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<p><b>This Week's Birthdays</b></p> <p>December 27 Detra Darst          December 28 Hazel Denham          Marschall Keith          December 29 Marlene Newton          December 30 Kristin Thompson          December 31 Kristin Estes          Holly Neagle          January 1 Lorene Elkins          Carol Greer          Susan Howard          Craig Warnshuis          January 2 Rhonda Bush          Tina Thompson          Jacob Edwards          Eli Royalty          January 3 Donna Whitlock          Alena Phelps          January 4 Virginia Marcum          January 5 Harold Priddy          January 6 Jeremy Adams          January 7 Donna Wells          Vicki McGrew          Larry Truitt          Kelly Newton          January 8 Madison Royalty          January 9 Bethany Stiles          January 11 Dane Milby          January 12 Felicia Harry          January 13 Daniel Thomas          Katie McDowell          January 14 Todd Rogers          January 15 Lura Thomas          Glenn Phelps          David Smith          January 16 Patti Gentry          Luther DeSpain          Bryson Puyear          January 17 Tyler Brownfield</p>	<p><b>MIKE'S-SPACE</b></p> <p>Every once in a while you just sit back and say, "Now that's what church is supposed to be". I'm thinking about the "Evening in December" presentations we experienced this past weekend. It would have been great just for all the groups involved in the event to get together and sing about the coming of our Savior. But we also got to share this wonderful time of the year with many other people from our surrounding community. The meals provided by the fellowship and hospitality committees and the youth were delicious, and Misty and all the troupe gave us a very heartfelt and inspirational rendition of the Christmas story. Even the donkey had something to say! I find myself already looking forward to the Easter program we'll have.</p> <p>It's so important that we all gather together and work and play to present the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at this time of the year. With us, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Savoir. But at Christmas and Easter it's even more important, because we know that many others outside the church are naturally looking to see what we really think and believe. Shared experiences with the community like this help us build relationships that lead to future relationships with the Lord. Also, these experiences only serve to deepen our existing relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ.</p> <p>Now let me wish every one of you a very merry Christmas. I don't know all the things you have planned for your individual celebrations, but I hope that all those gatherings are happy ones for you. The Rodgers' family has much to celebrate this Christmas. Today as I'm writing this article it's Donna's birthday, so now she is officially a senior citizen (55). Our grandson Jonathan turned 7 on Saturday. Megan, our youngest, has finished her degree at UK. Emily, our oldest daughter was married to a wonderful guy named Chris this year. And Jordan will be arriving home from Notre Dame on Christmas Eve eve. So we'll all be together for some extended time together that is more rare these days.</p> <p>Again, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Love, Bro. Mike</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Family of Donnie Fackler would like to extend their appreciation for all the prayers during daddy's illness. We were so blessed to be there with him when he was called to go home. I am also blessed to have such a wonderful family here at First Baptist. Thank you for all the prayers, food, cards, visits and especially all the hugs. My family was so impressed by all the care and concern for my dad and all of us during his illness and death. Thank you!!</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Lori Puyear</i></p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b>  <b>730 Tonieville Road</b>  <b>Hodgenville, Ky. 42748</b>  <b>Phone 358-3193</b>  <b>Fax 358-0917</b>  <b>E-Mail for Staff</b>  <b>First Name of staff</b>  <b>member@fbchodgenville.org</b></p> <p><b>Office Hours</b>      Monday - Friday      8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mike Rodgers</b>  <b>Pastor</b>      Home Phone: 270-369-9173</p> <p><b>Misty Smith</b>  <b>Minister of Music</b></p> <p><b>Marty Lee, Interim</b>  <b>Minister to Students</b>      Home Phone: 270-358-5861      Cell Phone: 270-307-7126</p> <p><b>Claude Ramey, Interim</b>  <b>Minister to Students</b>      Home Phone: 270-358-0846      Cell Phone: 270-696-0087</p> <p><b>Adam Townsend</b>  <b>Minister of Education</b>  <b>and Children</b>      Cell Phone: 607-259-3009</p> <p><b>Sally Lewis</b>  <b>Administrative Assistant</b></p> <p><b>Sybil Johnson</b>  <b>Pianist</b></p> <p><b>Tom Gill</b>  <b>Custodian</b></p>
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>Candlelight Service</b>  <b>11:00 p.m., December 24th</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>The Western Recorder will not print the next two weeks. The next Link you receive will be January 13th.</b></p>  <p>Holiday Schedule</p> </div>	<p><b>Deacons of the Week</b></p> <p><b>December 27:</b> Doug Bell and Mike Smith  <b>Head Usher:</b> Jimmy Edwards</p> <p><b>January 3:</b> Jack Rogers and Scott Sandidge  <b>Head Usher:</b> Jimmy Rogers</p> <p><b>January 10:</b> Barry Stephens and Glenn Williams  <b>Head Usher:</b> Dean Williams</p> <p><b>Child Care Workers</b></p> <p><b>December 27:</b>  <b>Breakfast:</b> Deena Bradley  <b>Infants:</b> Kitty Dixon and Cathy McClure  <b>Toddlers:</b> Brad and Beth Turner  <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Larry and Sandra Braden  <b>Jr. Children's Church:</b> None  <b>Evening Nursery:</b> Brenda Whitlow and Jean Thomas  <b>Wed., December 30:</b> No Nursery</p> <p><b>January 3:</b>  <b>Breakfast:</b> Lori Puyear  <b>Infant:</b> Suzanne Boone and Diane Knight  <b>Toddlers:</b> Jamie and Cari Self  <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Steve and Melinda McCubbin  <b>Jr. Children's Church:</b> None  <b>Evening Worship:</b> Mitchell and Sherry Key  <b>Wed., January 6:</b> Debbie Dickerson and Donna Rodgers</p> <p><b>January 10:</b>  <b>Breakfast:</b> Paula Durham  <b>Infant:</b> Nina Cundiff and Suzann McCoy  <b>Toddlers:</b> Ruth Ann Frazee and Megan Townsend  <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Brenda Whitlow and Cindy Smith  <b>Jr. Children's Church:</b> Roni Milby and Katie Sandidge  <b>Evening Worship:</b> Katie Sandidge and Patti Edwards  <b>Wed., January 13:</b> Liane McDowell and Mae Burden</p>

