

THE FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

First Baptist Church of Springfield

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Our Mission

- We exist to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow to become like Him.

Our Purpose

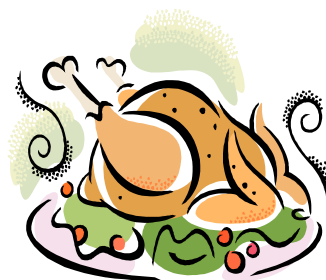
- We are called by God and empowered by His Spirit to fulfill our mission through worship, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and evangelism.

Our Vision

- We seek to be known throughout our community for our devotion to Jesus Christ and our commitment to share His love with all people.

Thanksgiving Meal Worship

**Sunday, November 20
at 5:30 pm**



Everyone is invited to our annual church-wide Thanksgiving Meal and Worship Service. The buffet begins at 5:30 pm in the gym with seating in the Fellowship Hall.

The church will provide: turkey, gravy, rolls and beverages.

Families attending are asked to bring: two large side dishes OR one large side dish and a dessert.

We will conclude the evening with a time of praise and worship, followed by the Lord's Supper. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and thanksgiving to our Lord for all His many blessings. Don't miss this special time in the life of our church!

Upcoming Events

- Nov 01 PACE Planning Meeting**
7:00 pm/C302
- Nov 08 Crafts**
10:00 am/C302
- Nov 08 REC Weekend Meeting**
7:00 pm/Student Center
- Nov 09 Café Moms**
9:30 am/Student Center
- Nov 10 FACETS**
4:00 pm/Gym
- Nov 11 Youth REC Weekend Begins**
8:00 pm/Youth Center
- Nov 12 Hand-in-Hand Day**
9:00 am/Gym
- Nov 15 Women on Mission**
10:30 am/CR2
- Nov 20 Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner/Worship**
5:30 pm/Gym-FH
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day**
Church Closed
- Nov 29 PACE Planning Meeting**
7:00 pm/C302



Hand-in-Hand Day

**Saturday, November 12
9:00 am - Noon**

*Join us for a continental breakfast at 8:30 am
in the gym before the projects begin.*

The Missions Committee has scheduled our fall Hand-in-Hand Ministry Day on November 12. It is a chance for "Hands On" ministry right here at our church or in the community. Here are some of the projects available to choose from:

- Operation Christmas Child (shoe box ministry)
- Shining Star
- Various Community Outreach Projects
- Also, leaf raking (please bring rakes)

Bring the whole family and get involved in missions! If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Chenoweth at 703.690.3098 or echenoweth@verizon.net.



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Women's Ministry

FBCS Women's Ministry invites you to

Café Moms

Café Mom is for women at all stages of mommy-hood to interact, exchange ideas and connect with other moms. Come enjoy brunch, a cup of coffee and conversation with someone who is (probably) not going to spit up on you!

**Meets 2nd Wednesday
Each Month
FBCS Student REC Room
from 9:30-11:30am**



Special Activities

**November- Fall Craft TBD
December- Ornament and Cookie Exchange**

Encouragement for our busy lives from God's Word and each other. Come Relax and let the kids play.
Call Jennifer 703-455-1536 or Lisa 703-250-7280 or the church office 703-451-1500 for questions.

Women's Ministry Needs Volunteers

The "Women's Connection," our FBCS women's ministry, would like to be able to offer childcare for women who could not otherwise attend our events. If you could support this ministry through providing childcare on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Judy McCain and the women's ministry at FBCSWomen@gmail.com or 703-455-4603.

Events currently scheduled:

- **Quarterly Friday Fellowships**, from 7:00-9:00 pm
- **Christmas Brunch**, Saturday, December 3, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- **One-day retreat** at the church, March 3, 2012, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

**6:45 - 8:00 pm
Room C302**

**"Lord, Change My Attitude" by
James MacDonald**

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

**Fridays
9:15 - 11:30 am
Room C211**



Childcare provided.



