



Christmas Season Events at First Crosby

December 4 at 6:00 pm

**Annual 'Hanging of the Greens' Service
followed by Christmas treat fellowship**



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December 11 at 6:00 pm

**Joint worship at Newport Community Baptist,
17818 FM 2100**

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December 18 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

"Down from His Glory"

Worship Choir with Children's Choir

6:00 pm

Special Guests from IMB: The Stewarts



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December 24 at 5:30 and 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candle Light Services

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December 25 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Christmas Morning Worship and Sunday School



Our church supports the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Your giving helps reach the 3,800 unreached people groups with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Our goal for 2012 is \$25,000.**



THE BUTLER SERVES



UBER MISSIONS OP!

I have made a huge commitment to a really big fun impactful missions operation for YOU (our church)! Here it is: PROVIDING THE PRESCHOOL / CHILDRENS' / YOUTH MINISTRY for NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WEEK at GLORIETA CONFERENCE CENTER AUGUST 5-9, 2012.

Here is what caused me to take on such an outsized task for our church. The National Collegiate Week at Glorieta, NM, is likely the largest gathering of Christian College students and their leaders (College age/18-25) in the world. In the recent past Lifeway Christian Resources had stopped making available preschool care, children's activities, and programming for youth for this annual event. They had their stated reasons, which were \$\$\$\$\$. They were wrong in what they were doing. Baptist college campus ministry leaders from across America (most of whom live on a shoestring) could no longer bring their families with them without the essential programming for their kids. I told the powers that be that "my church will do this if you will allow us to do so. We will provide this ministry at no

cost (or very little cost) to any of our college campus leaders." I really didn't think the Lifeway leaders would take me up on the offer.....but they did!

So here's the deal: We will impact college campus ministries all across America and around the world by providing essential ministry to their leaders **and their families**. Glorieta is a spectacular place to spend a week ministering to others. It is 25 miles northeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico, at an altitude of 7000 feet. We are going to keep the cost of this mission trip really low as mission trips go. This will be a family type mission trip. We will stay right there on the Glorieta campus (go to Lifeway.com) and we will be working out our housing and eating arrangements. We will minister to about 100-130 preschoolers and children in the mornings and for evening worship, and Brother Jeff says he would like for us to handle the youth as well. Contact Lee Ann for more information and to indicate your interest, or to say "count me in". If we took 40 or more it would be good.

SEVEN GOALS FOR 2012

1. 500 in average Sunday School attendance (let's do it this spring 2012)
2. 1000 in Easter Sunday worship (came 89 short last year....why not now?)
3. \$1,200,000 in regular giving (**1st and 10** put into practice will do it...\$148K over budget)
4. \$25,000 or more in International Missions Offering in 2011 (keep missionaries on the job)
5. 70 baptisms (most ever for FBC Crosby....every ministry and member contributes)
6. 1500 attending our Halloween festival (a huge winner thru first contact with 100's)
7. 800 in total Vacation Bible School enrollment (tried and true.....we work/Jesus saves)

YEAR END GIVING!

You could be a little behind what you intended to accomplish in your giving this year. If so, now is the time to "catch up". Please remember that all giving you want to have recorded on your 2011 church giving record will need to be in our church office by 1:00 PM on Friday, December 30th, 2011. Thank you for being faithful in your giving to carry the Gospel of our Lord "across the street and around the world" through First Baptist Crosby.

I will see you Sunday with bells on....rb!



NEWS FROM BRO. GENE

L.A.F.F./Music/Men's Ministries

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five)

On the calendar for December:

- Dec 4 - Hanging of the Greens, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 5 - Adult 6 Department Christmas lunch
- Dec 6 - Widows' brunch
- Dec 7 - Men's Breakfast at Star Café, 9:00 am
- Dec 20 - Shut-in meals prepared and delivered
- Dec 21 - Men's Breakfast at Baytown Seafood, 9:00 am

The Adult 6 Department Christmas Luncheon will be Monday, December 5, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. This includes the "Faith Study Group", "Heaven-Bounders", "Grace" and "Friendship" classes.

