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- December 21- FBC Choirs present "A Baby Changes Everything"- 10:15 am, MPR
- December 21- NO Sunday School, Illuminate or Treehouse (nursery available for birth through 3 years)
- December 21- FBC Christmas Family Dinner- 6 pm, MPR
- December 22- Office Open- 8 am-5 pm
- December 23-26- Office closed
- December 24- Vesper Service with Lord's Supper - 5 pm, Sanctuary
- December 28- Regular Morning Services
- December 28- NO evening services/activities
- December 29- Office Open- 8 am-5 pm
- December 30-January 2- Office closed
- December 31- NO Evening Services or Activities

JANUARY 2015						
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- January 4- Regular morning services
- January 4- NO evening services
- January 5- Men's Basketball- 5-6 am, MPR
- January 5- FBC Office reopens
- January 5- Expedurance Orientation- 6:30 pm, Petros
- January 5- Deacons' Meeting- 7 pm, A206

# FIRST FAMILIES

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What a gracious and loving church you are! Thank you so much for all the treats you have brought by the office. We have had everything from cookies and chocolate to soup and cornbread! We pray each of you has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Ministry Team



## Student Section: Petros Student Ministries of First Baptist

**BELIZE!** Our next fund raiser dinner is Wednesday, January 7th! We will have a Soup-er Bowl dinner. Thank you for your continued support!



**Expedurance:** We have had a great response to our January Expedurance Mission Trip to Lebanon, Tennessee. We have 9 students in need of scholarship assistance. The base cost is \$164. Any amount will help these students along! Thanks so much!



### Military Person of the Week

Pvt. Brady Miller  
2012 2nd Avenue North  
Pell City, AL 35125

Brady is in the Army National Guard and the grandson of Glenn & Barbara Miller. Please remember Brady and his family in your prayers and with cards/notes of encouragement.

### Love & Care Friend of the Week

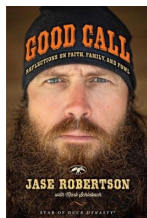
Mattie Taylor  
Rosewood Manor, Rm #2  
605 15th Street No.  
Pell City, AL 35125

Please remember Ms. Mattie in your prayers and with cards/notes of encouragement.

### Women's Book Club:

The next Book Club meeting will be Monday, January 12, 6:30 pm, at the home of Bridgett Junkin. The book for January is *Good Call: Reflections on Faith, Family and Fowl* by Jase Robertson (Duck Dynasty).

Please RSVP to Bridgett Junkin at 338-6331.



## For Your Information...

### One Harvest Ministry- Monthly Orders

*One Harvest* is a ministry which provides monthly food boxes at reduced prices. These may be ordered through the church (338-9444) or online at [www.oneharvest.com](http://www.oneharvest.com).



•**Delivery/Pickup date is Sat., Dec. 20 , 8:30-10 am.**

The **Christian Love Pantry**, along with several churches in our area, and the Community Food Bank are sponsoring a Food Give-Away for those in need on Saturday, December 20, 10 am, at Lakeside Park. There will be over 50 pounds of food for every family in need. We hope to serve 350 families in the park that Saturday morning.

To make this a success, we need your help passing out food, dividing up produce, parking cars and entertaining the folks who arrive early. Please plan on joining us at 8:30 am to prepare for the 10 am distribution. We should be through by noon.

If you will be able to help, contact Bob Osborn at 205-884-7200.

### Recommitment Sunday...

January 11, 2015- As we move into a new year, let's all try to make church and Sunday School a priority in our family life. If it already is, invite a friend or neighbor.

### Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting...

Anyone who has an interest in going to the Amazon for a mission trip and the experience of a lifetime, come to an interest meeting on Sunday, January 25, 4:30 pm, in Room B213. This trip, which is in Puyo, Ecuador, will consist of outreach, evangelism, discipleship and will also have a medical component.

