

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Dec. 25 Jan. 1

Local Bible Study Enr.	479	479
Sunday Bible Study Att.	--	190
Adults	-	110
Youth	--	25
Children/Preteen	--	18
Preschool	--	25
Nursing Home Residents	--	12
Morning Worship Service		
Traditional	--	138
The Gathering	--	82
Joint Worship	237	--
Extended Session	15	29
Children's Church	--	15

The Visual Bible

Available for check out through the church library is "The Visual Bible." This four-video set is a dramatization using the actual scriptures. . .word for word from the New International Version.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

January 8

Traditional Service

Daniel & Celeste Johnson Chris & Andrew Errico
Kathy Allison

The Gathering

Karon & Gene Taylor Krystal Hiles
Cody Halyard Cory & Twyla Davis
Neilly & Samantha Raleigh

January 15

Traditional Service

Kara & Rod Bounds Kelly Talbert
Misty & Ronnie Pollard

The Gathering

Nick & Amber Sroka Terry Baker
Chad Trotter Clint Hopson
Christi & Dewayne Buller Paula Barker

It is just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness. --Anonymous

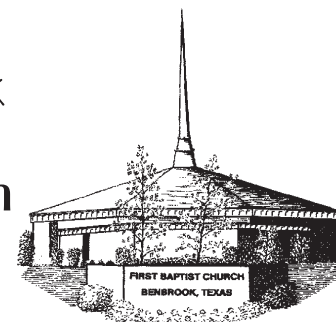
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Discovery Classes Sunday, January 22; 3-5:00 p.m.

Belong - Discovering Church Membership

Find out how to become a member of FBC, what does it mean to be a member, and what is expected of church members. *For: All prospective members and recent new members.*

Grow - Discovering the Christian Journey

Discover the essential elements to growing up in your salvation as you journey onward to Christian maturity. *For: All FBC Members*

Serve - Discovering Your Place in Ministry

Explore your gifts, passions, strengths and how they can be used in ministry. *For: All FBC Members*

Pre-registration is required. Participants will complete an online gift inventory prior to the class.

To enroll in one of the classes, contact Susan in the office. Classes will meet in Adult II Sunday School Department.



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FINANCIAL NEWS

	<u>Dec. 25</u>	<u>Jan. 1</u>
Budget Offerings	19,814.98	8,337.00
Designated Off.	4,639.69	1,863.00
Weekly Budget		\$14,284.88
Future Seed Pledges		\$405,600.00
Future Seed Received to Date		\$104,516.05

COMMITTEE TRAINING FOR ALL 2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

January 15th; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Meet in Adult II S.S. Department
(In Education Building above Adult V)
Find out your responsibilities and meet other committee members.

LADIES BOOK REVIEW

Thursday, January 12 - 7:00 p.m.
At the home of Jeaneta Wallace

Heaven Is for Real:
A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back
by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent

When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed - a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back.

USHERS

Sunday, January 8

Kelly, B. Shelton, M. Johnson, Petty, Lester, Jenkins

Sunday, January 15

Lindsay, Austin, Champion, Petersen, Cox

The Pastor's Pen

There is a guy on the internet who calls himself the "Goal's Guy." His mission is "to provide for you the opportunity to create a focused, goal-directed life and business culture that delivers results." According to him, the Top Ten Goals for 2012 are to (1) lose weight and get in better physical shape, (2) stick to a budget, (3) reduce debt, (4) enjoy more quality time with friends and family, (5) find your soul mate, (6) quit smoking, (7) find a better job, (8) learn something new, (9) volunteer and help others, and (10) get organized. Any of these sound familiar?

I am discovering that there is a difference between goals and ambition. Goals are those ends that we would like to reach, or those that we feel we ought to reach. But ambitions are altogether different. According to the dictionary, ambition is "the desire to reach a particular end." Isn't that what is missing from many of our New Year's resolutions, the desire itself? We know the goal we ought to be chasing, but we also know that the desire is just not there.

But what if our lives were driven by a "holy ambition," an internal desire placed there by our Creator that drives us internally towards the goals that God has set for our lives? How would this holy ambition change how we face the new year? And if we don't have a holy ambition, how do we go about getting one? And once we have one, how do we feed it so that it grows from a desire into a reality?

Join us for worship this Sunday morning as we explore the words of Paul in Romans 15:22-24 to see what the Lord might say to us about our holy ambitions for 2012.

In Christ - Todd

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Monday, January 9th
7-9:00 p.m.; Theme - Soup
At the home of Barbara Jenkins

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

James: Mercy Triumphs

by Beth Moore

Begins Tuesday, February 7th

7:00 p.m. at the home of Deb Pannell

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned a unbeliever into a disciple. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again.

APPLES OF GOLD

Have you wished for an opportunity to share the wisdom and experiences of mature Christian women? If so, you are invited to join the Apples of Gold nurturing program where you will meet with seasoned women and grow in your love for God, your family and others.

The Women's Ministry will host its third Apples of Gold each Thursday Feb. 9 thru March 29 with a Celebration lunch on April 1st. Please contact Martha Kegley at 817-249-7510 or by email at mfkegley@pobox.com if you are interested.

You can also learn more about this opportunity at ApplesofGold.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will resume on January 11. Join the men of our church each week in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 in the morning for a stick-to-your-ribs breakfast and a word from our pastor.

No reservations are required, and we finish promptly at 7:30.

SITE HOST VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels ministry is needing a volunteer for Wednesday mornings from approximately 9-11:00. This volunteer would be a site host, not a driver, and would be responsible for opening the room when MOW delivers the meals to the church and for making sure that all of the meals are picked up by the volunteer drivers. Hundreds of meals are delivered each week in Benbrook, and they are all based out of our site. The site host is an important part of the ministry and is a good ministry for those with the gifts of administration, mercy, or kindness.

For more information, please contact Lois Smith.

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY

Our pastor is beginning a Sunday Night Series called "Fourth Seed Faith," based upon the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13). While many people initially receive the word of the gospel with joy, the majority will fall away and not be fruitful.

Join us on Sunday nights as we discuss the different ways in which we can build a Fourth Seed Faith, the kind of faith that will endure to the end and bear fruit.

Jan. 8 – Fourth Seed Faith: Making it Personal

Jan. 15 – Fourth Seed Faith: Getting Serious About Holiness

Jan. 22 – Fourth Seed Faith: Making the Scripture Profitable

Jan. 29 – Fourth Seed Faith: Knowing the Good Work He Created Us To Do

Feb. 5 – Fourth Seed Faith: Counting the Cost