**Christmas
Brunch
Saturday, December 3
9:30-11:30 am**

The Women's Connection will be hosting:



"Christmas Through the Ages", a Christmas Brunch

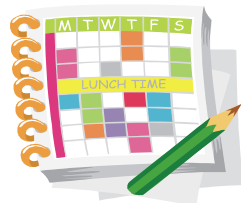
We will explore the history of advent through live dramatic presentations and lively table discussions. Also, do a little Christmas shopping at the "Wonderfully Made Jewelry" booth, and at the same time, support women from Thailand and other countries who are survivors of trafficking and exploitation.

PACE News

(Senior Adult Ministry)

Senior Adult Thanksgiving Dinner

The **NorthStar Baptist Association Senior Adult Thanksgiving Dinner** will be on **Thursday, November 10, 2011**. There will be a worship service, followed by a delicious luncheon at Columbia Baptist Church. Sanford Beckett will be preaching. The worship service will begin at **11:00 am**, so we will leave our church by **10:00am** and travel by church vans and carpools. The cost is **approximately \$5 to \$7 per person**. Reservations need to be made in advance, so please sign up by **Sunday, November 6, 2011**. Checks are payable to **NorthStar Church Network**.



Calling all P.A.C.E. Members

Planning for 2012 will take place **Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm in room C302**. We will discuss ideas for next year's events, trips, fellowships, etc. So bring ideas and thoughts for our ministry for the coming year. The follow-up meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in room C302**.

The Pastor's Column

The "Next Generations" recommendation continues to be a focus for our prayerful consideration. This recommendation states: "As the First Baptist Church of Springfield 'we exist to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow to become like him.' To realize this vision we strive for a church that reaches out to non-believers and unchurched people of all ages and all generations with the Good News of Jesus Christ so they may become followers of Him. In prayerful dependence on God, we seek a new and innovative ministry to people in our community who reflect the current culture, especially younger adults (most under 40) . . . We recommend calling a minister who will plant, cultivate, and lead it as a complement to our existing ministries and programs." The recommendation also includes a plan for providing the financial resources for this new ministry through existing funds and pledged commitments from the congregation.

There has been much interested discussion within Sunday School classes and in the church-wide dialogue sessions. The Next Generations group appreciates the questions and feedback and is actively engaged in discussing all of the input.

Clearly, this is a major recommendation with significant implications for the life of our church. The Next Generations group recognizes that the group has been reflecting on the issues and working on this recommendation for many months and the information and concept of the proposal is still new for much of the congregation. Consequently, the called business meeting on October 30 to act on the recommendation has been postponed. This postponement will allow additional time for people prayerfully to digest the issues involved and to reflect on the proposal. With the many holiday events on our church calendar, beginning with our Thanksgiving meal and service on November 20, the scheduling of a future meeting to consider this recommendation will need to wait until after the first of the year.

In the meantime, we hope people will become as acquainted as possible with the recommendation and the background and rationale for the recommendation. If you haven't viewed the Town Hall presentation of September 18, this is the essential starting point. You can find a video of this presentation as well as a copy of the recommendation on our church's website. There is also a DVD of the presentation which can be obtained from the church office.

Most of all, we urge you to make this time in our church's life a matter of your fervent prayer. What we desire above all is God's direction and our faithfulness to His will as we fulfill the mission He has for us as His church. With the postponement of the called business meeting that had been scheduled for October 30, we are going to use this time on the calendar for a church-wide gathering of prayer. We will come together at 7:00 PM to pray as we seek to follow the leadership of God's Spirit. You are encouraged to be present.



Next Generations Recommendation: A new and innovative ministry to people in our community who reflect the current culture, especially younger adults under the age of 40.

As the "Next Generations" Working Group continues to process the input and discussion from our dialogue sessions, the business meeting projected for October 30 has been postponed until a later date. You are invited to attend a "Gathering of Prayer" on October 30 at 7:00 pm as we continue to seek God's guidance for us as His church.

Download a copy of the Next Generations Working Group Recommendation and **watch video** presentations from the town hall meeting on September 18, 2011 at www.fbcspringfield.org/nextgenerations (Username: **member** / Password: **fb**).



