



Newsletter of Fruitland Baptist Church

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Dr. David Horton

Pastor's Perspective

Have you allowed the wonder of Christmas to capture you? Since the days of boyhood, Christmas has always seemed to be the most wondrous time of the year.

As a boy, I was amazed at how gifts would suddenly appear under the Christmas

tree with my name on them! As I grew older, I understood that the greatest gift was provided on Calvary's tree and that my name was on that gift too!

In his book, *God Came Near*, Max Lucado paints a beautiful word picture that captures some of the wonder of Christmas. Lucado writes:

But in reality, that particular moment was like none other. For through that segment of time a spectacular thing occurred. God became a man. While the creatures of earth walked unaware, Divinity arrived. Heaven opened herself and placed her most precious one in a human womb.

The omnipotent, in one instant, made himself breakable. He who had been spirit became pierceable. He who was larger than the universe became an embryo. And he who sustains the world with a word chose to be dependent upon the nourishment of a young girl.

Words cannot fully convey the wonder of Christmas. I believe the Apostle Paul must have felt that way when he wrote, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15) My prayer for all the Fruitland family is that you will allow the wonder of Christmas to capture you this season!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor David and Lisa

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Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Our Church goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year is \$20,000. Please consider giving.



YOUTH EVENTS

www.fruitlandbaptist.org/youth

Please visit our webpage to view all youth events with more information

DECEMBER

- 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY**
@ Fruitland Baptist Church - 6:00pm
White Elephant (no more than \$1),
Card Decorating, Tacky Sweater
Contest - Candy and drinks provided.
- 7 NURSING HOME TRIP**
Meet @ church to carpool to the
Laurel's of Hendersonville
6:00pm to 8pm more info can be
found on the website

JANUARY

- 14 WINTER RETREAT**
@ Wilderness at the Smokies
- 15** \$125 per person
More information can be found at
the church website and the Youth
Facebook page.
- 16**
- 29 MENTOR PROGRAM BOWLING NIGHT**
5:30pm to 7pm - @ Tarheel Lanes
(\$10.00 a person) and dinner
afterwards at Zaxby's in Highlands
Square.



Pastor Search Committee

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they work to carry out God's will for our church.

Pray Expectantly, Pray Intentionally, Keep a Humble Heart, & Remember Christ's Promises

View Our Updated Website @ www.fruitlandbaptist.org

Our website now has both our church calendar and our youth calendar so you can keep up with all the events and activities. Visit us on the web.

Church Library Hours

Come visit and "check us out" (Room 109). We are open 30 minutes before Sunday School, PM Service, and Wednesday night Prayer Meeting.

Thanks, Darlene Hyder

Items Missing from Kitchen

We are missing 2 crockpots from the Church kitchen. One round with black pot and one oval stainless. These crockpots are needed for breakfast. If you know anything about these items, please contact Carolyn Ward. Thank you.



Sara Bradley & Daniel Smith's Wedding Shower

Please drop by for a couple's wedding shower on Sunday, December 4th - 2pm to 4pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Bring an ornament for their "First Christmas Tree!" The couple is registered at Williams Sonoma, Belk and Target.

Fruitland Baptist Church Calendar of Events

December, 2016

"To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				-LBS 5PM (FINAL-ESTHER)	-B'DAY: BARRY STILLWELL	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-B'DAYS: JEAN LUC BLOHM / ASHLEY HAMILTON -BREAKFAST 8:30 AM -YOUTH ROOM 6PM (CHRISTMAS PARTY) -DEACON MTG 4PM -DROP IN WEDDING SHOWER FOR SARA BRADLEY TIME: 2-4PM		-B'DAYS: BERT LAINHART / PAM WHITMIRE -GFM 6PM	-B'DAYS: CHRISTIE MCMINN / PERRY BREEDLOVE / -YOUTH AT LAURELS 6-8PM/EAT AT CHICK-FIL-A -BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA TO REST HOME/ youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER /BUSINESS 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM	-B'DAYS: BERT STEPP /GAVIN PRESSLEY	-B'DAY: A.J. BALL	-B'DAYS: JARRETT KITCHEN / PATRICIA MCMINN / BRITTANY CONNOR / SCOTT REDINGER
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
-B'DAY: JIM STANLEY -CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL/PLAYS DURING AM WORSHIP -MCT MTG 4PM -WORSHIP/PLANNING 5PM -YOUTH TEAM MTG 7-8PM	-B'DAY: CLAUDIA DALTON	-B'DAY: ROSIE BASTING -MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT FBBC CAFE 7AM -LIBRARY WORK NIGHT 6:30PM	-B'DAYS: LIBBY CHILDRESS / ANNA MAXWELL / LOWELL JARRETT / JUDY SOLITARIO -BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA / youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM		-B'DAY: REBEKAH HOWARD	-B'DAYS: ASHLEY DAVIDSON / JOY WILLINGHAM / LINDA SMITH -CHOIR REHEARSAL 9-11 AM -DEACON DINNER @ BAY BREEZE @6PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
-ADULT CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DURING AM WORSHIP		-B'DAYS: NICK BALL / JENKINS TYLER -GFM 6PM	-B'DAY: JANICE JARRETT -WINTER BEGINS -NO AM OR PM SERVICES AT CHURCH TODAY		-B'DAY: SHELLEY FLOYD	-B'DAYS: FRANK CASE / AMANDA MOSELEY / CHICK LUDWIG -CHRISTMAS EVE -CANDLELIGHT SVC 6PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 -B'DAY: AIDEN BASTING CHRISTMAS DAY -NO SS CLASSES -YES CHRISTMAS AM SERVICE -NO PM SERVICES	-B'DAY: HAYLA KATE SMITH	-MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT FBBC CAFE 7AM	-B'DAY: CHLOE SMITH -NO AM OR PM SERVICES AT CHURCH TODAY	-B'DAYS: DONALD HOFFMAN / JOHN JAHR -GFM AT LOVE'S KITCHEN 10:30AM-1PM	-J.O.Y. CLUB to CRACKER BARREL AT 6PM	 -NEW YEAR'S EVE A GLORIOUS NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY: Sunday School – Fellowship 9:30AM; Bible Study 9:45AM Morning Worship 11:00AM; Evening

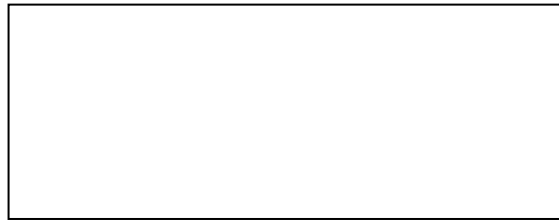
Worship 6:00PM WEDNESDAY: Young Adult Bible Study / Fellowship 6:00PM; CIA & Mission Friends 6:30PM; Prayer / Bible Study 6:30PM; Adult Choir Practice 7:30PM

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From the Desk of the Secretary

“I Heard The Bells On
Christmas Day”

“I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men

“I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

“And in despair I bowed my head There is no peace on earth, I said, For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

“Then pealed the bells more aloud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men.

“Till ringing, singing on its way The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

By: Henry W. Longfellow

“It Came Upon a Midnight
Clear”

“It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth With news of joy foretold, ‘Peace on the earth, good will to men From heaven’s all gracious King,’ The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

“Still through the cloven skies they come, Love’s banner all unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats Over all the weary world, Above its sad and lowly plains Old echoes plaintive ring, And ever over its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

”Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man at war with man hears not The love-song which they bring; O! hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing.”

By: Richard S. Willis