

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party for Children & Families

A rocking party it will be - bring your parents and a friend or two. We'll gather by the fire, the Christmas story we will hear - go caroling in the neighborhood and, for sure, eat a hot dog too! See you back at the church at 5:30 pm today.

New Wednesday Night Study

Enjoy the next two Wednesday nights (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) with family and friends. Then join us for a new study featuring an award winning documentary video. "Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism" is a groundbreaking look back at past mistakes and forward to future challenges.

After each video segment, we will have a discussion time to consider how the Bible confronts past and present attitudes about race.

Peace.

The ardent desire of so many people.

And it is a gift given freely to us in Jesus Christ.

We have a message of *peace*. What will we do with it?

As we think about God's great gifts to us this Christmas, let's also commit to *share* those same gifts. By partnering with other churches to do this work, we can do so much more than we ever could on our own. The Offering for Global Missions is one way we can support cooperative mission work around the world.

During the month of December, our church has set a goal of giving \$2000.00 towards the \$6.1 million national goal for CBF Global Missions. 100% of gifts go directly to field personnel salaries, benefits, and ministry and operating expenses.



Welcome to the

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Deep peace of the shining stars to you;
which stay invisible till darkness
falls and discloses their pure and shining presence
beaming down in compassion on our turning world
Deep peace of the shining stars to you!

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you;
of unpretentious folk who, watching and waiting,
spend long hours out on the hillside;
expecting in simplicity some Coming of the Lord
Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you!

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you,
who, swift as the wave and pervasive as the air,
quiet as the earth and shining like a star;
breathes into us His Peace and His Spirit:

December 21, 2008

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Ushers for December:

Houston Cummings, A.D. Fudge & Melvin Stancik

Grounds Care:

Martin Herman

Deacons On Call:

Gene Brown & Houston Cummings

Nursery Workers:

Dec 21st—Christi Stancik

Dec 28th—Michala Herrera

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Preparation for Worship

Instrumentalists

The Chiming of the Hour

† Call to Worship from Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**

Praise the Lord!

In our hearts and on our lips we praise him!

Let us exalt his name!

† "At the Name of Jesus"

No. 198

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Ruby & Charles Darnell

"Shine On Us"

SMITH

Lord, let your Peace,
Peace for all the earth, begin in us.

Lord, let your Peace,
Peace for all the earth, begin in us.

That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let your Peace begin in us.
Let your Light shine on us.

Children's Sermon

Kevin Collison

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

No. 83

† A Reading from Luke 1:26-38

Robert Griffith

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

† Offertory Song

to the tune of "The First Noël"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël,

Born is the King of Israel.

Offering

Angela Herrera

"Call Him Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

Kevin Collison

Message

Kevin Collison

"Learn to Expect the Unexpected"

(part 3 in a series, "So, You're Expecting...")

Personal Reflection

*"It may sometimes be more fruitful in the end if we live with
a lingering question and grow slowly towards wisdom, than if we find
a quick answer partly dictated by our own desires. The waiting
changes us, schools us, teaches us to know God." - Maria Boulding*

Hymn of Response

No. 287

"Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord"

Benediction

Kevin Collison

Departing Song

No. 86

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 4)

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today!

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

*Our worship this morning makes use of an Advent prayer
by Katherine Hawker and a poem by Mary Rogers,
adapted from a traditional Gaelic prayer.*

The Week Ahead at FBC

Sunday, December 21st

5:30 pm Christmas Party for Children & Families

7:00 pm Adult I Christmas Party - the Garbee home

Monday, December 22nd

9:00 am Food Pantry / Clothes Closet

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve - no scheduled activities

Thursday, December 25th

Christmas Day - church office closed

Sunday, December 28th

9:45 am Sunday School

10:50 am Morning Worship / Communion Service

To Our Guests

We are honored that you joined us in worship today,
and we would like to invite you back. We hope that worshipping
with our church will be a meaningful experience for you. Please
consider filling out a guest card to place in the offering plate.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church
or in making a decision of faith, please come forward during the
Hymn of Response or visit with the pastor after the service.



Hearing assistance devices are
available from any of our ushers.

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