

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Nov. 27    Dec. 4

Local Bible Study Enr.	475	477
Sunday Bible Study Att.	218	225
Adults	127	137
Youth	27	29
Children/Preteen	29	18
Preschool	23	29
Nursing Home Residents	12	12
Morning Worship Service		
Traditional	171	183
The Gathering	97	92
Extended Session	28	32
Children's Church	22	19

## CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, Dec. 16; 5:30 p.m.

A double feature of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Miracle on 34th Street will be shown on the big screen in the Big Room. The movie will begin at 6:00. Pizza, drinks, popcorn, and candy will be sold to support the children's ministry.

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

### December 11

#### Traditional Service

David and Aren Smith	Cindy Waller
Leslie Wilson	Laurie Appleton
Hannah Stevens	

#### The Gathering

Tracy & Ridge Snyder	Judy Barr
Daniel & Celeste Johnson	Dominique Anderson
Stephanie McElroy	Bill Shelton

### December 18

#### Joint Service

Rosa & Juan Juarez	Brittany LeVoir
Connie Gotcher	Rick & Riley Sapp
Trina Krausse	Austin Hodges
Mike & Erin Borghese	

## USHERS

### Sunday, December 11

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

### Sunday, December 18

Austin, Champion, P. Petersen, Cox, Lindsay

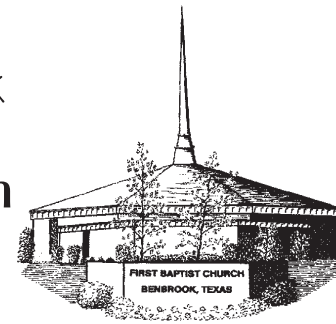
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# Benbrook Baptist Beacon



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... Loving Others  
... Serving Both

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# Voices of Christmas A Christmas Musical Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 a.m.



Presented by the Sanctuary Choir  
and Drama Team

There are so many voices at Christmas. They can be personal and friendly; they can be ancient and inspiring; they can be shouted from the mountaintop and whispered deep in a human heart. But the voices of Christmas can also be sad and reflective. They can recall a Christmas long ago, and a Christmas not yet discovered. But the only true voice of Christmas comes from the pages of Scripture and the song of the angels: "For unto us a Child is born! For unto us a Son is given!"

This musical aims at giving full musical and dramatic voice to the prophecy, the promise, and finally the praise embodied in the season that celebrates our salvation. With your voice, declare Jesus is Lord! And join us to hear the Nativity story narrated through the voices of Christmas.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### By Profession of Faith:

Mrs. Fabiola McCarthy, Terrence, and Fabi -  
1000 Locust, 76126, 817-253-6550

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

	<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>
Budget Offerings	11,475.00	17,466.34
Designated Off.	4,964.00	3,895.00
Weekly Budget		\$14,501.03
Future Seed Pledges		\$405,600.00
Future Seed Received to Date		\$97,252.55

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## Notes of Thanks

We wanted to thank you for all the cards, visits, and prayers. Especially the prayers during and after my surgery. You can really feel the difference when you have people praying for you. Stacy and I wanted you to know we really appreciate each and every one.

--Steve and Stacy Crawford

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Thank you to all of you who donated items for Christmas bags for ladies at Presbyterian Night Shelter and residents at Safe Haven. Because of your generosity, Christmas bags were made for over 60 men and women.

--Barbara Jenkins

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Thank you to all of you who prayed for Earl Davis, the brother of a friend of mine, who had been missing since October. Your prayers meant a lot to his family.

--Dorothy Lee

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### GUDTYME4 Programs:

1:00 p.m., Dec. 10 - Mirabella Assisted Living  
2:00 p.m., Dec. 17 - Bethesda Gardens Assisted Living

## The Pastor's Pen

When the angel announced to Mary that she had been chosen to bear the Son of God in her womb, this should have been incredible news. The Jewish people had been longing for the advent of the Messiah for over 700 years, and one would think that Mary would have been ecstatic about the news, even more so that she had been chosen to play a significant role in the advent of the Messiah. But Mary could only see all the reasons why God could not do what He had announced that He was going to do.

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" (Luke 1.34)

On one hand, I don't blame Mary too much. After all, there are certain things that must happen before a young lady can become pregnant. Her question was logical, well reasoned, and completely in accord with scientific research. Unfortunately, it was asked to an angelic being which means that it was also way off base. Mary was limited in her thinking about how the Creator could act within His own creation. "How can these things be?"

The Bible tells me that we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do the good works God has created in advance for us to do (see Ephesians 2.10). The good work God created Mary to do was to bear the Savior of the world, and pesky little things like medical science were not too great of obstacles to limit the Creator and Sustainer of the world. The promise was not only good for Mary, but it remains for us today.

We are all God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do the good works He has prepared for us to do. I find myself repeating Mary's question all the time when God reveals bits and pieces of what He has called me to do. I look at all of the reasons that I can't do what He has created me to do, and I ask the Mary question, "How can these things be?"

Lord, thank you for creating me to do good works. Thank you for the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit for whom no obstacle is limiting or defeating. And thank you for choosing to work through fools like me who doubt Your sovereign power.

In Christ - *Todd*

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed the week of Dec. 26-Jan. 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### End of Year Contributions

If you would like credit for any remaining 2011 contributions, they need to be turned in to the church office or placed in Sunday's offering by Dec. 25th. They may also be received in the mail if postmarked by Dec. 30th.

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### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY "Not Available" Page

If you did not have your picture made during one of the sittings at the church, you may submit a picture for our "Not Available" page. Please submit a high quality glossy photo. Color copies, instant camera images, or photos printed by an ink-jet printer cannot be accepted. A Copyright Release Form will need to be filled out if submitting professional photos not taken by Olan Mills. Pictures need to be turned in by December 31st.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

**Monday, Dec. 12; 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**  
All ladies are invited to join us for our annual Christmas ornament exchange. Bring a wrapped ornament or decoration and your favorite treat and its recipe. Come prepared to sign up to host future Ladies Nights Out.

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### SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

If you adopted a child from "The Spirit of Christmas" Angel Tree, please remember that items for your adopted child need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 11th, wrapped and labeled with the family number and child's name on each package.

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### DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Sunday, Jan. 22; 3-5:00 p.m. - Conf. Room**  
For all new members and prospective members - Come discover what it means to be a member of FBC Benbrook. Contact the church office or email [ststorey@fbcbenbrook.org](mailto:ststorey@fbcbenbrook.org) to make your reservations.



## Upcoming Holiday Music



**An Evening of Glorious Christmas Music  
for Piano, Saxophone and Voice  
Sunday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Voices of Christmas - A Christmas Musical  
Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 a.m.  
Presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Drama Team**

**There's a Song in the Air  
A voice and piano concert featuring Dr. Angela Cofer, Professor of Voice  
at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Oscar Dressler, Pianist  
Sunday, December 18 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Saturday, December 24 - 6:00 p.m.**