# The Link...

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## Music Notes

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to everyone who made "An Evening in December" possible! It was so exciting to see such a large number of brothers and sisters in Christ working together and using their God-given talents and abilities for His glory! You were certainly a blessing to many, many people, and what a blessing to each of us in return to know that we were given the opportunity to proclaim the message of Christ's birth to so many! Many people entered our doors who are not members of our Church, and while they were here, they were told of the greatest gift ever given to man. Those who do not know Christ see Christmas as a time to try to buy the perfect presents for everyone on their list, wearily standing in long lines and fighting crowds. But we were able to come to this place and imagine that we there at the manger on that Holy night. I pray that you will have a greater realization of the depth of God's love for you in sending His Only Son to be your Savior! May we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, and as words of the carol state: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord"!

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,

Misty

## Youth

BIG thank to everyone who served this community and made An Evening in December so special. Serving FBC as one of the Interim Minister to Students is an incredible privilege, especially when you get to minister with amazing youth and youth committee. It was exciting to see familiar faces as well as new faces experience the wonder of Christmas. Here's how your service made a difference -- One of our students invited their friend to church last week and this week. They even helped to serve dinner Sunday evening. After the program that student's friend prayed to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior. PRAISE GOD! We are looking forward to a year of growth in our Student Ministry and praise God it started with an Evening in December. That's how it happens; one relationship, one person at a time. All of us from students to adults have an opportunity this Holiday season to make a difference in the life of our family and friends. If you haven't already, invite them to join you in your Holiday activities and to church. Our Christmas Eve service is a beautiful opportunity to do just that. Be praying now that God will put friends or family in your path in the coming days to join you this Christmas Eve at FBC.

