



As you can see, the newsletter has changed its monthly printing to every two (2) months. If you would like to have your article/pictures printed in our next newsletter please have them turned in *before* the 1st day of March.

The “newsletter” box is located on the welcome table in the foyer; please feel free to add to it. I check the box every Sunday & Wednesday.

Thank you for reading our Newsletter. rabrough2@hotmail.com or 828-1583 (cell) Rosie Brough

I would like to thank: Debbie Fear and Shirley Williams for the article and photos supplied for the S.A.M.'S ministry.

On a personal note: Thank you to our secret Santa for the blessing you gave both me and Christy! I was over-whelmed; when I got home I prayed praise to you and this great church for making us feel so loved and thankful for such giving people.

This church has over whelmed us with love. With your advice I am realizing more and more how much God has been missing in my life for those 20 years. And I'm so glad he didn't give up on me, even though I turned him away. This Church family has really made me see that God IS the way to inner peace and joy. THANK YOU FIRST BAPTIST LUMBERTON!!!!



WELCOMES YOU TO COME WORSHIP



As we begin this new year 2012 let us once again count our blessings and look forward to be an influence in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like never before will you pray for someone who does not know Christ as their Savior. Pray the Holy Spirit speaks to their heart and prepares their soul for receiving this great gift in Jesus Christ. The harvest for mankind's soul is large, may we make a commitment to be an instrument under God's direction to reach people for Him.

Love works. Pastor Kevin McClusky



Well Baby Nursery Policy

We have a well baby nursery. For this reason, we ask that a child not be left who appears to be ill. If a child is found to be ill while in our care, the parent will be notified immediately.

This is for the welfare of not only your child but for the other children in the children's department.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child should remain at the home or be removed from the children's area if the following exists:

Common cold, croup, unexplained rash, extreme sore throat, vomiting (one(1) occurrence in a 24 hour period), diarrhea (2 occurrences in a 24 hour period), fever (within the last 24 hours without aid of fever reducing medication),

Any skin infection, including boil, ringworms, and impetigo
Head lice (child may return the following day after treatment with NO visible signs)

Manifest symptoms of common childhood diseases such as; Chicken Pox, mumps, measles, scarlet fever, etc

Pink eye (exception: children who have been diagnosed and treated with medication for at least 24 hours may return)

Remember, keeping a well child department is for the benefit of all the children and workers attending First Baptist Lumberton.

- Please remember to label everything for your child, including diaper bag, cups, pacifiers, bottles, snacks, etc.

Thank you,

Tammi Hicks
Children's Director

Taste of the Holidays



Just of the few tables that were featured in December's "Taste of the Holidays"

On Thursday night, December 1, 2011 some of the ladies decorated their own table in all different types of decorations for the holiday season and they were all very nice. We were blessed to have Rosie Brough and Sherry Daniels perform two very beautiful songs for our entertainment and Gayle McClusky brought our devotional and spoke to us about the Fruits of the Spirit. We had an attendance of 60 ladies and all the ticket money was donated to the Lottie Moon Offering. Last but of course not least was all the ladies favorite recipes for the holidays that they brought for us to taste. We had a great time and I am already looking forward to next year. If you were not able to attend this year please be looking for tickets to go on sale next around the same time so you will not miss out on this wonderful event.

Thank you so much to everyone! Brenda Dubois

Beautiful hand-made Christmas wreaths were given to the highest donations for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (Thank you ladies for your donation of time and money in making the wreaths)

"The Lord's Supper"
Honored on Sunday, December 25, 2011



Deacons: Mark Lindsey, Larry Kelly, Russ McDonough - James Sikes, Randy Lynn, Eugene McClusky

Gathering on Sunday, December 25, 2011 with reference, our church partakes in the honor of The Lords Supper. We do this in remembrance of His broken body and shed blood for all mankind.

"I am the bread of life, whoever eats of my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, I will raise them up at the last day!" stated Jesus. With these words Jesus told us that we can remain in him and he "in" us.



Baby girl – *"Kenedy Lynne McClusky"* finally arrived! Weight: 5lbs 13 oz and a length of 19" inches.

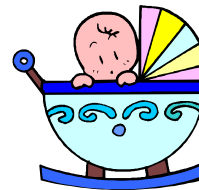
*So precious a little baby girl
Soft and delicate
Ten tiny fingers
Ten tiny toes
Crying for attention
Wanting to be held, fed and simply loved
Someone to rock her, and gaze into her eyes
Sing all her favorite lullabies
That puts her back to sleep*

Mama takes her time with this precious gift from God

*Dresses her up in her pretty baby clothes
Oh who can forget those big innocent eyes?
That cute button nose, the tight little hold of fingers?*

*She stares at us with inquisitive eyes curious about everything
that is happening in her world.*

*With God in your lives to guide her through, she is truly blessed
indeed this beautiful Kenedy Lynne!*



**Baby Shower for Danielle Ferguson on
Sunday, January 15 2 – 4pm in the Fellowship Hall!**

**A cute little boy is expected! They are registered both
at Target and Babies "R" Us.**

Captured Moments



SPECIAL THANK-YOU'S

To the GA's for the wonderful Christmas cards that you provided for our church. Proceeds benefited the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

To the ladies who helped decorate our church for this Christmas season! It came out just beautiful, ladies!

To the landscaping that was maintained on this very dry, hot year.

