

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Local Bible Study Enr.	480	483
Sunday Bible Study Att.	246	184
Adults	159	114
Youth	21	18
Children/Preteen	17	9
Preschool	37	26
Nursing Home Res.	12	17
Morning Worship Service		
Traditional	186	
Contemporary	124	
Joint Worship		411
Extended Session	29	35
Children's Church	14	--

## TAPED COPIES OF CHURCH SERVICES

Effective January 1, 2010 we will no longer be making video tapes of the church services UNLESS requested PRIOR to that service. We will, however, continue to make DVD's and CD's of the regular scheduled services and can provide copies if requested thru the library. --Audio Visual Service Group

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

### December 27

#### Joint Service - 11:00 a.m.

Dominique Anderson    Adam Pitchford  
 Jessica & Robbie Gray    Carolyn Welch  
 Celeste & Daniel Johnson

### January 3

#### Traditional

June Strange                      Norma Reed  
 Kim McMillen                    Leslie Wilson

#### Contemporary

Mary Buel                          Gene Taylor  
 Liz & Steve Suffron            Bill Shelton  
 Maddie Early

## USHERS

### Sunday, December 27

J. Shelton, Don Pilliod, Freeman, Somoge,  
 Lake, Harris

### Sunday, January 3

Diann Pilliod, Errico, Crumpler,  
 Smith, W. Johnson, Barber

## CHURCH STAFF

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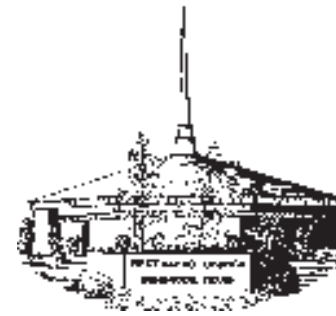
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# Benbrook Baptist Beacon



*Loving God  
 . . . Loving Others  
 . . . Serving Both*

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*A reminder  
 of the dates and times  
 of our remaining  
 holiday schedule:*

### Thursday, December 24

Church Office Closed  
 Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 6 PM

### Friday, December 25

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, December 27

Sunday School - 10 AM  
 Joint Worship - 11 AM  
 No Evening Activities

### Wednesday, December 30

No Evening Activities  
 No Prayer Meeting

*Happy New Year    Happy New Year    Happy New Year*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### By Letter:

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361-633-1817  
Casey Parkhurst

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Budget Offerings	13,715.60	13,420.00
Designated Off.	3,877.00	3,925.00
Weekly Budget		\$14,359.39

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## LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been turned into the church office. If you think one of them might be yours, please call or stop by the office.

IPOD, glove, sunglasses, DVD movie, bracelet,  
rhinestone pin, ring

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## NEW FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning in 2010, we will be having Joint Worship Services on the mornings of the 5th Sundays. So, on January 31, we will have our first "Fifth Sunday Worship" where we will all worship together at 11 AM. Fifth Sunday Worship for 2010 will be January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31.

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## *Congratulations. . .*

. . . to Chad and Katy Peterson on the birth of their daughter. Georgia Kate was born at 11:20 p.m. on December 17th weighing 6 pounds. She was 19 1/2" long. Jimmy and Cindy Peterson are the grandparents.

## *The Pastor's Pen*

With New Year's Day approaching, many "Year in Review" articles and programs will be offered. Consider the following "year in review" article by George Barna:

"Bible reading has become the religious equivalent of sound-bite journalism. When people read from the Bible they typically open it, read a brief passage without much regard for the context, and consider the primary thought or feeling that the passage provided. If they are comfortable with it, they accept it; otherwise, they deem it interesting but irrelevant to their life, and move on. There is shockingly little growth evident in people's understanding of the fundamental themes of the scriptures and amazingly little interest in deepening their knowledge and application of biblical principles.

Barna noted that some of the critical assumptions of many preachers and Bible teachers is inaccurate. "The problem facing the Christian Church is not that people lack a complete set of beliefs; the problem is that they have a full slate of beliefs in mind, which they think are consistent with biblical teachings, and they are neither open to being proven wrong nor to learning new insights. Our research suggests that this challenge initially emerges in the late adolescent or early teenage years. By the time most Americans reach the age of 13 or 14, they think they pretty much know everything of value the Bible has to teach and they are no longer interested in learning more scriptural content."

May 2010 be different for us. May we continue to believe that Scripture is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3.16-17).

*In Christ, Todd*

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## WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Monday, January 11th  
6:00 p.m. At the home of Linda Johnson  
Contact Leah Buck for what to bring.

## ANGEL TREE

The object of this year's Angel Tree is "The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever," developed by the Shared Community Benefit Foundation. The catalog is a collection of 12 agencies in Tarrant County that are ministering to the "least of these" all year long in our own community. These agencies are addressing needs like homelessness, hunger, spousal abuse, child abuse, and mental illness. By giving gifts to these agencies, you can give a Christmas gift with lasting impact.

Order forms are available in the foyer. Please indicate which gift you would like to give, and turn the order form along with a check made out to FBC Benbrook into the church office. You can also give through their website:  
[www.itmakesyoufeelgoodinside.org](http://www.itmakesyoufeelgoodinside.org).

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## NEW CHRISTIANS CLASS FOR GRADES 3-6

Begins January 10th, 2010

*Mom, why did Jesus have to die?*

*What does it mean to have Jesus in my heart?*

*Where did Gramma go when she died?*

*Dad, I want to be baptized.*

Has your child ever asked these kind of questions? Have you ever wished you had some help explaining why Jesus had to die? Well, this class is just that! If your child is 3rd grade through sixth grade and would like to join us for this class, it will meet every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. for four to six weeks. We do ask for your child to be present every Sunday, because each lesson builds on the other. There is no pressure involved in salvation, because we believe Christ calls to whom is ready. I hope you will join us. Register at this link: [www.fbcbenbrook.org/NCC](http://www.fbcbenbrook.org/NCC) - Shannon

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## ALUMINUM PULL TABS

We are still collecting aluminum pull tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House. They may be left in the church office. or on the Women's Ministry Table.

## *Notes of Thanks*

Many thanks to FBC from Project Linus for all they have done for "our" babies and children. We expect to deliver over 1,000 baby quilts and afghans this quarter again. Project Linus volunteers feel we get more from the program than we can possibly put in. It is truly a blessing from God to us. We request your prayers. Bless you all for your caring and kindness.

*--Susan Buckner*

*(and all the Last Saturday Volunteers)*

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A big thank you to James Moore and Don Nowlin for donating their time to patch up and paint a room in the church office area. This room will now be used for our Food Pantry which had been confined to a small closet in the Conference Room. We now have a nice room to spread out and get more organized. Thanks again, James and Don! *--The Office Staff*

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Thanks to all the members of my church family for your prayers and financial support during this last year.

*--Chuck Pannell*

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The friends and families of the Ronald McDonald House wish to thank you for supporting us with your donation of aluminum tabs. Your generous donations support the most special house in town. . . a place where families with seriously ill children receive shelter, support and serenity.

*--The Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth*

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Thank you so much for providing Thanksgiving baskets for some of our Westpark Elementary families. We so appreciate your generosity and willingness to help families in need. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless all of your efforts.

*--Diane Rowton, Counselor*

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## JANUARY ANGEL FOOD ORDERS

Menus and order forms are available on the back table in the sanctuary.  
Deadline for ordering is January 10th.