

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	Nov. 29	Dec. 6
Local Bible Study Enr.	479	479
Sunday Bible Study Att.	219	249
Adults	139	163
Youth	18	20
Children/Preteen	15	15
Preschool	23	32
Nursing Home Res.	24	19
Morning Worship Service		
Traditional	203	191
Contemporary	93	97
Extended Session	20	24
Children's Church	15	13

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 13

Traditional

Heather Koenig Lisa Venable
 Connie Gotcher Lisa Mercer

Contemporary

Nelda Freeman Chris & Andrew Errico
 Diane Tovar Dewayne & Christi Buller

December 20

Joint Service - 11:00 a.m.

Susan & Trey Runnels Joyce & Jordan Pitts
 Francis Godsey Krystal Hiles
 Linda Johnson Chip & Amanda Seagroves

USHERS

Sunday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 20

Champion, P. Petersen, Marbach, C. Peterson,
 Lindsay, Austin

Reminder. . . You can receive our newsletter electronically. Contact the church office or visit www.fbcbenbrook.org to sign up.

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Merry Christmas from Your Church Staff

Have a glorious, praise-filled Christmas, enjoying the gift of our loving, faithful Lord! May your heart and home be blessed.



The Greatest Gift

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Nov. 29

Dec. 6

Budget Offerings	10,440.54	19,673.00
Designated Off.	1,589.00	2,344.55
Weekly Budget		\$14,359.39

CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR SAFE HAVEN

The following items are needed for both men and women at Safe Haven, a ministry of Presbyterian Night Shelter: socks, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Items are needed by Dec. 13th.

The Pastor's Pen

When we think of Christmas, our thoughts naturally turn towards the birth of the Savior. But as we ponder the meaning of that night, we are drawn towards the theological meaning of the moment. This was not just the birth of a babe who was wrapped in cloths and laid in a feeding trough. Theologically speaking, this was the moment of the incarnation, when God became flesh and dwelt among us. And to speak of the incarnation is to remember that this Christ child did not come into being on "Christmas morn," but that the Christ pre-existed His own birth narrative. The Son of God was God in the beginning, was the Creator of all things, became flesh, ascended into heaven, and one day will return. As the angels told the disciples, "This same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back" (Acts 1.11).

So we live in the middle of the gospel story. The *One Who Was* was the Creator of all things. The *One Who Is* is the One who became flesh and dwelt among us. But the *One Who Is To Come* is the One who will return as the Righteous Judge and Everlasting King. Knowing the King of Kings will return, "What kind of people ought we to be?" asked the apostle Peter (2 Peter 3.11).

On Sunday morning, we will study another Herodian witness to the gospel story. This king was an eyewitness to the One Who Is To Come, the resurrected and ascended Jesus. Though he never met Jesus, he was very familiar with those who bore His name. Please be praying that the Lord will speak to us through the life of this unlikely gospel witness.

--Todd

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, December 13 - 3:00 p.m.

For all new members and prospective members. Discover what it means to be a member of FBC Benbrook.

Contact the church office at 817-249-1526 or email sstorey@fbcbenbrook.org to make your reservation so we can make plans for related materials and snacks.

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church of Benbrook presents. . .



An Evening of Glorious Christmas Music for Two Pianos

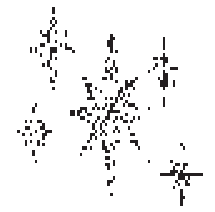
Sunday, December 13; 6:00 p.m.

Presented by Ms. Iryna Simoneaux and Dr. Oscar Dressler

A Christmas Musical - *A Baby Changes Everything*

Sunday, December 20; 11:00 a.m.

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir and Drama Ministries



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20

Sunday School - 10 AM

Joint Worship - 11 AM

Pastor Led Christmas Study - 6 PM

Wednesday, December 23

No Evening Activities

No Prayer Meeting

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

Would you like to help paint a room. . .

We are in the process of moving our Food Pantry to a larger, more convenient room. If you would like to take on the project of painting this room, please contact Susan in the church office - 817-249-1526.

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.

Notes of Thanks

I want to thank each and everyone of you for making my dream of becoming a teacher a reality. Your faithful prayers and offerings are paving the way for limitless amounts of students to come to know the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. God bless your generosity.

--Emily Rose Allen

Our family is blessed because of your generosity. Thank you for your faithful support of our family and ministry.

--Dennis and Stephanie Joyner and Family

LADIES NIGHT OUT AND WOMEN IN TOUCH

COMBINED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 14

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for gift exchange. Also bring your favorite Christmas snack, appetizer, or dessert and it's recipe. A cookbook will be made with all of the recipes.



CHURCH COOKBOOKS

We still have copies of our 2007 church cookbook for \$10.00 each - keep them in mind for Christmas presents. They may be picked up in the office or the Information Desk in the foyer.

GUDYTYME4 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3:00 p.m.
Bethesda Gardens

Sunday morning sermons are now podcast through iTunes under the title, "FBC Benbrook Sermons."