To all the ladies and gentlemen that are dedicated to making each Wednesday Fellowship meal a success.

To the drivers of the van for their dedication to bringing the folks that need a ride, whether it is for our church or a special event.

To the ladies who clean all those "dust bunnies" that love to gather! Ya'll do a wonderful job at keeping our church clean, especially after all these especially busy times of the year!

For the sound crew that helped everyone enjoy both the music and worship so clearly. I know it is hard to keep that balance of sound with so many different people talking and/or singing.

To Sunday school teachers for teaching us the word of God, thru their dedication and study. They are an inspiration to us all.

To our nursery workers that help change those diapers and keep our cutie pie's all comfy and happy!

To our Choir, dedicating their time to come to practice and singing for our congregation.

And the most important – YOU for dedicating your time, energy and life to our Lord God. With the "light" that you provide to our church. Thank you for being a member of our church here at First Baptist Lumberton. May you continue to bless us with both your presence and Christian dedication! Let us "shine" for our community and the world around us.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Our Youth Group performing all on stage at the same time.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious. (Psalms 66:1-2)

Our Pastor K. McClusky has often given these insightful words: *My ministry is not preaching to the church but a personal walk day by day.*

Through music not only do we sing praise to our Lord, but it will make our personal walk with God much closer. It lifts our sorrowful hearts, and puts our soul in that happier place. A lot of times words get lost past our ears, but music will touch the soul! But it does no good just to listen! Even if you can't sing, join in the praise of God through this simple way, your voice - through it - it will help your "Light" shine through!

*Prayer emphasis for the Southern Baptist Convention:
We will kick-off the 29th of January and commitment to
pray for the Lord's will to be done in our Church.*

S.A.M'S MINISTRY (Sr. Adult Ministry) Oct 23, 2011

Our Ministry furnished the pizzas; Scott Burns brought the Blue Bell Ice Cream.

Everyone had a good time, next time maybe we will have games for all?

We gave 7 food baskets for the needy for Thanksgiving holiday meal. One family we provided got to have fun shopping, giving us a great feeling to be able to bless this time for all we helped.



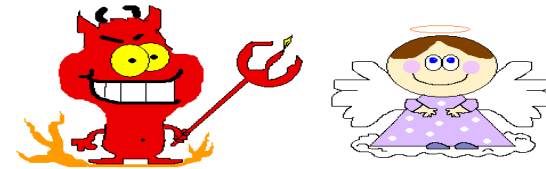
S.A.M'S Ministry once again went to Schooner's Restaurant for a good meal and fellowship. Then in our "FBL Sleigh" we went looking at Christmas lights. We had a great turnout of 17 people!



Time To Put Your Grin On?

During her birthday party, Kim decided to show everyone her most loved canary “Tweety”. She walked into her room and saw the cage was empty! Kim ran to her mom very upset and crying. Soon all the kids and parents were looking for the bird. “Tweety! Where are you?” “Here birdie, birdie where are you” they all searched and called. Little 4yr old Tommy, Kim’s brother tugged on momma’s pants trying to get mom’s attention several times “MOM, I know where Tweety is!” ”Where?” asked mom. “He looked hot so I put him in the frig” grinned Tommy all proud.

They ran to the refrigerator, opened the door. And there was Tweety lying on the last shelf. “He’s dead!” yelled Kim crying, and crying. “Maybe not sweetheart lets try and warm him up.” Mom got a dishcloth, and wrapped it around the bird and then held him against her body. They tried several different ways because mom could tell Tweety was not dead. Finally mom called the vet. “Lay Tweety in your hand, and put a drop of gasoline in his beak that will warm him up quickly.” said Dr. Thomas, the vet. So they put one drop of gasoline in Tweety’s beak. Suddenly Tweety flew out of mom’s hand, circled around the room ... then dropped like a rock. “WHAT HAPPENED?!!” yelled Kim. “Oh nothing honey, Tweety just ran out of gas.”



Good or Bad

1. **Did you wait for Christmas to open your presents?**
2. **Did you fall asleep during Church Service?**
3. **Have you ever put an “IOU” in the offering plate?!**
4. **Sit down just cuz you wanted to, when Brother Rick asked you to stand?**
5. **Pretended to sing...but just moved your lips?**
6. **Tripped one of the returning kids from Children’s Sermon?**
7. **Made faces at the kid in front of you in the pew?**
8. **Told the pastor that he had a good sermon and shook his hand?**
9. **Filled in the “o”’s in your bulletin with a pencil/pen?**
10. **Took time out to help an elderly person?**
11. **Walked someone to their car?**
12. **Secretly brought their pet hamster in their pocket to church?**
13. **Just sat and enjoyed your morning?**
14. **Thanked someone you see helping out in church?**
15. **Threw a hotdog during Wednesday Fellowship?**
16. **PRAYED for the LOST?**
17. **Count Your Blessings everyday?**
18. **After listening to our pastor, go home and study his words, and outline!**
19. **Rushed out the door, when invitation was called?**
20. **Not listened to God when he was calling you forward?**
21. **Thought, that person is too “bad” to be saved?**

Designed just for fun. If of course you do any of the “bad” things, as we hope you don’t – we pray that you stop and do the “good” things on this questionnaire! And just in case you wondered...bringing your pet hamster was not a good thing.. ☺