

Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

December 16, 2012

I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Birthday _____

What brought you to us today?

- New to town
- HPU student
- Looking for a new church home
- Website
- Yellow Pages
- Invited by a friend: _____

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Did you attend a class today? Yes No

Which class _____

Best time to contact you:

Day _____ Time _____

Names and birthdates of children living at home:

Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.

Today's Worship Music

O Come, All Ye Faithful
O Come, O Come Emmanuel • Hymn #76
Joy Comes To the World
O Come, All Ye Faithful • Hymn #89

God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen
I Stand Amazed In the Presence • Hymn #547
The First Nowell
Doxology

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent - Joy
Derek and Sarah Hatch

Children's Christmas Program

"Tell Me the Story"

Tonight

6:00 p.m.



All Church Caroling & Basket Delivery

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m.

How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.

@First

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Dr. Rodney McGlothlin
Senior Pastor

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

These words describe the theme of this third Sunday of Advent. In an earlier time Advent was observed as a season of fasting in preparation for the celebration of the nativity. But unlike Lent, there was a break in the midst of the penitential season. The fast could be broken. It occurred on the third Sunday. The candle for this day is pink, the color of joy, rather than purple, which is often considered a color of solemnity.

We tend to celebrate Advent today as a time of joy rather than penitence, while still preserving its preparatory nature. In joy we prepare our hearts and lives to receive our King. "Let every heart prepare Him room." As we remember his birth we also anticipate his return. It is why we sing, "O come, O come, Immanuel. And ransom captive Israel."

We live between Christ's first appearing and His return. This time between the times is characterized by witness and mission. The church plays a role similar to that of John the Baptist. We announce the Good News. The Kingdom of God is at hand. When Christ comes there will be peace on earth and justice will be practiced eternally. It is here now through Christ the Lord. It will be realized in fullness at his return. So we work and serve the cause of righteousness, justice, and peace now. This is in fulfillment of our Lord's model prayer he taught us. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done! On earth, as it is in heaven."

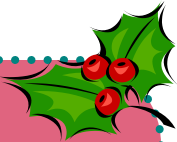
Advent is a season of preparation. Preparing for what? For the coming of God's Kingdom...now and forever! "And He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings! And Lord of lords! Hallelujah!"

I love celebrating this season with you. I love serving the King with you. I love experiencing the Kingdom with you. I am glad to be

Your pastor,

@ First Glance

Special Holidays Schedule



December

- 16 6 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
 - 19 6 p.m. All Church Caroling & Basket Delivery
 - 19 7 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
 - 23 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Morning Worship Only
 - 24 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - 26 No Evening Activities
 - 30 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Morning Worship Only
- All other church activities as scheduled*

This Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
11:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting		5:45 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting 6:00 p.m. Caroling & Basket Delivery				9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. No PM Service



Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 19
7:00 p.m.
at the McGlothlin's
4311 Austin Avenue

Womens Ministry Retreat

February 1st & 2nd
 4h Conference Center

COZY MOUNTAIN LODGE
When winter first dukes to God.

\$75 dollars overnight and sessions
 \$40 dollars only sessions

Registration Begins at Thanksgiving Banquet
 Lead by Womens Ministry Team
 Music by Celeste Church

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
6:00 p.m.

The Missions Post Office is Open!

Now - December 21
 Located across from the Church Office
 Cost: \$0.25 per card

All monies collected go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Pick up your cards by looking **UNDER** the **FIRST LETTER** of your **LAST NAME**

Church Office will be closed
Dec. 24-28 & 31 - Jan. 1
in observance of
Christmas and New Year's

Year End Contributions

Due in the church office or postmarked by December 31

Budget Update...

Needed through Dec 9 - \$749,585.50
 Given through Dec 9 - \$648,816.84
 Over/(Short) to budget - (\$100,768.66)

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MY DECISION TODAY:

- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Savior
- I want to renew my commitment to Christ
- I would like to be baptized
- I want to join this church
- I would like to join a Sunday School class
- I wish to visit with a pastor about my decision

I'd like information on:

- How to become a Christian
- How to join the church
- Sunday School classes
- University Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Children's Ministries
- Preschool Ministries
- Recreation Ministries
- Music Ministries
- Missions Ministries
- Media Ministries
- Other: _____

Please pray for:
