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8:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 am Worship

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Operation Christmas Child

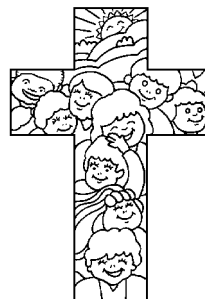
First Baptist Church is the new collection center for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for the Lamar area.

We are in the process of gearing up for our annual collection of shoe boxes and want to remind you that it's not too early to start collecting items to put in a shoe box that will be sent to a needy child at Christmas time along with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Participating in Operation Christmas Child is simple, yet incredibly powerful in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have had the opportunity to be involved with OCC before we want to encourage you to participate again this year. If you haven't had this privilege to share in this ministry, we invite and encourage you to join us in reaching out to children all over the world!

The national **collection dates are November 14 - 21, 2011**. You may bring your filled shoe box to FBC any time through Sunday, November 20.

Shoe boxes and brochures are available at the Welcome Center.



Kids For Christ

Wednesdays

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Bible Teaching * Craft
Games * Snack

Kids kindergarten thru 5th grade

Note: When public school is not in session, there will be no Kids For Christ.



What should we do? What can we do? Anything? Those are some very important questions in light of what has taken place on Friday, September 23. On that day President Abbas, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, presented an official document to the United Nations asking for recognition as a county. On the surface many would say this is justified. But we must get all the facts. So let's look at some history.

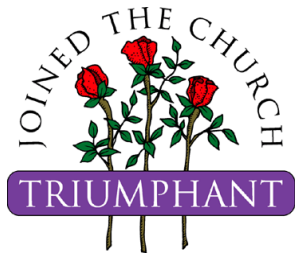
The word Palestine is a play on the word Philistine. The Philistines were the enemies of Israel for centuries and located primarily in what is now called the Gaza Strip. A Roman emperor disliked the area of Judea as well as the Jews and gave the area the name of Palestine. This word is never used in the Bible as a reference for the Holy Land. Additionally the word Palestine was a reference to Jews not to Arabs who also lived in the area. So Abbas and before him Arafat basically stole the name.

Another part of the problem occurs when we look at the year of 1948. In that year the United Nations and under the encouragement of then President Truman set up boundaries and established the nation of Israel. This was in response, partially, because of the Holocaust and continued persecution of the Jews. At the same time the so called Arab Palestinians could have had their own country but refused. Their idea then and now is to totally annihilate the Jews. Even today most maps of the Middle East printed in those countries do not have Israel marked as a county.

Arafat basically established the PLO as an organization to kill Jews. He was always a terrorist. Though he signed his name to treaties with Israel, he never kept his word. Can you name his second in command for all these years? Yes, it is Abbas. He too is a terrorist despite his words of peace. Why do we try to negotiate with terrorists without trying to make them rewrite their base documents of existence? Did you also know that for years, we have been giving millions of dollars to the PLO in hopes of peace? Not to mention encouraging Israel to give up their God given land to the PLO. But it is never enough for the terrorists.

So what do we do? Know the facts. Contact officials in what ever way we can to oppose the PLO desires and remove finances for them. Do what Psalm 122:6 tells us— pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Israel has been trying. Whenever they build housing for Jews, they also build for non-Jews. Israel allows non-Jews to be representatives on the Knesset, which is the equivalent of our Congress. Talk to others you know about these things and encourage them to speak out. Rest assured the Lord sees what is going on. He is coming back. He will take revenge on all who go against His Chosen People—the Israelites. Even so, come Lord Jesus (Maranatha).

Amen,
Pastor Dave



Mattie E. Mills 1917 - 2011

A celebration of life was held for Mattie E. Mills on September 16, 2011 at First Baptist with Pastor Dave officiating. Burial was September 19 at the Williams Cemetery in Welch, Oklahoma with Gary Reed of the Miami Christian Church conducting the graveside service.

Mattie was born on January 21, 1917 and went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the age of 94.

Please remember Mattie's family at this time of loss. Mike (Lori) Green is Mattie's grandson; Amber Young and Colton Green great-grandchildren. Lori's parents: Joyce and the late J.B. Grice.



Our Christian sympathy goes out to Martha Peery and family on the death of her grandson, Eric Peery, who died August 24, 2011 in Ventura, California. Eric is the son of Jim and nephew of Guyla. Keep this family in your prayers as they go through this time of loss.

Congratulations to ...

