

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Christmas Activities

Children's Choir Program
December 13 6:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Celebration
December 16 6:00 p.m.

Together Again
December 27
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Silent Lord's Supper
December 27
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Come and Go)

No activities at the church on Wednesday
December 23 and 30

The last day to receive offerings for the 2009
contribution statements will be December 27th.

Winter Weather Policy

All cancellations of services due to dangerous road conditions will be announced on the local radio station KWEY at 95.5 and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9. If there is no school on Wednesday due to weather, there will be **NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH**. The FLC & walking track will also be closed on days when school is cancelled.

Rejoice!

The Living Christmas Tree glorified God. People filled the sanctuary three nights in a row and heard the truth about Jesus shared in a powerful manner. Most will never forget the impact the presentation had on them. The major emphasis spoke to hearts and challenged individuals to follow Christ with renewed zeal and hope.

The Living Christmas Tree required effort. Multiple committees made up of countless individuals performed specific tasks in order to bring about the final product. More people functioned behind the scenes than on the platform. Men constructed the tree. Others decorated the tree and wired it with lights. Others promoted the presentation over the radio, through the paper and into neighboring towns. Lights and sound and drama and parking and tickets and seating all had to be provided. Food and water was furnished for participants.

The Living Christmas Tree flowed seamlessly. The person in the pew saw a smooth production of truth through drama and music and banners and lights and bells. Individuals fulfilled specific responsibilities in a coordinated manner in order to achieve the desired goal of offering the best possible for God. No person did everything. Multitudes did something.

The Living Christmas Tree evidenced church health. When a farmer and a musician combine their efforts in a unified manner, God is at work. Countless personalities with unique abilities pulled together and accomplished a common goal. Healthy churches utilize as many people as possible doing as many tasks as feasible. Pride and self-pity vanish when churches move forward together.

As your pastor, I marveled with joy at the way you worked together on the Living Christmas Tree. In the future, let's continue to function in the same way as we serve the Lord together here at First Baptist Church. We will glorify God as we uniquely fulfill our responsibilities without belittling or ignoring anyone else. We are formed by God to be who we are and do what we do.

Way to go!!!
Earl

A Note of Thanks

The tree is down and the decorations are out of the auditorium. They are not yet put away, but I'm working on that even as this is being written. I can't tell you how many people have stopped to tell me they were at one of the performances and how much it meant to them. The "Living Christmas Tree" was a success not because I wanted it to be but because we as a church came together as one and made it a success.

For me to list everyone who played a part in making the "LCT" a success would be impossible. Not only the choir, orchestra, and drama ministries were involved, but also the group that set up and took down the tree, the people that decorated the stage, the auditorium, and the tree, and the publicity committee. The one who arranged for tickets, reservations, and programs, the banner committee, the costuming committee, the light and sound people, and the ones involved in powerpoint and video, were all indispensable. The ushers and parking lot attendants did a tremendous job in handling the people who attended.

It's amazing what God's people can do when we have a common vision. I hope and pray that this vision can be carried on into the new year. Thank you everybody!

In Christ,
John

January Bible Study/Potluck Snack Supper January 10, 17, 24, and 31

We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will study through several parables in Matthew. The study will take place around tables which will be used for fellowship after the study is completed each Sunday night. We are asking everyone to bring some food to share each week. Leave all food in the FLC fellowship hall before the study begins.

Study time will not exceed 45 minutes.

Childcare Provided - Preschool & Children will meet in the Main Building and then join their parents when we eat.

Family Christmas Celebration Christmas Characters This Wednesday - December 16th 6:00 p.m.

No Meal - No Regular Wednesday Activities

Earl will preach a Christmas sermon using children in costume as object lessons. John will lead us in singing Christmas songs.

Christmas Holiday Hours

Church Office Closed - December 24 & 25 / January 1
FLC Closed - December 21 thru January 1

The Lottie Moon Post Office Is Now Open

Bring your Christmas cards for those who attend FBC. The money you would have spent on postage can be put in the postage can and will go toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



New First Family



Michael and Brandy David
Caedon, Payton, Greyson,
and Maliah

**Sunday
School**

December 6

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Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,863,678.56