New Men's Wednesday Bible Study

"Ephesians"

"Has there ever been a day when more people were seeking for meaning? What is the place of the individual person in the cosmic order? We want to know. Where do we belong? How do we fit? What does it all mean? And where will it all come out?"

"Ephesians, in its message of a divine purpose being accomplished by the mighty acts of God in Christ, is a relevant source for our struggle for meaning. The central theme of the epistle is that all things are created for ultimate unity in Jesus Christ."

Maxie Dunnam

Calling all men to study together—**Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in Conference Room #2 (next to elevator-2nd floor).**
Hammond Coates will be our study leader.



Youth Ministry



REC Student Ministry

"We exist to reach students for CHRIST, to worship Him who **reconciles** all things and **recreates** us into His image --transformed lives following the call of JESUS."

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Come join us **every SUNDAY** night after Youth Choir in the REC Room **5:45 pm – 8:00 pm** for games, snacks, live worship, and BIBLE STUDY!

COMING SOON:

Youth Concert of Prayer
December 4, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as the Youth Choir and Youth Band lead us in a time of prayer and worship!

RecWeekend

November 11–13, 2011

Theme: RECREATE

Event Cost: \$50

**Registration is OPEN!*

An in-town retreat that uses homes of church members to house our students. We also use small group bible study leaders, a guest worship band, and a guest speaker to help students grow in their relationship with God and with others.

*On **Wednesday November 9th**, we will host our first ever **REC RALLY**, a **FREE** preview of the upcoming REC Weekend with the guest speaker and worship band. REC Rally will run from 7-8pm in the Student Center.*

For links to registration forms, visit our church website, or contact SLY SAMUDRE via email at slv.samudre@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry

Fall Festival Big Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our FBCS Fall Festival a big success! It was evident to all the love poured out by each volunteer! It makes the endeavor fun to have each of you and your Sunday School classes, from youth to senior adult, take part in hosting our festival. Each child had a great time and the fellowship was fantastic! Thank you again for donating both your goodies and your time.

God Bless!



Ongoing:

GRAPPLE

Do you Grapple with interesting questions? Join us as we look into the Word, learn together and fellowship!

5th - 6th grade!
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Sunday evenings in C110

Destination Kids

Games, Bible drill, fun and fellowship!

1st - 4th grade!
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Sunday evenings in C104

Wednesday Evenings

Kids Performing Arts for Grades 1-6
6:45 - 7:20 pm in C110

Mission Friends for Ages 3 to Kindergarten
6:45 - 8:00 pm in B214
(Day School Hall)

Girls in Action for Grades 1-6
7:20 - 8:00 pm in C106

Boys on Track for Grades 1-6
7:20 - 8:00 pm in Gym

Music and Worship Arts — Chris Jenkins

CHILDREN CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

On Wednesday evenings our Grades 1 - 6 Children's Choir has begun working on a Christmas Musical to be presented during the Advent season. It is entitled The Light Before Christmas and will be presented on Sunday evening, December 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm. All of our choir children will receive rehearsal materials for the musical that they can work on at home. Each Wednesday night our children continue to do a variety of different music activities as well as working on the musical. Parents are urged to help their children to be at every rehearsal and to work on the musical at home.

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Sanctuary Choir has begun a musical for Christmas entitled A Song In the Air by Dennis and Nan Allen. This musical is a song of celebration, a song of worship, and a song of proclamation. After all, Christmas has a lot to sing about. More than anything at this time of year Christians need to tell the Good News of the birth of our Savior. God's Son is born! It is the greatest story ever told. That is the message of this musical – a challenge to all of us to share the hope that comes from the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Sanctuary Choir invites you to sing this great story. Join the choir each Wednesday night from 6:45 to 8:00pm and help us tell the Good News – a Savior is born! The musical will be presented on Sunday morning, December 11, at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

YOUTH CHORAL ENSEMBLE BEGINS

A new youth choral group has begun practicing as part of their Sunday afternoon youth activities. Under the direction of Lisa Donovan and accompanied by Connie Jenkins, this group **meets on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room**. There were 12 youth present at their first meeting on October 16. Their next rehearsal will be on October 30. Be in prayer for these youth and their leaders as they prepare to take part in worship during Advent and Christmas.



