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Music Ministry Student Ministry Stuff A Word from the Townsends

Amazing Grace. What a beautiful and powerful tune God has given us! Over 200 years ago, the author, John Newton, saw a change in his life. He had been a slave trader who nearly lost his life at sea on a slave ship. His experience at sea caused him to see God's active work in his life, and the wonderful promises God was making for him. May we be reminded of God's continuing love and promises for us each and every time we hear John Newton's life changing story in song!

Your brother in Christ,
Doug Bell

The Hospitality Committee will use the same list of volunteers to furnish food for bereavement meals in 2009 that we used in 2008. If you have not signed up to be called to prepare a vegetable, salad or dessert and would like to do so, please contact Peggy Edwards at 358-3079 by Sunday, January 11th. We appreciate your help.



Funeral Meals



Parent/Student Meeting this Sunday:
I hope that everyone had a great holiday break. There's a lot going on this month so I thought it would be good to get all of our parents and students together this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm for a Parent/Student Meeting so we can all start the new year on the same page. We'll discuss upcoming activities, weekly schedules and our summer camp plans. The meeting should last about an hour.

Weekly Prayer Breakfast:
Don't forget that we meet for Prayer Breakfast every Monday morning at 7:00 am at Paula's Hot Biscuit when school is in session. Van transportation from Paula's to the Middle and High School is provided.

Wednesday Nights:
We will kick off our regular **Wednesday night schedule** on January 14. The youth committee and youth leadership team will meet this Wednesday night starting at 6:00pm.

Sunday Nights
Our Sunday night schedule will look a little different through February 1 due to several special events taking place between now and then. However, we will have things going on every Sunday night, so this is a good chance to get back into the habit of coming on Sunday nights.

- Jan 11 – Parent/Student Meeting, 5-6pm
- Jan 18 – Snow Tubing Trip
- Jan 25 – Sweet Shoppe Night
- Feb 1 – Super Bowl Bash

- Upcoming Events:**
- * Sunday, Jan 18 – Snow Tubing at Perfect North Slopes
Leave at 1:30 pm, return around midnight
Cost: \$30-35 (\$20 for tubing + food)
 - * Sunday, Feb 1 – Super Bowl Party
 - * Sunday, Feb 7 – Valentino's
 - * Feb 20-21 (Fri-Sat) – Jr. High Believe Conference in Cincinnati (for grades 6-8)

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading:
Please continue to be in prayer for Chris Rogers and the rest of the Upward Leadership Team as a new season of Upward basketball and cheerleading is about to begin. Here the most recent update from Chris:

- * Enrollment is up this year to around 130 kids.
- * There is still a need for scholarship money – see Chris Rogers if you'd like to donate.
- * Cheerleading camp is this Saturday from 10am – noon.
- * Basketball practices begin on January 19.

In Christ,
-Marty

It only took one day on the job to find out a number of things that I was not told about when I was hired. I was never told about the bug infestation that the church has. I was never told about all the things not in my job description that I am now expected to do. And I was never told that I would have to write an article for the Link every week. Yet in spite of all that, I am still excited to be here and am ready to lead and serve the members of FBC Hodgenville.

While this may normally be a section discussing the Children's Ministry, I thought it would be best to let you know a little more about my family first. Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet my family and me, but there are still plenty of introductions to be made over the next couple of weeks and probably even months. However, I am excited about the opportunity to get to know each and every one of you who receive the Link.

Knowing that pictures are almost always more welcome than words, below is one picture from my graduation ceremony back in December. From left to right: Adam Douglas, Nathan Ross, and Megan Nicole Townsend.

As it was announced in the service on Sunday morning our family has had an extremely busy last six weeks. On November 13th Nathan was born. On December 12th I graduated. On December 22nd we moved down to Hodgenville. We spent Christmas week at my parents house and this past Sunday I preached my first sermon at the church. If ever I was to listen to my own sermon this would be the one. The need for our family to persevere over these past weeks has been tremendous, and so we strive to heed James' words and consider it pure joy when we encounter various trials.

As a final word, Megan and I want you all to know that we are here to serve you and we pray that you will follow our example. Please feel free to contact us anytime. You can also find us on Facebook and receive updates regularly if you follow blogs: <http://www.townsend-family.blogspot.com> As always, your prayers are coveted. Have a wonderful and blessed day.

Sunday, January 11
9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Parent/Student Meeting
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Com. Meeting

Monday, January 12
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
5:00 p.m. Body Sculpting

Tuesday, January 13
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Art Class

Wednesday, January 14
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 16
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

Saturday, January 17
10:00 a.m. Church Council

Sunday, January 18
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
1:30 p.m. Youth Snow Tubing
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Youth Schedule for Sunday Nights

Middle School and High School
5:30 Coffee and Dessert Bar
6:00 Middle School D-Group
6:00 High School Worship
These programs will not meet on Dec. 14th due to the Christmas Cantata or December 28th.

Children's Schedule for Wednesday

6:00-7:25 Children rotate through:
TeamKid class
Meal
Praise Music
Recreation

Youth Schedule for Wed. Evenings

Middle School
5:00 Gym & Youth Area Open
5:50 Café Opens for Supper
6:30 Middle School Worship
7:30 Worship Dismisses; Gym/Loft Open
7:45 Lights Out

High School

6:30 Help with Middle School & Children

Christmas Blessings

This year the Christmas Blessings (formerly called the Angel Tree) blessed 153 families with Christmas presents for 361 children, ages 18 and under. Most families also received a food basket. The families were adopted by 17 churches, 2 businesses, 4 school clubs, 1 civic club and 16 individuals. Thanks to the classes at FBC who adopted families. We thank W. D. Burden for coordinating all of the Christmas Blessings for LaRue County.

