

# CROSBY'S First Baptist Church



DECEMBER 2017

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It's Beginning To  
Look A Lot Like  
Christmas

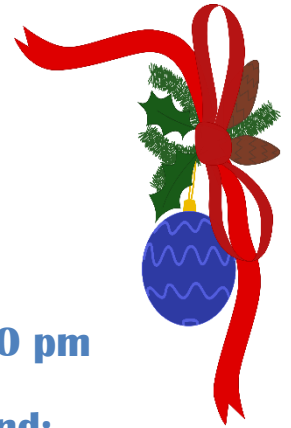


**December 3 at 6:00 pm  
Hanging of the Greens Celebration**

**December 17 at 9:00 am & 10:30 am  
FBC Worship Choir presents "Sing Gloria"**

**December 24, regular morning schedule  
Christmas Eve candlelight services, 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm**

**Church office will be closed for Christmas weekend:  
Friday, December 22 – Monday, December 25;  
and on Monday, January 1, 2018**



FBC supports the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

### *Who was Lottie Moon?*

China was not safe for foreigners or Christians, and Lottie Moon was both. She didn't let that stop her, being appointed as a missionary to China in 1873. She is the namesake of the offering that sends missionaries to the international field. According to the International Mission Board, as of 9/13/2017, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® currently provides day-to-day support for 3,612 overseas missionaries. The average cost is roughly \$58,200 to keep a missionary on the field for one year (includes salary, housing, transportation, children's education, retirement, medical expenses, training, and more). Prayerfully consider what your offering will be this year, and give generously.



**Our church goal is \$28,000.**



## THE BUTLER SERVES

### **“How much are we giving to the offering for International Missions?”**

That is the question Dianne asks me every year in December. The question is coming again this year, as always. She will write the check – I just need to tell her how much! Here is how I go about arriving at a number:

First, **I PRAY**. Now that is a fine place to start! I just ask God to guide me and He does and He will yet again. You know that you can trust God to give you direction when you need direction in any area of life. This is no different. Here are two scriptures that will help you: Proverbs 3:5-6 and James 1:5. I do rely on the subtle impressions of the Holy Spirit.

Second, **I THINK**. Thinking is good too! The primary thing I think about is, “How much will we spend on all the gifts we give to everyone that we give gifts to at Christmas time?” That includes gifts to each other. This is an all-inclusive total. Christmas being Jesus’ Birthday, I want to be sure I put Him first. I also think about how God has blessed me this year, and how much I want Him to bless me in the coming year. I cannot out-give God but I have been blessed, without measure, by trying.

Third, **I TEST RUN**. I sort of get “zeroed in” on a number, and then I continue to pray about that number, and I see if I am at peace with God as my sense of peace relates to that number. If I am not at peace with that number, I raise it!

### **New Part time Staff Member**

At the recommendation of our Personnel Committee and Finance Committee we approved, on October 15<sup>th</sup>, in our regular bi-monthly business conference, the creation of a new part time staff position. This position is our “Missions and Event Coordinator”. This is a 20 hour per week position. Our Personnel Committee secured Michelle Holloway to fill this position. The position could only be created by action of our church, then it became the responsibility of the Personnel Committee to fill the position. That’s how we do things at FBCC. Employing Michelle is a “win-win” for our church in two ways. First, she will do a bang-up job in responsibilities that she has already been doing to some degree on a volunteer basis. Second, because of some peculiar “wrinkles” in the way our church health insurance is structured, we can bring Michelle on board as staff and actually save money as a church. How? Michelle will become the “primary” insured for her family, and since she is 13 years younger than Brother Jeff, the overall insurance premium for their family will shrink to a little less than we will be paying Michelle. Confused? Don’t sweat it, that is why you have a Personnel Committee!

### **Selecting the Pastor Search Committee**

At my request, the Deacon Body is giving leadership to the launching of our Pastor Search Committee. This will take place January 7-21, 2018. You will have 15 days, including 3 Sundays, to make nominations. More information will be coming soon, but you should start praying now about who you might want to nominate. Here are some things to pray and think about:

First, your nominees should be people who are very active in the overall life and ministry of our church. Members of Godly character, praying people, who serve Christ by serving others, faithful in giving, worship attendance, and Sunday School.