Bill and Kay Marples on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Raine, born Wednesday, September 14, 2011 weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Brett and Nicole Marples. Uncles Bryon and Brad. Ask Grandpa Bill to show you her pictures.



...HOW WIDE AND LONG
AND HIGH AND DEEP
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

**Altar Flowers Honor Former
Pastor Fink's Ordination**

The flowers that graced the altar Sunday, September 11 were in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. H. Wayne Fink, donated by his family: wife Beverly, son Dan, daughter Jan Fink Call (Jeff) and grandchildren Kellye and Brian Call, and brother and sister-in-law Rev. Harry and Barb Fink.

Rev. Fink was the Senior Pastor at First Baptist from September 1985 to September 1997.

Cards of congratulations and remembrance may be sent to: Rev. H. Wayne Fink, 2315 Terry Way, Manhattan, KS 66502.



Four new members were added to our church roles at the September 18 business meeting: Jeff and Sharon Hendricks by letter of transfer, Ricky Austin by letter of transfer, and Patsy Carter by Christian experience.

Jeff and Sharon were introduced in our July newsletter.

Ricky came forward August 21 requesting membership. He is the son of Rick and Maria Austin, brother of Josh and Sophia.

Patsy came forward August 28. She is married to Vernon and is Larreen Haggard's sister-in-law.

Be sure and let each of these new members know how glad you are that they are a part of our church family.

The October Business Meeting

is on October 16. We will have a dinner prior to the meeting and ask that you bring a Soup or Salad.



From all our family to our Church family,

Thanks for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls after the death of Eric Peery, Jim's son. They have been a blessing to each of us.

Special thanks to Pastor Davis for a beautiful memorial service and to all who attended the service. Thanks to the Deaconesses for the meal that was served. This was a joy to us.

Love – God bless
The Peery Family



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for donating cookies to the CareNet Pregnancy Center that were given away during the 2011 Fall Festival.

We appreciate your effort.

Debbie Widener
Director

Could You? Would You?

The Trustees are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be a part of a list of fill-ins for our church secretary and church custodian. In the past Barb has done some cleaning work if Randy is gone on vacation or for other reasons. And Becky has filled in for Barb when she has gone for vacation and illness. Everything was taken care and no one minded filling in. But the Trustees would also like to give others the opportunity to serve. So a sign up sheet will be on the Welcome Center for those who would be willing to be called upon. Don't expect a call tomorrow to fill in, but it could happen down the road. Thank you for being willing to help out.



This year we will be giving items to be sent to the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Utica, NY to their Refugee Ministry Program .

Other items will go to Baptist Children's Services located in Rogers Ford, PA where they provide a variety of services for teenagers in need through group homes and emergency centers and by giving them opportunities to improve their lives through guidance, love, education and positive role modeling.

Sign-up sheets are placed on the Welcome Center along with sticky notes to help you remember what you signed up to bring.

Thank you for your participation in this mission outreach.



Annual Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 30

We will start at 4:30 pm with tram rides and judging for the chili cook-off will begin at 4:45 pm. We'll have a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, food and fun!!



October



Birthdays ... and ... Anniversaries

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| 1 Emily Hagar | 5 Don Ater | 2 Dave and Heather Reid (12) |
| 2 Joyce Surprise | Bea Haggard | 13 Jensen and Meghan Stulp (4) |
| Emma Widener | 8 Kim Trout | 27 Jeff and Cindy Hernandez (16) |
| Nancy Sutphin | 12 Barbara Hernandez | |
| 3 Zaidyn Daniels | 16 Evan Larrick | |
| 4 Linda Knobbe | Felicity Montoya | |
| Becky Davis | 25 Barbara Dunivan | |
| Cindy Hernandez | 29 Karen Von Hemel | |

★ If we have missed your birthday and/or anniversary, please call the church office so we may include them on our calendar.

WORD SEARCH — find the colored words in Psalm 150

Shout praises to the LORD!

Praise God in his temple.
 Praise him in heaven,
 his mighty fortress.
 Praise our God!
 His deeds are wonderful,
 too marvelous to describe.
 Praise God with trumpets
 and all kinds of harps.
 Praise him with tambourines
 and dancing,
 with stringed instruments
 and woodwinds.
 Praise God with cymbals,
 with clashing cymbals.
 Let every living creature
 praise the LORD.
 Shout praises to the LORD!

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Psalm 150