Attention: All current committee chairpersons need to meet with their committees in the month of January (including new members) and elect a new chairperson. Please let the office or Committee on Committees chair Jeremy Adams know the results.

Jan. 4th Financial Report




Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	8,705.73
Budget given:	8,705.73
Budget needed:	11,299.52
Designated:	
Lottie Moon	300.00
Upward	60.00
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Total Offering	9,330.73

Jan. 4th Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	19
Adult	90
Young Adult	23
Youth	36
Children	19
Preschool	19
Visitors	6
Bible Study Total	210
Morning Worship	308
Evening Worship	

If you are willing to assist in the rotation to prepare the **Wednesday evening meal for the younger youth** during the spring semester, please contact Dale Morris at 358-4585; 358-9223 or 505-3876 as soon as possible. The Youth budget will pay for the food. You will simply be responsible for getting it, preparing it, serving it and cleaning up. If we get enough volunteers it will only involve about three to four occasions during the semester.

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<p>Birthdays January 11-17</p> <p>Jan. 12 Felicia Harry Jan. 13 Daniel Thomas Kathryn McDowell Jan. 14 Todd Rogers Jan. 15 Glenn Phelps Eric Hamilton Lura Thomas Jan. 16 Jesse Parrish</p>	<p>MIKE'S-SPACE</p> <p>Hope you had a good holiday. Donna and I didn't go anywhere, but we sure did enjoy having the kids home and visiting with family and friends. We also saw a great movie with Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman called "Doubt". The movie deals with basic spiritual issues in a setting of a Catholic school in New York in the early 1960's. Check it out!</p> <p>The start of the New Year is a good time to think about giving for this year. I'm going to give more than last year. No, I'm not going to tell you how much more! But if everyone who usually gives just gave a dollar more per week than last year, it would mean tens of thousands more in our offerings. No matter whether it's a tithe or not, think about a regular amount you can give. If we plan ahead, we can do great things in service and in giving this New Year.</p> <p>Speaking of plans, I plan to share some with you this Sunday in a State of the Church address. I want to share some thoughts about where we are as a church at present and also where we can go in the future. I'll see you Sunday.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours in Christ, Bro. Mike</p>		<p>First Baptist Church 730 Tonieville Road Hodgenville, Ky. 42748 Phone 358-3193 Fax 358-0917 E-Mail for Staff</p> <p>First Name of staff member@fbchodgenville.org</p> <p>Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Rodgers Pastor Home Phone: 369-9173</p> <p>Marty Lee Interim Minister to Students Home Phone: 358-5861 Cell Phone: 769-8188</p> <p>Adam Townsend Minister of Education/ Children Home Phone: 358-8033</p> <p>Sally Lewis Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Sybil Johnson Pianist</p> <p>Tom Gill Custodian</p>
<p>Special Thank You's</p> <p><i>The Young at Heart group instead of exchanging Christmas presents donated the money they would have spent to the church's benevolence fund.</i></p> <p>Brad, Beth, Biven and Baines Turner have given \$100 for playground equipment in honor of <u>all</u> the children's Wednesday and Sunday workers/volunteers.</p> <p>The Mary Martha Sunday School class donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering in memory of Edna Caple who began their class.</p>	<p>To the Women's Ministry: <i>Dear Friends,</i> Thank you so much for your recent donations of beautiful handmade blankets. We are very excited to be able to share these with the clients who use our center! We appreciate your willingness to partner with us in reaching out to women facing untimely pregnancies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>In Christ,</i> Marcia Orban, Director</p>	<p><i>We would like to thank First Baptist for the many acts of kindness shown us after the death of our loved one.</i></p> <p><i>The cards, call, contributions and prayers have meant so much. A special thank you goes to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful meal that served so many. We appreciate Bro. Mike for being there with us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>The family of Jay Walters</i></p>	
<p>Minister of Music Search Committee</p> <p>There will be a special called business meeting Sunday morning January 18 for the purpose of selecting a Minister of Music Search Committee. Nominations for church members to serve on this committee may be submitted to members of the Committee on Committees or you may call the church office. The last day for making a nomination for this committee will be Monday, January 12. This will allow the Committee on Committees to prepare a ballot for Sunday morning January 18.</p>	<p> CONGRATULATIONS on Your New Baby!</p> <p>Chris and Kristin Estes are the proud parents of Madelyn Irene "Maddie", born December 31st, 5 lb., 12 oz., 19" long. The proud grandparents are Karen and Stuart Singleton and Great Grandparents are Bobby and Ruby Heady.</p>	<p> January Greeters: Suzanne Boone, Rob and Nancy Brown, Oneida Cochran, Joel and Kitty Dixon, Cindy Smith and Mackenzie Vaughn</p> <p>In case of inclement weather, watch Wave3 for church closing information.</p> 	

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<p>Deacons of the Week Jan. 11: Barry Knight and Tommy Locke Head Usher: Jimmy Edwards Jan. 18: Steve McCubbin & Tim Underwood Head Usher: Jimmie McDowell</p>
<p>Children's Workers</p> <p>January 11: Breakfast: Dawn Conner Infants: Nina Cundiff and Suzann McCoy Toddlers: Jo and Tom Million 2's & 3's: Steve and Melinda McCubbin Jr. Children's: Darin and Vicky Williams Evening Nursery: Katie Sandidge and Morgan Dickerson Wed., January 14: Maria Durham and Suzanne Boone</p> <p>January 18: Breakfast: Kellie Sandidge Infant: Mike and Connie Hunt Toddlers: Lewis and Carla Sloan 2's & 3's: Michelle Rogers and John Blunk Jr. Children's: Katie Sandidge and Cara Beth Dawson Evening Worship: Patty Edwards and Bethany Hall Wed., January 21: Laurie and Liz Pearsall</p>