

Welcome New Members ~ November 27, 2011



Kylen Sanders (B)
Route 56 BF
Kera Sanders (B)
2nd grade BF

New Members since
September 2011:

Baptism: 30
Letter: 27
Statement: 8



Joshua (S) and Chrissi (S) Talley
Victoria and Joslyn

OPPORTUNITIES...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 PM Bible Fellowship
6:00 PM Worship/Worship Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:45 AM Orchestra
8:30 AM Worship/Family Bible Fellowship
9:15 AM Library Open
9:45 AM Worship/Bible Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship/Bible Fellowship
5:13 PM Youth 5:13
6:00 PM Children's & Youth Holiday Music

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Band
6:30 PM Orchestra Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 AM Tuesday Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM Men's Prayer Band
9:00 AM Celebration Singers
10:30 AM Young at Heart
7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM Adults 55+ trip departs
9:00 AM Women's Prayer Band
5:00 PM Library Open
5:00 PM Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Worship Team Choir
6:15 PM Kids Missions and Music
6:15 PM Ntermission
6:15 PM DivorceCare
6:15 PM GriefShare
6:30 PM Military Prayer Band
6:30 PM Orchestra and Sanctuary Choir
7:30 PM Praise Band
7:45 PM College/YP Upstairs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 PM Singles - ROC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 PM Christmas Caroling Tour
7:00 PM Annual Singles Christmas Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM Bethlehem Morning

SYMPATHY TO...

Jean Wainright in the death of her husband.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday, December 7

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes
Veggies
Salad, Dessert

Please make reservations each week on the
Worship Registration Form or call the
Church Office by NOON Monday.
Cost: \$6: Adult, \$4: Children

WORSHIP CARE

DECEMBER 11

9:45 AM

Jill Boren

Cory and Sarah Holcombe
Chris and Melissa Maresma
Bradley and Jessica Yarborough
James and Nicole Thibaut
Justin and Jo Varnum
Todd and Susan Snure
Trey and Jennifer Ostendorf
Benji and Annette Fielding

11:00 AM

Capri Brooks

Robert and Nicole Barkerding
Sharon Gauthreaux
Marie Brown
Jeremy and Beth Walker
Brian and Jill Sharp
Gordon and Christy Reese
Kelly and Danielle Guillot

SPECIAL NEEDS ~ Hands in HAND

9:45 AM

Melinda Robinson

Susan Shaw

Heather Seal

Phil and Pam Cerminaro

11:00 AM

Gayle Pounds

Melinda Hughes

Rhonda Addison

Pam Tageant

Makayla Soileau

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Jonathan and Holly Baier on the birth of their son, *Liam Charles*, on November 26, 2011. The grandparents in our church family are **Chuck and Lee Lee Baier** and **Harry and Peggy Verlander**.

Life Lessons

Hope In The Midst Of Despair
Micah 5:1-9

1. Hope Can't Be Found in _____ Alone.

- Hope comes from that which is _____ and _____.

2. Hope Has to Be _____.

- God is at work to _____ His people.
- As long as there is _____, there is _____.
- God _____ His Son to give us hope.
- Christ is the _____ of the _____.
- ~ He will _____ His people.
- ~ He is the _____ of kings and the _____ of lords.
- ~ He reigns _____.

3. Hope Has to Be _____.

- *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with loigentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)*

Please refrain from leaving the worship service
until after the Call to Commitment is over.

Thank you in advance for respecting this important part of the worship service.

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the VISION

We exist to help people know and accept Jesus Christ
and through Him experience life-changing relationships.

Bethlehem Morning
a family event

December 10
10:00 am - Noon

Join us as we experience Mary and Joseph's journey to the manger!