PURCHASE POINSETTIAS

Don't forget to purchase poinsettias to honor or remember a loved one or just to beautify our worship centers for Advent and Christmas. Forms will be in the worship bulletins very soon. You can also sign up to help with decorating our church for this special season.

Volunteers Needed in Children's Ministry

Where will you serve at FBCS? Is God calling you to work in a different ministry? Haven't taken the opportunity to plug in? Pray about the following areas and contact the church office or n.treanor@fbcspringfield.org with your interest!

- Opening Assembly
- Sunday School Assistants/Substitutes
- Sunday night Destination Kids assistants
- Grapple Leader and Assistants
- Wednesday Night Volunteers

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADVENT 2011

A Service for the Hanging of the Greens

Our traditional Joint Worship Service in which we decorate the church sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Sunday Morning – December 4, 2011
10:30 am - The Church Sanctuary

A Song in the Air

By
Dennis and Nan Allen

To be presented by the Sanctuary Choir on
Sunday morning – December 11, 2011
10:30 am – The Church Sanctuary

The Splendor of Christmas A Musical for Senior Adult Choir

By Marty Parks

To be presented by the PACE Choir on
Sunday morning – December 18, 2011
10:30 am - The Church Sanctuary

The Light Before Christmas A Musical About the Light of the World

Created by
Dave Clark and Jayme Thompson

To be presented by Grades 1 - 6, Children's Choir
Sunday Evening – December 18, 2011
7:00pm - The Church Sanctuary



Adult Handbell Choir

Sunday evenings 5:45 pm
in the Sanctuary Choir Loft

Children's Choir

Wednesday evenings
6:45 pm, Room C110



Mission Committee News

Hand-in-Hand Ministry Day, Saturday November 12, 9:00 am-12 noon

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
(Fruit, Donuts, Bagels, Coffee, and Juice)
- 9:00 am we will be working in the church and in the community on various ministry projects
(NOTE: Rakes will be needed on some projects).

Operation Christmas Child

On the Hand-in-Hand Ministry Day, **November 12**, we will be wrapping up our shoe boxes for this year. You may bring items to stuff the boxes until **Friday, November 11**. Our biggest need is for small toys, stuffed animals, jump ropes, etc. Please do not include any war toys, liquids, and/or chocolate.

Shining Star Ministry

Beginning **Sunday, November 20**, look for the Christmas tree in the foyer and the wreath in the Fellowship Hall for stars. These stars contain information about children in our area that would not have Christmas gifts if it were not for your generosity. The stars also contain directions on how to purchase and wrap your gifts. We will also be collecting cereal boxes to give to the families to have over the Christmas break. All gifts must be turned in by **Sunday, December 11**.

Food Pantry

3rd Quarter Report. We served 60 households and gave away 8434 pounds of food. Thanks to all who contribute to this ministry, financially and staffing each Saturday morning.



Operation Christmas Child 2011 (Shoebbox Ministry)

**We need more donations
to complete stuffing shoeboxes
on Hand-in-Hand Ministry Day!**

Gift Ideas

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: Pencil sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. (We have plenty of pens and pencils.)

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: Hard candy, lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as, toy guns, knives, etc.; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

Drop off donations at the Church Office by November 11.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement at Dad's service.

Sincerely,
The Buck & Tilton Families

Ladies of the Congregation,

What a lovely lunch you were a part of last Tuesday [10/11]. Food was so good and I enjoyed the time to share with each, I missed a few but my jaw was sore afterwards. Thank you so much. Leaving is difficult.

Love to each one,
Mary Gillespie

WORLD HUNGER

October 2 – November 20

Our hunger offering will be collected during the months of October and November. Turn your filled "soup cans" into the Church Office.





Shining Star Ministry



It's that time of year again when our church provides Christmas gifts to children attending schools in our church neighborhood.

These children all have two things in common:

-  They would not be getting anything for Christmas except for your generosity.
-  They might not have anything to eat for breakfast during the holidays except for your contributions!