Game Night will be "out" for the holidays in December. We will return January 26, 2012, at 6:00. Have a great season and enjoy family and friends!



The Christmas musical is coming along GREAT! Please pray for all choir members as we rehearse each week in preparation for our presentation.

SAVE THE DATE!

"Down From His Glory" will be presented in both morning services Sunday, December 18!

ON ANOTHER NOTE!

OUR CHOIR WILL BE SINGING AT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 5:30 PM AT THE CROSBY FAIRGROUNDS. COME SUPPORT OUR CHOIR AND ENJOY SOME COMMUNITY OUTREACH!



WORSHIP TECHS NEEDED

- ❖ We are still training people to run power point during our Sunday worship services. **We need a couple more helpers for the 10:30 service.** You don't have to know programming; just pay attention and click to the next frame.
- ❖ More helpers are needed on the sound board, especially for the 10:30 service. We need someone to be able to fill in if a "regular" is out of town. If you are interested in helping out with sound, please contact me or Keith Griffin. We'll get you trained and in the rotation as soon as you're ready.
- ❖ Our videographer, Forrest Pennington, needs helpers. There are Sundays Forrest has to be out because of his work schedule. It is not a one-person job to run two cameras and then do the mixing. So...stop by the Video Booth and see Forrest and volunteer to help. He'll be glad to train you. We normally record the 9:00 a.m. service, so if you attend then and would like to give it a try, let Forrest or me know!

NEHEMIAH BROTHERS MINISTRY OF HELPERS



Our Nehemiah Brothers are available to do small upkeep type jobs in the homes of our Single Parents and our Senior Adults. Sometimes you need your gutters cleaned out, a light bulb changed, the commode keeps running, and that faucet keeps dripping. Rather than just letting these go until large repairs are needed, why not call on our Nehemiah Brothers to help out. You can call John Kilgore (281.328.3383) or the church office (281-328-2564) and we'll get the message to the right person for the job.

(We're always looking for more men/women who have general repair skills to join us and be available to help out occasionally. If you can help, we're trying to update our list of helpers so give John or Bro. Gene a call!)



Heirs of Adam & Eve!

Just as Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to "cultivate and keep it", this group of men and women help our seniors "cultivate and keep" up their yards and work on church property. We post yards in need of attention, from mowing to edging to gathering leaves and trash, and have volunteers get together and knock out about two at a time.



We are on Facebook, to communicate when and where help is needed, who can help, and how:
<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Heirs-of-Adam/141152519228204?ref=ts>

If you don't do Facebook but can work with us, please call Dale Akers (281.324.1158) or Bro. Gene (281.328.2564).



KIDS STUFF
Mrs. Lee Ann



Ages 3 yrs-4th grade
Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm

**We will meet December 7th and 14th,
then be out for Christmas break.
KidZone will resume January 4, 2012!**

Bring your Bible! Bring a Friend!
Where Fun and Learning never End!



ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

FOR CHURCHES

UNITED IN CARING!

**C.U.I.C. MINISTERS TO THOSE IN OUR
COMMUNITY WHO NEED ASSISTANCE.**

**WE HAVE BOXES AROUND THE CHURCH IN WHICH
YOU MAY DROP OFF NEW TOYS AND GIFTS.**

(DO NOT WRAP GIFTS, PLEASE!)



BASKETBALL

**Practices begin the week of December 4th
Games begin Saturday, January 7th**

FBC will host 12 hours of basketball games every Saturday
in January and February beginning at 8:00 am,
with the last game beginning at 7:30 pm.

We are now looking for volunteers for *Half-Time Devotionals*.

We will need 12 volunteers for 8 weeks,
for a total of 96 volunteers.

We have devotionals you can read or you can be creative
and develop your own 3-5 minute devotional.

This will require approximately 30 minutes out of your day,
including travel time to the church. Please consider
volunteering for at least one of these 96 devotional times.

Contact Shirley Hurta (281.462.3011) to sign up today!

EVERY CHILD'S A WINNER!