Register your Family
at the Kiosk on
November 27 and December 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
6 PM in the Worship Center
A CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION
with our Children & Youth Choirs

December 3 & 4, 2011
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COVINGTON

UPCOMING CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 6PM ~ *The Promised Hope*

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 6PM ~ *Peace*

A Night of Worship led by our Praise Band

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 & 28 ~ *NO Evening Activities*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 3, 4:30 & 6PM ~ *Christmas Eve Services*

(Childcare by Reservation at 3 and 4:30 Only)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 10AM ONLY ~ *Worship Service*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - *NO Services*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 ~ *Regular Service & Bible Fellowship Times*

BETHLEHEM MORNING~Saturday, December 10, 10am-12pm

Through activities & drama families will learn the true events leading up to the birth of Jesus. They will journey through the gates of Bethlehem, and experience that night as Joseph and Mary did so long ago. Sign up for your family to attend one of the 20 minute time slots at the Kiosk in the Steeple Foyer.

YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of 2011, please consider the following:

1. December 25 will be the last Sunday that 2011 charitable gifts can be made.
2. Year end gifts that you would like to be included in your 2011 charitable contributions for income tax purposes can be made in the following ways --
 - ~ Hand delivered to the church office anytime up to Friday, December 30
 - ~ By mail--envelope must be postmarked by December 31
 - ~ Online or by smartphone--effective date of transaction must be December 31 or before
3. Those interested in making a charitable gift through an IRA distribution can do so without paying tax on such a withdrawal. However, the window on this special tax treatment closes on December 31. Please consult your financial advisor for more information on this type of charitable contribution.

FCA ALLSTATE SUGARBOWL BREAKFAST

The 43rd Annual FCA Allstate SugarBowl Breakfast is Friday, December 30 at the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear inspiring testimony from players and coaches while enjoying a New Orleans style breakfast in the Big Easy. The featured speaker will be Jon Stinchcomb. In addition, the purchase of a single table will provide you a second opportunity to attend the National Championship Breakfast on January 6 featuring Coach Bobby Bowden. Register with the FCA Northshore office before December 20 by calling Gary Fayard at 985-773-3969 or emailing gfayard@fca.org. You may also scholarship a student athlete or a coach. Seating is limited so register early. Thank you for faithfully supporting FCA on the Northshore.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

FBC offers a variety of activities for singles of all ages. Look for new opportunities in this section each week! For more information, contact Glynn Robinson in the church office at 892-2149.

SINGLES BOOK STUDY and HOGS AT A TROUGH will resume after New Years.

LUNCH AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE, DECEMBER 4 ~ First Annual Chili Cookoff at the ROC today at Noon! See you there!

ANNUAL SINGLES CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ROC, Friday December 9~7PM - bring a friend. Join us the night before Thursday, Dec. 8 @ 7PM to help decorate. contact b_harris63@yahoo.com to be added to FBC Singles email updates

LAGNIAPPE

*Christmas is **not your** birthday.*

*Isn't it amazing? We do treat Christmas like it's **our** birthday. We indulge ourselves in almost every way--eating, drinking, buying expensive gifts. Christmas has become one big birthday party that we throw for ourselves. Have we forgotten that Christmas is about the Good News? That we really should think of it as Jesus' birthday? Maybe we should ask Jesus what He wants for His birthday.*

What would Jesus say that He wanted? The New Testament is fairly plain about what Jesus would say. Listen to His words. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me." That almost sounds like a birthday wish. As if Jesus is saying, "What I want for my birthday is for other people to know me and be treated like you would treat me."

What will you do for Jesus' birthday? Let me give you two suggestions.

First, give to make Christ known to the nations. *A great way to do this is to give for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. It helps send 5000 missionaries and provides for their 4000 children. These are people who have followed God's call to the world.*

It's a great work. The vision of the IMB is "a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ." Last year 360,879 people were baptized through the ministry of our missionaries and the churches with whom they work.

Shouldn't every one of us give something to complete this vision?

Second, help someone locally make it through hard times.

Here are two practical ways that you can help someone locally.

On Christmas Eve, our church takes a benevolence offering that helps hurting people throughout the year.

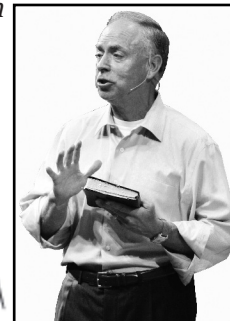
One of the local Rotary clubs provides meals for hundreds of people on Christmas Day. What a blessing for homebound and lonely people. You can help them by donating a turkey for their Christmas meal. You can also help deliver these meals. There is a sign up table today in the Steeple Foyer.

What will you do for Jesus' birthday?

Sign up online @ FbcCov.org



Waylon Bailey



PASTORAL TEAM

Waylon Bailey, Th.D., Pastor

Jay Johnston, D. Min., Associate Pastor
Clif Smith, Education
Bill Boren, D. Min., Family Life
Jason Brooks, Music/Worship
Robert Hargrove, Music/Worship
David Rockett, Adults 55+/Pastoral Care
Glynn Robinson, Missions/Evangelism
Darlene Drivon, Preschool
Kevin Harless, Interim Kids
Shane Booker, Students
Josh Jordan, College/Young Professionals
Andrew Stoner, Associate Student/College

DEACONS IN MINISTRY December 4-10

Buddy Hall 845-9887
Cliff Anglin 886-5854
Paul Campo 898-0509

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS AWESOME!

We are blessed to have so many new and exciting things happening! If you feel led to help children know their Creator and grow in their relationship with Him, please email Kevin at kharless@fbccov.org. We are starting new programs on Sunday and Wednesday. So...whether it's teaching, class assisting, crafting, greeting, acting, singing, or just generally helping out and loving on kids...we need you! Come and be a part of what God is doing in Children's Ministry at First Baptist Covington.

CONTEMPO

The Church's generosity was overwhelming as we gave out all of the Angel Tree tags in one week! Thank you very much. If you'd still like to participate and help St. Tammany Parish families in need, please consider donating a grocery store or gas station gift card. Any amount will be welcomed. Drop these off at the preschool desk no later than Dec. 11. All gifts are due back, *unwrapped with the angel tag attached*, to the preschool desk next Sunday, December 11. If you have any questions, please call Missy Soileau at 809-9232.

MARDI GRAS FAMILY SKI TRIP

FEBRUARY 20-25, 2012 - COPPER MOUNTAIN, CO

Bring the family and have fun in the snow and sun. Enjoy 5 nights lodging and 4 days skiing some of the most beautiful terrain on earth. Great atmosphere for the family. Reservations are limited and time is of essence. Ski Package includes airfare, shuttle, lodging, lift tickets and rentals. Email Bill Boren at bboren@fbccov.org for more information and pricing for your family.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TOUR - Friday, December 9

It's time to sign up for this year's Caroling Tour! If you and your family would like to join the group on the bus, sign up at fbccov.org. We will leave the church at 6:00PM and visit a few of our members' homes to sing some carols and wish them a merry Christmas. This is a great outreach to our members who can't regularly attend church and is always a sweet time of worship and fellowship.

CENTERSTAGE STUDENT MINISTRY

December 16 ~ Christmas Comedy Team @ The ROC. Family fun - invite your friends and neighbors to this Christmas themed, Christ-centered, SNL style comedy show. Admission is free!

December 30 ~ Hillbilly Hoedown. Join us overnight at White Horse Christian Retreat in Sandy Hook, MS. Cost is \$40 and sign-up deadline in December 18.



COLLEGE/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

UPSTAIRS 745 is a worship gathering for college and 20 somethings, married or single, that meets on Wednesday nights at 7:45 in The ROC. For more information on how to get involved check our website fbccovcollege.com or text Josh at 985-590-9113.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY ~ Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups

Join us every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM in the Worship Center for a time of worship, teaching, and testimonies, followed by small groups. For more information contact our Associate Pastor Jay Johnston at jjohnston@fbccov.org or call 985-892-2149.

PRAYER BANDS

Do you want to learn how to pray? Join a prayer band and practice every week as you pray with others. For more information contact Associate Pastor Jay Johnston at jjohnston@fbccov.org or call 892-2149.