



The kingdom of the world  
has become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of His Christ,  
and He shall reign forever and ever!  
Revelation 11: 15b

We appreciate serving our Lord and Savior along with you!  
We wish you all a very merry Christmas  
and a joyful New Year!  
Love, Your First Baptist Church Staff,

Novah Tom B. Bill Tim  
Becca Fred Tom L. Barbara Suzette  
Cathy

**First Baptist Church Celebrates  
the True Christmas Season (12 Days following Christmas Day)**

**December 27  
College Student Sunday at Christmas Time**

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**Epiphany Sunday - January 3, 2010  
First Sunday Lord's Supper Worship Service**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner**

**This Sunday, December 20 – We leave from church at 5:00 p.m. with a “tight” schedule,  
so please try not to be late!**

Meet at the church as we go forth to carol our homebound members and feast at various youth homes on different, delectable, delicious courses of gourmet delights!

We thank the following families beforehand for hosting these gatherings:

*Middle School: Whittens (appetizers), Simpsons (main course), Hardins (dessert)*

*High School: Blands (appetizers), Lowdermilks (main course), Seagles (dessert)*

Hope all youth have received all the info they need to be fully informed about this extra special holiday treat of Christian fellowship and service!

Friends are welcomed to join you. Invite as many as you want!

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**“Road To Bethlehem” Event Thanks**

Our youth were led on a experiential learning path last Sunday night and, despite gloomy weather, got a fresh look at the Nativity story through Biblical characters “coming to life,” telling the “old, old, story” in new settings, and providing some interesting “interpretations” of these well known Bible personalities!

A meaningful and good time was had by all!

Thanks to Rob Mould for creating the concept and writing the script, and Bryan Black for helping enlist “actors.” The cast included: Jim Baden, Sandy Baden, Alex Bell, Eleanor Bland, Debbie Franklin, Rick Franklin, Jona Harrell, Alan LeCroy, LeAnne Lynn, Todd Lynn, Matt Mostiller, Jody Price, Bruce Sinden, Lee Sinden.

Thanks to Phil Scarboro and staff for assistance with the meal at Friday Friends.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**MISSIONARY PARTNERS**

Nunzio Loiudice - Italy  
Annette Hall - France  
Robert Dunlop - Ireland  
*New Pastor at Brannockstown*  
Mark Hamblen  
Janos Katona - Romania

**SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION**

Eric Duckworth	Erienne Davidson
Shawn Graham	Veronica Graham
Roland Berger	Mark Scannell
Ryan Moya	P. J. Chapman
Joshua Davidson	James Gillon
Zack Maye	Mark Shell
Michael Bradley	Wes Shuffler
Pat Morrison	Johnny Franklin
Nick Long	

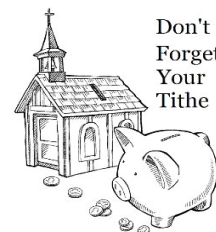
**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

John Cantrell

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Don & Alice Deaton  
1547 Parkgate Dr.  
Kissimmie, FL 34746

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**



Don't  
Forget  
Your  
Tithe

Offering Received Dec. 13.....	\$13,693
Budget Required to Date.....	\$889,700
Received to Date .....	\$832,070
Under Budget .....	\$57,630

**TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS**

Pledged .....	\$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date .....	\$800,556
Building Fund Expenditures.....	\$707,556
Building Fund Balance .....	\$93,336

**Please remember to put your church ministries first in your charitable donation priorities!  
Our ministry and mission commitments depend on your continued, faithful, support!**

*There are only two more Sundays of the year to bring in your offerings or to complete your pledge. All offerings must be in the church office by December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31.*

**MEMORIAL**

A memorial has been given to honor the memory of Maurice Hill.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the following people who made Chrismons and/or put up or decorated the tree:

Sandy Hawn, Jim Hawn, Tammy Gercken, Rhonda Ensley, Pat Lennon, Mardee Black, Rusty Lyday, Eddie Gwaltney, Guy Evans, Tom Reep, Hunter Reep, Todd Lynn, Nancy Bailey, and Steve Bailey.



**CHURCH WEBSITE**

Visit our CHURCH WEBSITE often to find out schedules and details about church events, activities, and ministry opportunities. Check out our church calendar.

[www.fbcmorganton.org](http://www.fbcmorganton.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Katrina and Richard Tucker** on the birth of a son, **Braxtyn Drake Andrew Tucker** born Wednesday, December 16. Proud grandmother is **Charlotte Sparks**.



Global Missions

**First Baptist Church  
GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING**

**Church Goal: \$16,000**

**Received to Date: \$770**

The following Classes are participating in our Church Global Missions Sunday School Challenge:

Agape	Ecumenical
Christians in Action	Circle of Friends
Dorcas	High School
Huffman	Koinonia
Middle School	Serendipity
Young Disciples	

Class offerings will be received during the worship service this Sunday as the names of classes are called.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Worship with us this Sunday!**  
**December 20, 2009 ~ 10:55 A.M.**  
**Last Sunday in Advent – Love Sunday**  
**The Chancel Choir will present the**  
**Christmas Cantata**

**“Canticle of Joy” by Joseph Martin**

Sunday School classes will bring their offerings forward for  
 our church Global Missions Offering.



**LAST CHANCE! CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING**  
 Gifted gift decorators will wrap your presents *for you*  
 the following dates and times:

✳️ **Saturday, December 19 – 10:00 A.M. – 12 Noon**

✳️ **Tuesday, December 22 – 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.**

**Please support the efforts of the Young Disciples Class  
 to assist in meeting our church budget.**

*All proceeds will go toward the ministries and missions  
 of First Baptist Church.*

**COMING THE NEXT  
 TWO WEEKS**

◆ **Sunday, December 20**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:55 a.m. - Worship  
 5:00 p.m. - Youth leave on  
 Progressive Dinner

◆ **Tuesday December 22**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Gift Wrap  
 7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ **Wednesday, December 23**

**NO Church Family Night**

◆ **Thursday, December 24**

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Service

*MERRY*  
**CHRISTMAS**

◆ **Friday, December 25**

Church Office Closed

◆ **Sunday, December 27**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:55 a.m. - College Worship-led  
 worship service

◆ **Monday, December 28**

Church Office Closed.  
 Group leaves for New Orleans  
 Mission Trip

◆ **Wednesday, December 30**

**NO Church Family Night**

◆ **Friday, January 1**

Church Office Closed



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion  
 Worship Celebration**

**Thursday, December 24 – 6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary**

Join us for this most beautiful worship experience as we celebrate  
 our Savior's birth by sharing Scripture readings of the Nativity,  
 singing beloved Christmas carols, hearing the Good News  
 proclaimed, and observing the Lord's Supper together. We will  
 conclude by symbolically welcoming the "Light of the World" by  
 candlelight.

Music will feature organ, flute, and harp.

**A free nursery is provided.**

**Plan on attending and inviting friends, neighbors, and family.**