Second, this committee will guide our church toward the most important single decision it will likely make in the next five years, and possibly the next ten, fifteen, or twenty years. A lot is at stake.

Third, there will likely be more than a little Sunday travel, making for long days away from family and our church. In addition, a weekly meeting must be attended, and sometimes these meetings may be lengthy. Much time in prayer will need to be set aside. Specific committee assignments will need to be carried out in a timely fashion.

Robin the Butler 😊



## GENE'S NOTES

*L.A.F.F./Music/Men's Ministries*

### On the Calendar

|        |   |                                                                   |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 6  | - | Men's breakfast at Hungry Jack, 8:00a                             |
| Dec 10 | - | SS Leader training, 5p                                            |
| Dec 12 | - | Widows' Brunch, 10:30a                                            |
| " "    | - | 55+ Healthcare lunch at Brethren Church, 12p                      |
| Dec 13 | - | Men's breakfast at Hungry Jack, 8:00a                             |
| Dec 13 | - | Ladies' lunch at Peso's, 11:30a                                   |
| Dec 19 | - | Shut-in meals prep/delivery, 10:30a                               |
| Dec 20 | - | Men's breakfast at Hungry Jack , 8:00a                            |
| Dec 22 | - | FBC office closed                                                 |
| Dec 24 | - | <b>Regular Sunday morning; evening services at 4:00 and 5:30p</b> |
| Dec 25 | - | FBC office closed                                                 |
| Dec 27 | - | Men's breakfast at Hungry Jack , 8:00a                            |
| " "    | - | Ladies' lunch at Hungry Jack, 11:30a                              |
| Jan 1  | - | FBC office closed                                                 |

**Remember: If you have an idea for a ministry or trip, please call Jan at 281.732.7571!**

*FREE! Senior Health Care 55+ Luncheon  
Second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon  
At Crosby Brethren Church  
(1st Street at Church Street)*



Your worship Choir is working on Christmas music. Please pray for us as we prepare for our presentation of *Sing Gloria* in both morning worship services on December 17.



The ministries listed below are always in need of help. If you can spare some time, no matter how much

or how little, please consider serving in one of these of these important ministries.

**Nehemiah Brothers: Ministry of Helpers...** do small upkeep jobs in the homes of our Single Parents and Senior Adults. Sometimes you need a light bulb changed or a faucet fixed. Contact John (281-328-3383) if you need help, or if you have a skill to provide help!



### Heirs of Adam & Eve!

A group of men and women helps our seniors "cultivate and keep" their yards. If you're able to volunteer, call Dale (324.1158) or Bro. Gene (328.2564).



*Worship Tech volunteers for both Sunday morning services needed!*

- Run Easy Worship ... just watch and click!
- Camera operators for both services. This is a **HUGE** need! You'll be trained by the best!





**KIDS STUFF**  
Mrs. Lee Ann  
and Mr. Josh



*Meetings for this month:*  
*Friday, Dec 1 at 9:30 am*  
*Friday, Dec 8 at 9:30 am*

**KidZone:**

6:30 pm Wednesday nights  
**3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**HD Kidz: Making Jesus Clear**  
**Boys & Girls 3 yrs - 5th grade**

*Girls in Action (GA),  
Royal Ambassadors (RA),  
Mission Friends*

**Sundays 6:00-7:00 pm**

*We are out for the holidays,  
but will be back in January!*



**Games each Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Awards Celebration Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

This is the only interaction many of our participants have to a church activity. We need our members to serve in this important ministry!  
Positions include: Concessions, Half Time Devotions, Set-up & Clean-up.  
Volunteer NOW!

