

# 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 9, 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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*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

*Blessed Be the God of Israel • Hymn #79  
Here I Am to Worship  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Shine On Us*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • Hymn #77  
Gloria! To God Sing Gloria!  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • Hymn #208  
Doxology*

**Lighting the Second Candle of Advent - Preparation  
Beacon class**

## "Cozy Christmas Tea"



Today

2:30 - 4:30

At Almola James' Home

*Please bring a gift to donate to THE ARK (toy or toiletries)*

## 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

We have been nursing a sick dog this week. Thomas Jefferson was bought from the pet shop at the mall by an elderly lady. He is a parti-schnauzer. He looks like a schnauzer who has eaten a black and white beagle; and lived to tell about it. TJ came to live with us after his owner died. Like most adults, teenagers, children, pulpit committees, and other domesticated mammals, he loves Debbie and tolerates me.

The human he loves took him to the vet Monday where he was poked, prodded, tested, cultured, shot, x-rayed, and stuffed with pills. He had an IV for dehydration, an antibiotic for infection, a muscle relaxer for the spasms, and an aspirin for the fever. Two hundred dollars later we were told to give him chicken soup. The dog's biological grandmother could have told us that, and she would have only charged us an ear scratch, a doggie treat, and a "that's a good girl" pat on the head.

This process was all made harder by the fact that although the dog seems to understand some English at times, we understand no dog talk. His vocabulary consists of one monosyllabic sound. Like Tarzan's "ungowa" TJ's one word can mean anything from "glad you're home" to "could you please stand some place other than on my foot!"

What does any of this have to do with the second Sunday of Advent? No Bunyanesque allegories from me today. I'll just say, when you love someone that is hurting you will do anything to help. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only son." Advent is the "Once upon a time" of redemption's story. Those words always makes us sit up and listen to what will follow, in childlike hope, joy, and anticipation. Advent is the beginning of the story, a story we will repeat throughout time and into eternity.

And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

I love the story. I love sharing it with you. I am blessed to be

Your pastor,

# @ First Glance

## Special Holidays Schedule


### December

9	2:30 p.m.	Ladies Christmas Tea
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 Candle Light 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
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting		5:15 p.m. <i>Youth Bible Study</i> 6:00 p.m. Called Business Meeting <i>Faithweaver Friends</i> 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. <i>R.I.O.T.</i> Children's-Missions <i>Preschool Childcare</i> Brick Coffee House <i>Library Open</i> 7:45 p.m. Grade School Childcare				9:30 a.m. <i>Sunday School</i> 10:50 a.m. Worship Service 2:00 p.m. <i>Youth Band Practice</i> 5:00 p.m. Bible Drill 6:00 p.m. <i>Worship Service &amp; Children's Christmas Program</i>



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



**Called Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 12  
6:00 p.m.

We will discuss the 2013 Ministry Action Plan. Your attendance is encouraged for this important discussion. We will vote Sunday, December 16.



**Children's Christmas Program**  
Sunday, December 16  
6:00 p.m.

**The Missions Post Office is Open!**  
December 5 - 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



**BE DIENT**  
HIS HEART / HIS HANDS / HIS VOICE

**Week of Prayer for International Missions**  
December 2 - 9

**Womens Ministry Retreat**

February 1st & 2nd  
4th Conference Center


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

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



**Year End Contributions**

Due in the church office or postmarked by December 31



**Budget Update...**

Needed through Dec 2 - \$734,593.79  
Given through Dec 2 - \$628,835.59  
Over/(Short) to budget - (\$105,758.20)

**FBC Pastoral Team**

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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:

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