Kids HD: Making Jesus Clear
We are out for the holiday break,
and will return on January 15, 2012.
6:00-7:00 pm Sundays



Youth News and Views/Mission Update

Bro. Jeff Holloway

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 6:00-7:45
"FUEL" 7th-12th grades~~"Crossover" 5th-6th grades
WILL NOT MEET DEC 21ST OR 28TH!

ACROSS THE STREET...AROUND THE WORLD



FBC Crosby participated in SAMARITAN'S PURSE "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" this year. We were able to deliver over 150 shoeboxes full of gifts for children! **Thank you** very much to all who donated to this worthy cause! Start saving your shoeboxes for next year!

Ministry to the Homeless of Houston: 3rd Saturday of each month in 2012

Travel to the "Church Under the Bridge" in Houston to worship and minister. If you would like to go, just show up at FBC at 8:00 am; the group will be back around 1:00 pm or so.

We have volunteers that put together "supply bags" to hand out. Right now we have plenty of soap and lip balm. Immediate needs are: toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks and underwear, hats/head coverings, and travel-size lotions, shampoo, conditioner, small combs, deodorant, and other miscellaneous personal care items. You can bring these to the church office any time during office hours.

For more information, contact Benny Camp 281.639.3596

Mission Trips in the Works for 2012

Pray now about your involvement in these trips. Sign-up posters are on the wall across from the Worship Center door, where you can indicate your interest.

February 15-20 – Mission trip to New York City // contact Susan Parnell 832.407.6980

March 9-17 – Outreach with sport camp theme in cooperation with Fruitland Baptist Church, sharing faith with the predominately Navajo community // contact Bro Jeff 281.923.8875

March 9-17 – Poverty assistance and community outreach to local Khmer people, through Rock Foundation Cambodia // contact Mike Cross 832.217.6071

July 10-14 – Mission Camp at Tomahawk, helping with VBS, sport camps and yard work in cooperation with FBC Woodville // contact Bro Jeff 281.923.8875

August 4-11 – Ministry to preschool/children/youth during Collegiate Week at Glorieta, New Mexico, while their parents are in training (See "The Butler Serves" on page 2) // Contact Teresa Brummett 281.462.7022 or Lee Ann Lee 281.328.2564

NO DATES or DETAILS YET: In cooperation with NAMB, share Christ with rafters on the Ococee River



Christmas Office Schedule

Wednesday, Dec 21:
Thursday, Dec 22:
Friday, Dec 23:
Saturday, Dec 24:
Sunday, Dec 25:

No Wednesday night activities
Campus closes at noon
Campus closed
Christmas Eve services 5:30 & 7:00 pm
Morning worship and Sunday School regular schedule, 9:00 and 10:30
No evening activities
Campus closed

Monday, Dec 26:
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Sunday, January 1:

Morning worship and Sunday School regular schedule, 9:00 and 10:30  
No evening activities  
Campus closed

Monday, January 2:



*Merry Christmas and  
New Year Blessings  
to you and your family,  
Your Church Staff at FBC*

Bro Robin      Bro Gene      Bro Jeff  
Lee Ann      Amanda      Jan  
Karen      Dianne      Mitchel  
and 'The Growing Tree' Crew



# Our Church Family

**Welcome to our New Members:**

***Arminta Burks***

***Tommy & Hattie Britt***

***Collin Spann***

***Steven & Nikki Parrish***

***Megan Bradley-Putonti***

***McKenzie Hernandez***

***John & Cindi Mire and Hailee***

***Skylar Jones***

***Danielle Phillips***

***Josh & Kara Coates***



**Family of Russell Blalock (wife Kayla, daughters Kelsi & Kendall,  
mother in-law Betty Alexander)**

**Paula Miller and family, on home-going of her cousin**

**Pastor Robin Butler and family, on home-going of his mother Laura Butler**

**Pam Jones and family, on home-going of her mother Bobbi Wood**

**Pete Merrill and family, on home-going-of his uncle**

To the First Baptist Church Crosby Family:

Thank you, thank you, thank you – to all who have made it possible for me to accompany your pastor on the upcoming Egypt – Israel and Jordan tour.

Because of your financial support, this Pastor's Tour for me is made possible. In the name of our Lord and Savior, I will do my very best to honor you!