### DU Winter Mini-Term 2015

The anticipation of Christmas and the New Year brings with it the fresh opportunity for participation in our D.U. Winter mini-term. The new mini-term *begins Wednesday, January 7, at 5 pm*, with dinner in the MPR. The meal is provided/sponsored by the Student Ministry and is a fundraiser for those students going on the Senior Mission Trip to Belize in May 2015. There is no set cost, but donations are greatly appreciated. As the term "mini" suggest, the courses, will be **8 weeks**. Course options/facilitators are:

- Prayer Meeting-*Open Bible Study* - Dale Owens
- Genesis- Dr. Ed Glasscock
- What is the Gospel?- Frank Hopson
- Church Essentials - Tim Gold
- Financial Peace University - Kris & Beth Hanes
- Mere Christianity (Men's study) - Russell Klinner & Brain Richard
- What Love Is (Women's study)- Kim Thweatt
- Breath (Women's study) - Patsy Lee (5:20-6:20 pm)

You may register for classes now. There will be D.U. brochures in the MPR lobby and the back hallway of the Sanctuary. Start time for classes will be 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Please pray then sign up for the course you feel will be most helpful to you at this time during your personal discipleship process. Let's all start the New Year out with the purpose of growing ourselves in Christ and disciplining others.

**Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014****10:15 Ushers**

Dana Merrymon, Mike Dickinson, Frank Hopson, Erskine Funderburg, Terry Chism, Gary Savage, James Dendy, Darrell Harper, Chad Tidwell, Jimbo Roe, Keith Moore, Brian Whitten, Dondi Lee

**Deacons on Call- Team 2**

Paul Miller 338-3082  
Jerry Burns 884-3823

**Library Staff**

Barbara Hayes  
Wynette Pennington

**Parish Nurses**

Genelle Berry  
Quay Edge

**Scripture Reader**

Keith Moore

**Prayer Room**

Mike/Cindy Caldwell  
Charlie Browning

***Happy Birthday!***

12/21 Karen Bain	12/29 Chloe Baker
12/21 Carol Isdell	12/29 Brooklyn Black
12/22 Barney Clark	12/29 David Garrett
12/22 Cammie Taylor	12/29 Sue Smith
12/23 Glenn Evans	12/30 Lyle Harmon
12/23 David Wang	12/30 Wanda Roe
12/24 Rose Cence	12/31 James Butler
12/24 Loretta Darby	12/31 Joan Campbell
12/24 Earl Fagan	12/31 Paige Edwards
12/24 Anne Marie Newton	12/31 Scott Edwards
12/25 Piper Mitcham	12/31 Will Kliner
12/25 Carol Weatherly	1/1 Ann Dendy
12/26 Bitt Goodwin	1/1 Jack Hayes
12/26 Pen Smith	1/1 Morgan Russell
12/27 Alison Boyd	1/1 Kim Stallings
12/27 Bill Ervin	1/2 Austin Cotney
12/28 Sandra Carruth	1/2 Chad Tidwell
12/28 Blake Deese	1/3 Blain Henderson
12/28 Rogers McDaniel	1/3 Mary Sullivan
12/28 Warren Smith	1/3 Brett Tompkins
12/28 Charlie Strength	

**Announcements...****Remember those who have lost loved ones**

Barbara Miller and family in the passing of her brother, Ron Napier

**Thank you**

Dear Church Family,  
I want to thank you for the outpouring of love and concern during last week. My family appreciates every call, text, email, card, meal and everything else our church "family" provided over that week. I am in a constant state of awe at how the body has rallied around one of its own. My heart overflows with the love that has been shown to us. I know there are difficult days ahead, but I also know Whom it is that I serve. Thank you again!  
Blessings,  
Matt Mosley and Family

**2015 Flower Log Open Dates**

If you would be interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please contact Priscilla in the church office. The following dates are open as a one-time-only or annually reoccurring:

August 16, 2015

August 23, 2015

**2014 Offering**

Please remember your **2014** offerings must be post-marked by December 31, 2014, or be in the church offering plate by Sunday, December 28. The office will be open on December 22 and December 29 for you to drop your offering by the office. Only contributions received in the above manner will be legally eligible for

charitable contributions for 2014. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter will help us abide by IRS regulations and maintain integrity in our accounting practices.