Contact: [joshseale@fbccrosby.org](mailto:joshseale@fbccrosby.org) or [llcamp4@gmail.com](mailto:llcamp4@gmail.com)

**COOL Ministries of First Baptist Church Crosby presents**

**SANTA, PAJAMAS, and PANCAKES**

**Come join us for a fun morning of eating, games, crafts, pictures and more!**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017 ~~~~ Starts at 10:00 am**

**Don't forget to wear your favorite jammies!**

**First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**  
**615 Runneburg Road, Crosby, Texas**

**R.S.V.P. to Laura Taylor at 281.734.4011**

**Party is customized for our special needs/medically fragile children and family members.**

**WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CALL LAURA AT THE NUMBER ABOVE!**

# FBC CROSBY YOUTH IN DECEMBER



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ➤ WINTER CAMP 2017:

*December 28<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>—\$250 (\*If you worked the BBQ Auction this last May, please contact Hayley or Kyle for information regarding account balances).*

**It's not too late to sign up! Please contact HAYLEY or KYLE ASAP to find out more.**

### ➤ RISE! MIDDLE SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST:

Wednesday mornings, 8am-8:30am. Join us for breakfast, worship, and prayer!

### ➤ FRIDAY FLANNEL FORMAL:

December 1 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL!! 7:00 pm in the field behind the church. Wear all things flannel and come for a night of food, fun, and games!

### ➤ HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

March 10-16 - \$150 Come help with construction, VBS, Basketball Camp and more on the Navajo reservation in Fruitland, NM. Sign up before February 25!

### ➤ MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Stay tuned for more info to come!

**For more information concerning any of the above, please call Kyle or Hayley at 281-328-2564.**

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## WELCOME NEW (& RETURNING) MEMBERS!

*Robin Soard, Deanna Fischer, Blake Hanson,  
Mrs. Francis Hoover and Anthony Hoover,  
Raymond & Maria Root*

## KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS...



*Scott & Sallie Keaton and family, on home-going  
of her mother, Dolores Mallicote*

*David & Lee Ann Lee and family, on home-going  
of her dad, Donald Chapin*

*Bubba & Brenda Melvin and family, on home-going  
of their son, Jeffery*

## CUIC Christmas Toy Drive

**Sunday, November 5 – Wednesday, December 13**

Each year **Churches United In Caring** gives food and gifts to qualified families to help with Christmas. You may bring new age-appropriate items to FBC for babies to 14 years, especially kids 9 years and older. *Please remember that many people are still affected by Harvey, and will not be able to afford presents for their families this year.*

**Drop-off boxes will be around the church through December 13<sup>th</sup>,** where you may leave new toys and gifts (*do not wrap items, please!*)



**Suggested gifts: Bibles, story books, activity and coloring books, crayons or markers, toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment, Christian music CDs, family-friendly movies.**



# First Baptist Church Crosby

## short-term

# MISSION TRIP

## opportunities

Interest meeting **December 9<sup>th</sup>** in the Sanctuary at noon



Time frame:  
June 2017  
Team Leaders:  
Amanda & Larry Castro  
Objective:  
Share the love of Christ with  
orphans and impoverished  
Projected cost: \$1500.00- \$2000.00



Time frame:  
July 13-20  
Team Leader:  
Kyle Chapman  
Objective:  
Share the love of Christ with  
orphans and impoverished  
Projected cost: \$1600.00- \$1800.00



Time frame:  
October 18-28  
Team Leaders:  
Jeff & Michelle Holloway  
Objective:  
Work with Gilad Rosinger and the  
Radiant group as we share the love of  
Christ with Holocaust Survivors, &  
connect with local believers. Help  
serve several ministries as we share  
Christ in the land where He was  
born.

