

Order of Worship Today

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CAROLS

“Joy to the World” (Vs. 1, 2, 4) #117

“What Child Is This?” (Vs. 1, 2, 3) #126

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Vs. 1, 3, 4) #130

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

MESSAGE “Simeon’s Song” Luke 2:21-35
Pastor Dave Pierce

CLOSING HYMN

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (Vs. 1, 2) #116

BENEDICTION

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Praise & Worship Report:

Last week’s attendance: 338

Total giving last week (100%): \$3,777.46

General Fund (84%): \$3,173.07 Missions (12%): \$453.30

Diaconate (3%): \$113.32 Sinking Fund (1%): \$37.77



Christ

Today—God will show His love in the most
miraculous way—through the gift of His Son.
Today will be the birth of Jesus, the Christ.
Today—Heaven Touches Earth!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Poinsettias...On altar given in memory and honor of love ones. If you ordered a poinsettia you may pick yours up following the Worship Service today.

Church Church/Office...The Church and Office will be closed on Mon. Dec. 26th and the Office will be closed Tues. Dec. 27th.

No Sunday School...next week. Classes resume Jan. 8th, 2012.

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are available in the Narthex for your pick up. These envelopes provide ease and confidentiality in making your contribution and assist in the counting process. Please advise the office if we missed providing envelopes for your convenience. Please note: if you pick up envelopes it will save the church the expense of mailing them to you in January. Thanks for your continued support of First Baptist Church which provides ministry to local needs and missions around the world and the maintenance of staff & buildings.

Remember to check...The mailboxes in the Narthex for your Christmas Cards.

Children's Christmas Program DVD...If you would like a copy of the 2011 Children's Christmas Program contact the office or email susie@fbcofcoldwater.org.

Christmas Day Dinner...Christmas Day dinner on **TODAY** 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

All 2011 Board Chairs...Please turn in your 2011 Annual Report to Susie by December 31st, 2011. Thank you.

FBC Business Meeting...January 1st, 2012 during Worship Service. As we were unable to have a quorum present for our Budget and Election Meeting in November, our Moderator called the meeting as a "Committee of the Whole" and the group gathered approved the budget for 2012 and cast a unanimous affirmative vote for the slate of officers to be elected. In order to formalize this action, we need to convene a BUSINESS MEETING on January 1st during our regular Worship Service. If 100 active members are present, we will ask the members to approve the action of the Committee of the Whole. This is a formality, but needs to occur. It will take up only a short portion of the Worship Service. WE have UNITY SERVICE on January 1, at 11:00 a.m. and will be observing Communion.

Branch Interfaith Hospitality Network...We will be hosting the BIHN program Jan. 1st-7th, 2012. If you are interested in helping with overnight stay or laundry, contact Kip & Keri Gordon, 517-924-0515 or Kirsten Scheidler, 517-617-1662.

Christmas Decorations...We will be meeting on Jan. 3rd at 9 am to tear down the Christmas decorations. Can use many hands to help make the work light!

Wednesday Night Programs...will resume Jan. 4th, 2012. Watch next week for details on new classes that will be available.

New Curriculum for LifeLine Sunday School Class...Starting January 22nd, 2012 "Parenting Isn't for Cowards!" 12 session series

that will help encourage, strengthen and brush up on your parenting skills. We strongly encourage parents with infants, toddlers, school age, adolescents and teenagers to attend. Leaders: Tim & Deb Lynch
Historical Hutch...We are looking for historical items of FBC, such as pictures of previous pastors, historical events or etc... Contact Sue Kreiger for more details or to donate, 279-9067.

WOMEN...

Circles meet January 16th...Martha -7 pm in FBC Conference Room;
Mary - 7 pm at Gail Nichol's, 667 River Rd.

Shawl Ministry will not be meeting in December.

Children's Birthday Bags...for our local food pantry. We are continually in need of your help of donations for our children's Birthday Bag Program. We will also accept money to purchase items. List of items are located in the Narthex. Drop off donations at the office. God Bless!

MEN...

Second Saturday Men's Breakfast...Sat. Jan. 14th at 8 am. **Branch County Men of Integrity's 16th Annual Steak Out...**will be held on January 7th, 2012 at 5:30 pm. at the Dearth Center. CHANGE: Guest speaker will be Bill Sanders. Tickets are \$15 and are now available in the office. For more information, visit www.bcmoi.com or call 517-278-7009.

YOUTH...

Sunday School...9:45 am Will resume January 8th, 2012

Wednesday Nights...Will resume Jan. 4th, 2012

Friday Night Alive... Will resume Jan. 13th, 2012

ADULTS...

Sunday Schools: 9:45 am Will resume January 8th, 2012

Praise Team Thursdays 7 p.m.

Choir Practice Thursdays 7 p.m.

CHILDREN...

NO Children's Ministries for today. Will resume Jan. 1st, 2012

Kidz Amazing Fun Bags are filled with things for your children to do during service; these are on the pencil coat rack by the Visitors Connection Center.

PRAYER...

Prayer Lists are available on the Usher's Table in the Narthex.

Prayer requests...If you have a prayer request **AND** you have that person's permission, please email Susie at susie@fbcofcoldwater.org. Prayer lists are printed on Mondays and Fridays.

Registration...Thank you for joining us today! Please use the enclosed Connection Card to register your attendance.

*We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!
First Baptist Church of Coldwater*