We are also going to work this coming year on creating special opportunities to share your faith and our church with your friends and family so they can meet our amazing Savior. Here are just a few of the opportunities to kick off the new year...

January 16th - Snow Tubing at Paoli Peaks

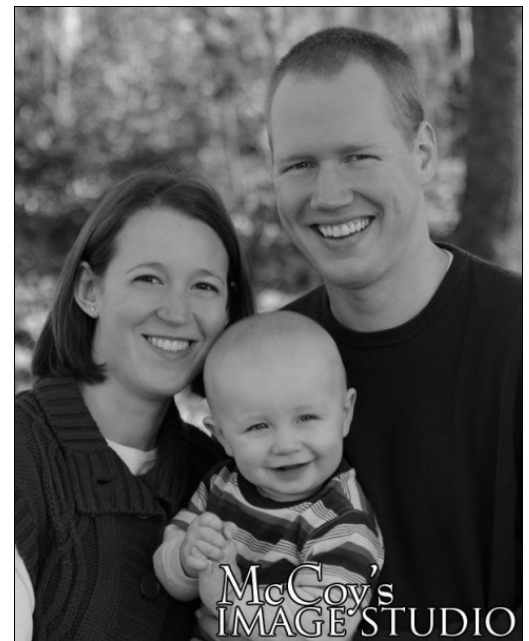
February 5th and 6th - 30 hour Famine

February 14th - Valentino's

Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Claude

## Education & Children



Megan, Nathan and myself would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. We hope that you are able to spend it with close friends and family as you gather together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you all for a good first year of ministry here at FBC Hodgenville. We look forward to spending many more Christmas' with you all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,  
The Townsend's

It's Jesus' birthday we celebrate. He is the ONLY reason for the Christmas season. Telling people about Jesus - in heaven someone saved because of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering may thank you for giving and tell you because you did, he or she became a Christian - wow!

**Our Hallelujah Goal: \$8,881.74**  
**Our Minimum Goal: \$7,000.00**  
**Amount Given: \$8,048.35**

**Schedule of Events:**  
**Sunday, December 27**  
 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
**Monday, December 28**  
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
**Tuesday, December 29**  
 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Art Class  
**Wednesday, December 30**  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study  
**Thursday, December 31-New Year's Eve-Office Closed**  
**Friday, January 1-New Year's Day-Office Closed**  
**Sunday, January 3**  
 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
**Monday, January 4**  
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir Rehearsal  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Art Class  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer, Bible Study, TeamKid & Student Revolution  
**Sunday, January 10**  
 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

**UPWARD IS BIGGER THIS YEAR!** We have the largest sign up for Upward this year in both cheerleading and basketball. You are needed! Ask Chris Rogers or Adam where you need

The church's directories are in. Copies are available for purchase by those who did not have their pictures made.

Get your new year started off right!  
 We are starting up Sunday Night Discipleship after finishing Crazy Love. Our first gathering will be Sunday January 10th at 6 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Room. We share a meal and maybe a song or two and then we break into small groups for discussion. We will focus on the book *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan. Sign up by calling the church office or use the perforated portion of the bulletin to let us know you want to join the study and drop it in the offering this morning. See Claude Ramey if you have any questions.

The following were elected to serve as deacons 2010-2013: Terry Bradley, Denny Duggins, Bobby Lewis, Jimmie McDowell, Clay Price, Jimmy Rogers, Mike Smith (unexpired 2 year term)

December 20th Attendance		December 20 Financial Report	
Bible Study		Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Sr. Adult	55	Budget Received:	17,338.21
Adult	78	Total Budget Received:	476,257.63
Youth	21	Budget	573,633.29
Children	28	Designated:	
Preschool	18	Lottie Moon	2,029.00
Visitors	3	Upward	255.00
Total	203	Youth	200.00
Morning Worship	306	Video	50.00
		Other	3,651.29
		Total Offering	23,523.50