

First Baptist Church
Topeka, Kansas

First Baptist Church Staff:

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Matthew Sturtevant, **Associate Pastor of Youth
& Young Adult Ministries**

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*“Christmas
Prayers”*

Advent at First Baptist Church

Prayer Vigil

December 9 • 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ring & Sing

December 10 • 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve

December 24 • 11 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary • 7 p.m. Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

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Schedule of Events: 11/26/06 • 12/09/06

Sunday, November 26, 2006

8:15 a.m. Parish Nurses
 8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Faith Forest begins in FH
 9:45 a.m. College Brunch in Game Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Christian Education Mtg. in Wild Kingdom
 2:00 p.m. Wedding Shower for Shelby Spinder & Joe Greemore
 4:00 p.m. Exaltation Ringers
 5:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
 5:15 p.m. Middle School ABY
 5:45 p.m. Exaltation Singers
 6:30 p.m. Chupper
 7:00 p.m. High School ABY
 7:00 p.m. Middle School Choir & Bells
 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Group

Monday, November 27, 2006

7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Day Care (M-F)
 5:30 p.m. CCLC - Badminton
 7:00 p.m. Upward Coaches Mtg. at Town & Country

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Menninger Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Professional Staff Mtg.
 10:45 a.m. All Staff Meeting
 12 p.m. Bible Study & Lunch
 6-8 p.m. Open Gym in CCLC
 6:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
 7:00 p.m. Upward Coaches Mtg in the Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Staff Relations

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

5:30 p.m. BYOD in FH
 6-7:30 p.m. Children's Programming (See back for details)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Steve Van Ostran
 7:00 p.m. 150th Committee Mtg

Thursday, November 30, 2006

6:15 p.m. Brass Choir
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 7:30 p.m. conneXion Team Mtg

Friday, December 1, 2006

8:00 a.m. "ROMEO" Men's Group
 5:30 p.m. CCLC - Badminton

Saturday, December 2, 2006

5:30 p.m. New Horizons Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall
 1-4 p.m. ConneXion Team

Sunday, December 3, 2006

1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Heartland Share Sales
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Ski Trip Meeting
 3:00 p.m. ABW Christmas Tea in Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Welcome Seminar in Cafe
 4:00 p.m. Exaltation Ringers
 5:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
 5:15 p.m. Middle School ABY
 5:45 p.m. Exaltation Singers
 6:30 p.m. Chupper
 7:00 p.m. High School ABY
 7:00 p.m. Middle School Choir & Bells
 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Group

Monday, December 4, 2006

7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Day Care (M-F)
 5:30 p.m. CCLC - Badminton

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Menninger Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Professional Staff Mtg.
 10:45 a.m. All Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Bible Study & Lunch
 6-8 p.m. Open Gym in CCLC
 7:00 p.m. Property Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Staff Relations

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

12:00 p.m. White Cross Christmas Salad Luncheon
 5:30 p.m. BYOD in FH
 6-7:30 p.m. Children's Programming (See back for details)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:30 p.m. Speaker: conneXion Team
 7:00 p.m. Day Care Christmas Program in CCLC
 7:45 p.m. LJ Mngt Team Mtg

Thursday, December 7, 2006

6:00 p.m. Endowment
 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 7:30 p.m. Finance
 7:30 p.m. conneXion Team Mtg

Friday, December 8, 2006

8:00 a.m. "ROMEO" Men's Group
 5:30 p.m. CCLC - Badminton
 5:30-9 p.m. Parents Night Out

Saturday, December 9, 2006

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer Vigil
 10:00 a.m. College Committee at Classic Bean
 6:00 p.m. Berean Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

PASTOR ON CALL DURING NOV. / DEC. WEEKENDS:

Nov. 25-27: Corey Fields 230-2648
 Dec. 2-4: Matt Sturtevant 230-2238
 Dec. 9-11: Joe Kutter 273-8215

UPCOMING FBC EVENTS:



Prayer Vigil

December 9th

Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The First Baptist community will pray non-stop for 12 hours. Prayer is our time with God one-on-one. Each person will pray for one hour (and that hour will fly!). Pray for yourself, the church and the world. Sign up for an hour of prayer on the signup sheets around the church or in the church office. Make your prayer requests known on the cards in the Sanctuary.

FBC Annual Ski Trip

When: January 12-15, 2007

Where: Monarch, Colorado

Informational Meeting

will be Dec. 3 at 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A \$50 deposit will be due at this meeting.



Looking for a ministry service and making a few dollars?

Do you have time in the evenings and weekends?

Consider the role of

Special Events Coordinator at FBC-Topeka!!

If interested go online to www.fbctopeka.org or pick up a brochure in the church office.