**2015 Offering Envelopes**

Your 2015 Offering Envelopes are here! For families, the envelopes will be in the Sunday School classroom of the mother (father if mother not in Sunday School). Otherwise envelopes will be in your Sunday School classroom or the MPR lobby (if you are not in Sunday School). PLEASE use your envelopes! Contributions are posted by envelope number and using your envelopes makes this process much easier. If you do not use your envelopes, please write your envelope number in the memo section of your check.

**Sunday, December 21**

- 9:30-10:00 am- Parish Nurses will be in the FBC Library office taking blood pressures.
- 9:30-10:00 am- The FBC Library will be open
- There will be NO Sunday School, Illuminate or Tree-House.
- 10:15 am, MPR- The choirs of FBC present "A Baby Changes Everything"
- 6:00 pm, MPR- FBC Family Christmas Dinner- YOU bring **large** dishes of meats, casseroles, vegetables, salads and desserts. The church will provide beverages, bread and paper products.

**First Families**

**There will be NO First Families newsletter Christmas week.**

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*"Living For His Glory"*

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Fri 8 am-1 pm

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phone:  
205-338-3439

DEADLINE FOR COPY:  
MONDAY, NOON, OF EACH  
WEEK

MINISTERIAL TEAM

- Dr. John Thweatt-  
Pastor
- Rev. Tim Gold- Minister  
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Administration
- Rev. Mark Walker-  
Minister to Students
- Rev. Ric Callahan-  
Minister to Children and  
Families
- Mr. Ronnie Foster-  
Minister of Music
- Mrs. Kim Thweatt-  
Contemporary Worship  
Leader
- Mrs. Tammy Huey-  
Weekday Education  
Director

**To God be the Glory! Great things He has done!**

First Baptist Church of Pell City was organized in April of 1903. Since that time, our membership has grown to over 1400 members. From the little white three room frame building to our current four building campus, FBC has grown considerably. God has seen fit to bless us with the purchase of 30+ acres on Hwy 78 in Pell City to build a new church sometime in the future.

Over the last few years, members of First Baptist Church have been on mission in Brazil, Cambodia, Cape Town South Africa, Chile, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Peru, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, Zambia, Alaska, Arkansas, Dauphin Island, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. FBC does community missions throughout the year, providing funds for utility bills, prescriptions, overnight accommodations, etc. First Baptist Church is a mission minded congregation.

Facts & Figures	
Description	Week Ending December 14
SS Enrollment	876
SS Attendance	487
VA Sunday School	47
Illuminate/Tree House	68
Offerings	\$29,684.38
General Offerings to date	\$1,260,206.53
Offerings Under Budget	(\$124,143,47)
Building Fund	\$4,463.00
Building Fund to date	\$1,722,514.78
2014 Lottie Moon Goal	\$85,000.00
2014 Lottie Moon Offering to date	\$37,609.00
2015 Annie Armstrong Offering to date	\$2,130.00

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**Postmaster:**  
Send form 3579 to First Baptist Church,  
2309 2nd Avenue North, Pell City, AL 35125

**Regular Weekly services**

**Sunday services:**

- 9 am- Traditional Worship
- 9 am- Contemporary Sunday School
- 9 am- Nursery for infants and toddlers
- 9 am- Tree House Preschool Worship (3-5 year olds)
- 9 am- Illumin8 Children's Worship (1-6 grade)
- 10:15 am- Contemporary Worship
- 10:15 am- Traditional Sunday School
- 6 pm- 252 Kids Club- 1-6 grade
- 6 pm- Nursery for babies through age 5
- 6 pm- Evening Worship

**Wednesday services:**

- 5:45 pm- Preschool and Children's Choirs
- 6:30 pm- Nursery for infants and toddlers
- 6:30 pm- Mission Friends
- 6:30 pm- R.A.s and G.A.s
- 6:30 pm- Youth Music, Message & More
- 6:30 pm- Discipleship University
- 6:30 pm- ESL
- 7:30 pm- Traditional & Contemporary Choir Practices