Projected cost: \$1800.00 plus airfare



# DECEMBER

|        |                                                                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 1  | MOPS meeting, 9:30a                                                                       |
| Dec 3  | Discovery Class, 10:30a                                                                   |
| " "    | <b>Hanging of the Greens, 6:00p</b>                                                       |
| Dec 4  | Upward basketball, cheer practices start                                                  |
| Dec 8  | MOPS meeting, 9:30a                                                                       |
| Dec 9  | <b>C.O.O.L. Event, 10:00a</b>                                                             |
| Dec 10 | Sunday School leadership training, 5:00p                                                  |
| Dec 12 | Widows' Brunch, 10:30a                                                                    |
| " "    | 55+ healthcare lunch at Brethren Church, 12:00p                                           |
| Dec 13 | Ladies' lunch at Peso's, 11:30a                                                           |
| Dec 15 | Choir dress rehearsal, 7:00p                                                              |
| Dec 16 | Homeless Ministry, leave FBC at 9a                                                        |
| Dec 17 | Choir program, 9:00a and 10:30a                                                           |
| Dec 19 | Shut-in meals prepared and delivered, 10:30a                                              |
| Dec 22 | <b>FBC office closed</b>                                                                  |
| Dec 24 | <b>Morning regular worship &amp; SS schedule, Christmas Eve services, 4:00p and 5:30p</b> |
| Dec 25 | <b>FBC office closed for Christmas Day</b>                                                |
| Dec 27 | Ladies' lunch at Hungry Jack, 11:30a                                                      |
| Dec 31 | Schedule to be announced                                                                  |
| Jan 1  | <b>FBC office closed for New Year Day</b>                                                 |

## Regular Weekly Schedule

|                  |                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    |                                                        |
| 8:00 am          | Sunday School: Adults (no child care)                  |
| 9:00 am          | Worship with Praise Band/ <i>culto de alabanza</i>     |
| " "              | Sunday School: babies-5th grade, all Adults            |
| 10:30 am         | Worship Celebration with Choir                         |
| " "              | Sunday School: every age, 0-100+                       |
| " "              | <i>Escuela Dominical</i>                               |
| <b>Holidays!</b> | <b>Watch your weekly bulletin for upcoming events</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                                                        |
| 7:00 pm          | HS Seniors/College/Young Adult Bible study off campus  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                                        |
| 6:00-7:45pm      | High School Youth (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                                                        |
| 8:00 am          | Men's weekly breakfast at Hungry Jack                  |
| " "              | Crosby Middle School prayer breakfast                  |
| 6:00-7:45pm      | Childcare (birth-2 years)                              |
| 6:00-7:45pm      | Oración y estudio bíblico para hispanohablantes.       |
| 6:30-7:45pm      | 'KidZone' (3 yr-5th grade)                             |
| 6:30-7:45pm      | Adult Choir rehearsal                                  |
| 6:00-7:45pm      | Middle School Youth                                    |
| 6:30-7:45pm      | Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible study,                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                                                        |
| 9:30 am          | Ladies' Bible Study                                    |
| 6:00 am          | Ladies' Bible Study                                    |
| 7:00 pm          | Praise Band rehearsal                                  |

|                                            |                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>GIVING</b><br><i>Changes Everything</i> | Budget needs YTD: \$ 1,231,125    |
|                                            | Budget receipts YTD: \$ 1,156,055 |



|                 | 11/5       | Bro. Dick | 11/12      | Bro. Rusty | 11/19      | 100 <sup>th</sup> celebration | 11/26      | Thanks-giving |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Preschool       | 49         |           | 47         |            | 40         |                               | 37         |               |
| Children        | 58         |           | 68         |            | 59         |                               | 69         |               |
| Youth           | 48         |           | 49         |            | 38         |                               | 54         |               |
| Adults          | 226        |           | 242        |            | 247        |                               | 215        |               |
| <b>Total SS</b> | <b>381</b> |           | <b>406</b> |            | <b>384</b> |                               | <b>375</b> |               |
| <b>Worship</b>  | <b>476</b> |           | <b>517</b> |            | <b>481</b> |                               | <b>365</b> |               |

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Ministerial staff: Robin Butler – Senior Pastor ★ Gene Talbot – Associate Pastor/Music/50+/Counseling  
 Jeff Holloway – Associate Pastor/Business Manager ★ Kyle Chapman – Interim Youth Pastor ★ Hayley Dossey – Youth Associate  
 Lee Ann Lee – Minister to Children/Preschool/Counseling ★ Josh Seale – Children/Preschool Associate