REMEMBER with LOVE

GIVE with GRATITUDE

RMMO: Retired Ministers & Missionary Offering
 Received in December

Welcome Seminar: December 3, 2006

If you would like to find out more about First Baptist Church, please attend the seminar at 3 p.m. in the Cafe.

Our Church Family



Please remember in your prayers...

The Family of Andy McLaren; Fern Kohler; Darci Barrett; Jesse Brown; Julie Cook; Rainy Cook; Jeanne Edwards; Leslie Gonzalez; Lorena Hedrick; United States Armed Forces & Families; justice and a world of peace.

A thanks to the church for the food contributions to Doorstep. 650 lbs of food were delivered. A special thanks to Bill and Pat Parcels and Walter Beye for helping move the food from the sanctuary to the office and then moving it to Doorstep on Monday. Doorstep was grateful for the Thanksgiving contribution.

Gale DeVore

Thank you for the flowers brought to the house by Joan Kerchner. They were so pretty and stayed nice quite well. I had a nice, but short visit with Joan. Thank you again,

Evelyn Leesman

On behalf of Raymond Beye, thank you for the chrysanthemums sent by the church.

Walter & Charlotte Beye

Thanks to Joe, Matt and Corey for their visits during my hospital stay.

Mark Combs

Thank you to everyone for all your wonderful support as we are learning to adjust to life without Andy. We appreciate all the cards, flowers, food and prayers. Like Joe has talked about in his sermon series, we are a community. It is true because we have felt it.

Thanks, too, goes to Joe, Matt and Corey for all the time you spent with us and the prayers you have said on our behalf. Thanks to Cara, Gwen, Joe and Adam for all their help as well. We appreciate you. We ask for continued prayers for we will surely need them in the coming weeks and months.

Amy, Greg, Kristen McLaren

How blessed we are with the assurance of Andy's salvation. And to know Greg, Amy, and Kristen will continue to be comforted by their church family. We offer a special thanks to you and all the staff for the special tribute to celebrate Andy's life.

Gale and Darlene McLaren

We would like to thank you all so much for the wonderful genuine Christian love you showed to Greg, Amy and Kristen and our entire family upon Andy's death. We were overwhelmed by the amount of work and compassion given by the church. We have always felt welcome in this church but now feel truly a part of the church family. We know full well that your programs and fellowship are responsible in large part for Andy's walk with Jesus. We thank you in Christ's love,

Lyle and Norma Gress

You are invited to a wedding shower for Joseph Greemore and Shelby Spinder on Sunday, November 26th at 2 p.m. in the Parlor. Joe and Shelby are registered at Target and Walmart. Hostesses are: Terri, Ginny & Debbie. Please R.S.V.P. at 266-5282.

Two lives come together as one...

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Spinder request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Shelby Christine

to

Joseph Lee Greemore on Saturday, the sixteenth of December two thousand and six at three o'clock in the afternoon
First Baptist Church
Newton, Kansas

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant News:

Cara Pederson, the church's administrative assistant, has chosen to leave her position to stay at home with her little one. If there is anyone interested in this position and has experience in Adobe PageMaker and Photoshop, please feel free to email us your resume.

Financial Report

11/19/06 Budget Receipts	\$ 7,854.00
11/19/06 Gifts	\$ 305.00

Attendance for Sunday, November 19, 2006

Sunday School	207
Morning Worship	338

Retiring the Debt Pledge Total

As of November 19, 2006
\$465,000



Retiring the Debt Giving Total

As of November 19, 2006
\$355,626

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Note: Dated Material Enclosed

Special Activities

Sunday Worship Nov. 26, 2006

Sermon by Corey Fields

“More than a Club: Living in Community”

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-9

Organist: Carol Beck

Special Music: Chancel Choir

Morning Worship:

8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Please join us for refreshments in the Parlor following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



Endowment & Special Gifts

A special gift today will help serve the children of tomorrow.

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Advent Season Worship Services “Christmas Prayers”

December 10
7 p.m. Ring and Sing

December 24 NO 8:30 Worship
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
7 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



Tuesday Noon
Potluck & Bible Study
Come and enjoy good food and good conversation.

New Look to the First Baptist Church Web Site!!

The current website of First Baptist has been UP-DATED. Along with a new look, the website is up-to-date with all the updates that will keep you informed about what is going on at the church.



Life's Journeys & Faith Forest

Wednesday Evenings

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



5:30-6:30 p.m. Bring Your Own Dinner

Speaker for November 29th:

Steve Van Ostran

Dec. 6th **conneXion Team**

Dec. 13th **Advent Worship Experience**

Life's Journeys will resume January 10th, 2007

FAITH FOREST
continues...

Children's Programming

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Choir, Bells, Gym, Bible Lesson

Cherubs (K-2nd Grade)

6:00-6:30 Lesson

6:30-6:45 Gym

6:45-7:00 Snack

7:00-7:30 Music