., 4 - 5:00 p.m. .... Children's Choir Practice  
- 5:30 p.m. .... Choir Practice  
- 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group  
- 6:30 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting

Wed., 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. .... Kids 4 Christ  
- 6:30 p.m. .... Acteens  
- 6:30 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study

Thurs., 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. .... Birthday Party at Golden Living Center

Sat., 10<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m. .... Dress Rehearsal for Cantata

Sun., 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. .... Christmas Cantata

- 6:30 p.m. .... Christmas Cantata

Mon., 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. .... Day of Prayer

Tues., 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting for International Missions

Wed., 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. .... Kids 4 Christ

Thurs., 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 Noon .... Prime-Timers Christmas Luncheon

Sun., 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group

- 6:30 p.m. .... FBC Christmas Program

Sat., 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Service

Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship Service

Tues., 27<sup>th</sup> - Thurs., 29<sup>th</sup> .... Youth Extreme Winter

.....Conference in Branson

Mon., 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri., 30<sup>th</sup> .... Church Office will be closed

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**CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER**

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Come spend a few minutes in the sanctuary or the prayer room

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**FBC MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS**

Kids 4 Christ - Contact Dean Gillespie - 726-5890

Children's Worship - Contact Karen Gillespie - 726-5890

Morning Worship Service Nursery - Contact Kelly Manning - 726-5876

Sunday School Director - Contact Rod Green - 726-3677

**OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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**CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**FBC will meet for worship.**

**There will be no Sunday School Classes.**

**Our Morning Worship Service will be at 9:45 a.m.**