Beginning on **Sunday, November 20**, look for the Christmas tree in the foyer with the yellow and blue stars. Please select a star for a boy or girl and exchange it for information about the child and directions on how to purchase and wrap your gifts.

It is VERY important not to remove a star without someone there to give you the needed information. Please leave your wrapped gifts under the tree on Sundays or in the church office on week days. You will be able to leave your boxes of cereal in designated boxes in the foyer. All gifts and cereal boxes must be turned in to the church by **Sunday, December 11**.

The members of the Missions Committee thank you for helping us to meet all these physical needs in our neighborhood while we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm - Joyful Followers Prayer 7:00 pm - PACE Planning Mtg</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>6</p> <p>4:00 pm - Deacon Council 5:00 REC Weekend Host Home Mtg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am - Crafts</p> <p>7:00 pm - Joyful Followers Prayer 7:00 pm - REC Weekend Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am - Café Moms</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities: Prayer Meeting Bible Studies Youth Destination Kids Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am - North Star's Senior Adult Thanksgiving Dinner 4:00 pm FACETS 7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm - Youth REC Weekend Begins</p> <p> <i>Veteran's Day</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am - Hand-in-Hand Day 9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>13</p> <p>11:30 am - Youth REC Weekend Ends</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30 am - Women on Mission</p> <p>7:00 pm - Joyful Followers Prayer</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities: Prayer Meeting Bible Studies Youth Destination Kids Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm - Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal/Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm - Joyful Followers Prayer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities: Prayer Meeting Bible Studies Youth Destination Kids Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>  <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 pm - Joyful Followers Prayer 7:00 pm - PACE Planning Mtg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities: Prayer Meeting Bible Studies Youth Destination Kids Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>Next Newsletter will be published November 28. Deadline for submissions is November 21.</p>		

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"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV)

Attendance and Giving

October 2, 2011:	
Sunday School	220
October 9, 2011:	
Sunday School	193
October 16, 2011	
Sunday School	223
October 23, 2011	
Sunday School	247

Status of Income Received for 2011 Budgeted Expenses					
For Week (Need \$20,601)		For Year-to-Date			
Date	Weekly Offering	Received	Budgeted	Over or (Under)	Percent
October 2	\$25,602	\$735,638	\$824,077	\$(88,394)	89.3%
October 9	\$12,347	\$748,031	\$844,679	\$(96,648)	88.6%
October 16	\$25,965	\$773,996	\$865,281	\$(91,285)	89.5%
October 23	\$13,043	\$787,039	\$885,883	\$(98,844)	88.8%

**Extended
 Session
 Volunteers**

- November 6:** Elizabeth Medina, Karla Mendoza, Glenn Hanna, Christine Hanna, Roger Price, Paula Price, Steve Moree, Kyong Moree
- November 13:** Cori Hughes, Linda Bunn, Wanda Guilbe, Lenys Quinonez, Linda Burgess, Alexis Burgess, Paula Price
- November 20:** Lisa Nelson, Mary Hertling, Fanny Cordon, Lily Ferio, Tiffany Venton, Bob Venton, Beverly Finnen, Emma Finnen
- November 27:** JoAnne Vines, Vivian Mills, Diane Weaver, Patti Abernathy, Jeannie Carruth, Janice Gardner

**PRAYER
 INTERCESSORS
 SCHEDULE**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Intercessor</u>
Nov 6	Patti Abernathy
Nov 13	Pat Dutton
Nov 20	David DeHaven
Nov 27	Nancy Michie

Staff Vacancy

The Personnel Committee is accepting applications for a fulltime Ministry Assistant - Communications. Major duties include: receptionist responsibilities, coordinating information about church activities and schedules, and preparing and editing church publications and promotional material. A more detailed position description is available from the church office.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to function as a team member in a church office environment and a mastery of computer technology in the generation of church publications and maintenance of church member data. Knowledge of Membership Plus and the Microsoft Office suite, including Publisher, Excel, and Word, as well as Website maintenance and dissemination of electronic information, is desired.

Individuals interested in the position should complete an application (available in the church office) and submit it to the Personnel Committee through the Church Office.