Truly, my wife and I are blessed of the Lord because you have taken us into your warm embrace. Thank you for being a blessing.

Bro. Henry Davis

First Baptist Church,

Thank you for letting the Newport Elementary Student Council host our East Houston StuCo Workshop at your church.

NES Student Council



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday evening  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

**First hour: Fellowship and Snacks, then Lesson or Testimony**

**Second hour: Small Group Discussion**

**We meet in the Adult 6 Department**

***...where we celebrate changed lives every week!***

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 phone 281.328.2564 fax 281.328.2565 Visit us at www.fbccrosby.net and on Facebook!

*Robin Butler – Senior Pastor ★ Gene Talbot – Music/55+/Counseling ★ Jeff Holloway – Education/Youth/Administration  
 Lee Ann Lee – Children/Preschool/Counseling ★ Amanda Cross – Youth Associate  
 Karen Vandagriff – Staff Secretary ★ Jan Kilgore – Financial Secretary ★ Mitchel Ewell – Facilities Manager*

## On the Calendar for December 2011

|        |                                                                          |        |                                           |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| Dec 4  | Upward Basketball Coach/Ref training 12N                                 | Dec 18 | Christmas musical, 9:00a and 10:30a       |
| " "    | Hanging of the Greens Service followed by Christmas Goody Fellowship, 6p | " "    | The Stewarts missionary presentation, 6p  |
| Dec 5  | Adult 6 Dept Christmas Luncheon, 11:30a                                  | Dec 20 | Shut-in meals prepared and delivered, 10a |
| " "    | Upward Basketball practices begin                                        | Dec 21 | Men's Breakfast at Baytown Seafood, 9a    |
| Dec 6  | Widows' Brunch, 11:00a                                                   | " "    | No Wednesday night activities             |
| Dec 7  | Men's Breakfast at Star Café, 9a                                         | Dec 22 | Church campus closes at noon              |
| Dec 10 | FBC Choir sings at Community Tree-lighting Event at Fairgrounds, 5:30p   | Dec 23 | Campus closed                             |
| Dec 11 | Evening Worship at Newport Community Baptist Church, 6p                  | Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Services, 5:30 and 7:00 pm  |
| Dec 14 | Monthly Business Meeting, 6:45p                                          | Dec 25 | Regular morning services, no evening      |
| " "    | Deadline to bring toys for CUIC                                          | Dec 26 | Campus closed                             |
| Dec 16 | Choir full rehearsal, 7p                                                 | Dec 28 | No Wednesday night activities             |
| Dec 17 | Sunday School monthly fellowships                                        | Jan 1  | Regular morning services, no evening      |

### Sunday School / Worship Attendance Report

| <u>11/6/11</u>  |            | <u>11/13/11</u> |            | <u>11/20/11</u> |            | <u>11/27/11</u> |            |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Preschool       | 60         | Preschool       | 72         | Preschool       | 54         | Preschool       | 58         |
| Children        | 58         | Children        | 63         | Children        | 49         | Children        | 61         |
| Youth           | 81         | Youth           | 65         | Youth           | 44         | Youth           | 57         |
| Adults          | 282        | Adults          | 279        | Adults          | 256        | Adults          | 272        |
| <b>Total SS</b> | <b>481</b> | <b>Total SS</b> | <b>479</b> | <b>Total SS</b> | <b>403</b> | <b>Total SS</b> | <b>448</b> |
| <b>Worship</b>  | <b>452</b> | <b>Worship</b>  | <b>398</b> | <b>Worship</b>  | <b>394</b> | <b>Worship</b>  | <b>363</b> |

**Budget Giving      Needed weekly: \$18,705      Needs YTD: \$879,144      Receipts YTD: \$926,932**

## NEED A LITTLE "KETCHUP" ?



***NOW is the time to "ketch-up" on your tithes and offerings for 2011! The money must be in the church office or postmarked on or before December 31 in order to be posted to tax year 2011 (not our rule ... it's the law). Reminder: Church office closes at 1:00 on Friday, Dec 30, and we are closed Saturday, Dec 31.***