

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:45 am Morning Worship
4th Sunday of Advent **LOVE**
The Christmas Attitude
Philippians 2:1-11
Rev. Dennis Strawn

11:00 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Sm.Group @ FBC & Kettel's

Monday, December 19, 2011

6:00 pm Necco Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

7:00 pm Pic 'N Grin

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

6:00 pm Christmas Dinner (F&F)
7:15 pm Christmas Play (Sanctuary)
"HAY! A Stable Experience
... For the Littlest Children "

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Friday, December 23, 2011

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 24, 2011

10:00 am Praise Band Practice
6:30 pm Pre-Service Music
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Pulpit Assistants and Visitation:

12/18 Jon Cook, Chris Barnes
12/25 Ralph Carrico, Mark Cartmell

Please Pray For:

Deacon: Jerry Greenwood
Shut-Ins: Pat Layne
Missionary: Judson College
Teacher: Laura Kettel
Class: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades
Youth: Chase Villers
Young Adult: Jeffrey Parnell
Serviceman: Major John Turner

NO MESSENGER WEEKS OF DEC. 19 & 26

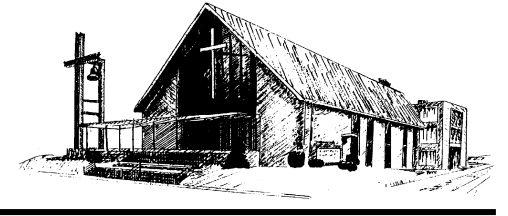
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The Messenger

DECEMBER 13, 2011



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR DENNIS STRAWN

While they were sleeping

It was an evening like any other. Ordinary men were doing an ordinary job. Shepherds were "keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8) Was it chilly? Were they tired? When angels appeared with news of a Savior, had the shepherds been talking about their troubles or sharing a good joke?

How quickly, how mysteriously, how unexpectedly an ordinary night became the turning point of human history. How remarkable that God chose to set his great rescue plan in motion when only a young couple was paying attention and only a few shepherds were awake.

God's work is sometimes so secret we may wonder if he's there or if he cares. The Christmas story tells us that God works out breathtaking plans for our lives in the dark, often while we're sleeping or going about our ordinary routines.

"I am bringing
you good news
of great joy
for all the
people."

Luke 2:10, NRSV



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

*Dennis, Eric,
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Youth Pastor: Eric Barnes
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Secretary: Sandy Caudill
Custodian: Laura Kettel
Pianist: Linda Brammer

UPCOMING EVENTS

(INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS)

Dec. 21	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Christmas Dinner Play: "HAY! A Stable Experience...For the Littlest Children"
Dec. 24	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-service music Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25	9:45 am 11:00 am	Morning Worship Happy Birthday Jesus reception (no evening services)
Jan. 1	9:45 am 11:00 am	Morning Worship Sunday School (no evening services)
Mar. 10	7:00 pm	Tri-County Choir (here)

2012 FLOWER CHART IS NOW UP IN THE COUNSELING ROOM



Christmas barrels for food & toys for the City Mission are in the Narthex. Please bring donations by this Sunday, Dec. 18th.



USHER SCHEDULE
December 18

PROGRAMS
Dave Vogelsong

FRONT DOOR
Jerry Bester

VERNON STREET
Dan Hieronimus

ELEVATOR
George McClure

LIBRARY
Mark Cartmell

Our sincere sympathy to Barbara Triplett and family on the death of Earl who passed away December 8.

Bible Study - It as been requested that I begin a morning Bible Study the first of the year. This would be a Beth Moore study on the book of Esther. The date is flexible, perhaps on Monday, if not I would work with any other day preferred. Please call me, Ramona McCollister at 532-8372.

Received a \$301.83 check from Kroger Cards this month!

Congratulations to Madison Vogelsong on graduating from Ohio State University!

Nursery Volunteers

Baby Nursery

Michelle Cook, Emily Strawn
Shelby Keating & Donita Cook

Sunday School

Volunteers

Sunday Morning

December 18
December 25

Finances: Week of 12-11-11

Receipts: \$ 7,812.58
Disbursements: \$ 11,982.43



OFFERING TO GO. THANKS, FINANCE COMMITTEE



We have the Christmas Card mailbox in the Narthex with slots marked A-Z. If you would like to "mail" your cards to **LOCAL attendees only**, this will save you the cost of postage.

"FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY" class to begin at FBC the first of the year. See Jon Cook for information and details!

FBC Clothes Closet

Mondays & Saturdays 9:00 am—12:00 Noon
or call Gina Boggs 606-615-2554.



Men's Basketball Winter League
(January—March, 2012)
Entry deadline: Friday, Dec. 16
League Start: Sunday, Jan. 8
All games will be played on

Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings
Call: Eric Barnes 532-1240 or 534-3739

The family of Mary Bishop would like to invite the church family & friends to attend a birthday reception for Mary celebrating her 90th birthday on December 18th, 1:00—4:00 pm at the Ohio University So. Rotunda.

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday 12/7	Adults 27	Youth 88
Adv. Club 12/6	69	Truth Works 12/8
December 11	2011	2010
Morning Worship	138	156
Sunday School	76	88



Week 51

- Day 1 1 Peter 1-5
- Day 2 Hebrews 1-4
- Day 3 Hebrews 5-8
- Day 4 Hebrews 9-13
- Day 5 2 Timothy 1-4
- Day 6 Jude; 2 Peter 1-3

Week 52

- Day 1 1 John, 2 John, 3 John
- Day 2 Revelations 1-5
- Day 3 Revelations 6-10
- Day 4 Revelations 11-13
- Day 5 Revelations 14-18
- Day 6 Revelations 19-22

Small Group Meetings

Sunday: 7:00 pm Young Adult @ Ron & Laura Kettel's

Sunday: 7:00 pm @ FBC Counseling Rm (Strawn)

Thursday: 7:00 pm @ Dennis & Melinda Strawn's

Memory Verse Week 51: 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Memory Verse Week 52: Revelations 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.