

October, November, December Highlights at FBC

OCTOBER



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NOVEMBER

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- 22 Lord's Supper
- 29 Lighting of Christmas Tree

DECEMBER



- 2 Deacon Ordination
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- 9 Preschool Choirs Christmas Program
- 13 Student Christmas Party
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- 20 ... Ad. Choir Christmas Program, "God Speaking"
- 24 Candlelight Lord's Supper Service
- 25 Our Savior is Born!



PASTOR'S SERMON TOPIC

Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM

"The Belt of Truth"

Ephesians 6:14

*The stuck-up fall flat on their faces,
but down-to-earth people stand firm.*

*The integrity of the honest keeps them on track;
the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin.*

*A thick bankroll is no help when life falls apart,
but a principled life can stand up to the worst.*

Proverbs 11:2-4 (The Message)

Integrity, wholesome values, and principles are indispensable life qualities. We admire folks who possess these valuable traits. We salute them as heroes and extol their virtue. They often learn the importance of these values early in life from parents or other trusted mentors. Consider the following story.

On February 12, 1809, a baby was born to his parents in a Kentucky log cabin. His parents were poor, honest, and devoutly religious. They believed in the ideals of truth and honesty, passing them on to their son. As a young man, this son worked as a clerk in a general store near Salem, Illinois. One day, he mistakenly overcharged a woman six and one-quarter cents. After closing for the day, he realized what he had done and took the lady her change - a round-trip of several miles on foot.

On another occasion, when the store was crowded with customers, the young man gave short weight to a customer. Upon discovering his error, he tied up the four ounces of tea due the shopper and walked a great distance to deliver it.

You probably have already guessed that this young fellow was Abraham Lincoln. He took these same values and principles into his law practice, politics, and ultimately the presidency of the United States. His character was so impeccable that he truly embodied the nickname "Honest Abe."

Our sixteenth president serves as a great example of individuals who draw our admiration and applause. Numerous additional stories exist that underscore these characteristics in his life. One of my favorites reminds us that this kind of commitment to character can bring hardship and even loneliness.

The story goes that throughout his administration, Lincoln was under fire from critics and second guessers on all sides, especially during the Civil War. He understood the gravity of his decisions and knew that he would make unpopular choices at times. Still, he resolved never to compromise his integrity. So strong was this resolve that he was reported to have stated, "I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on

Fall Festival



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

have to admit that I am enjoying the cooler weather we are having. It makes me feel like fall is right around the corner. Regardless if that is true, another exciting event is coming up...the FALL FESTIVAL! I am super-charged up about this year's festival as planning is taking off and candy is coming in. I encourage you to participate in this wonderful ministry opportunity.



- ☺ **CANDY DONATIONS**
- ☺ **PRAYERS**
- ☺ **BOOTH VOLUNTEERS**
- ☺ **GREETERS**
- ☺ **AND CHILDREN!**

Please sign up to help and start inviting others to come. The fun starts at 11 a.m. on November 7th! Signup sheets will be located on the desk inside the Children's hallway. Donation boxes will be placed throughout the church and flyers can be picked up to be handed out. I pray this is a fun event that reaches others for Kingdom growth.

Missed out on early registration for UPWARD? Don't worry, it's not too late. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or go online to www.firstbaptistalbany.org and click on the UPWARD icon. Come join the fun!



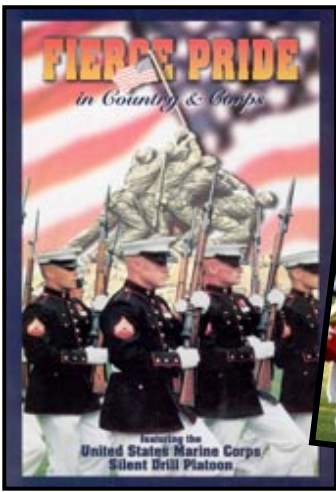
Wonderfully blessed,
Jennifer J. Jefcoat
Minister to Preschool and Children

Pastor's article continued

earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me."

Character must matter to us as believers in Jesus Christ as well. Our character is the fabric of our being. It helps us to make right choices and do right actions even if they are unpopular. For when all is said and done, our character remains. Guard it and maintain it so that you can look deep within and know that you at least still have one friend.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday.
Pastor Butch



"The Commandant's Own"

THE UNITED STATES MARINE DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Silent Drill Platoon and Color Guard

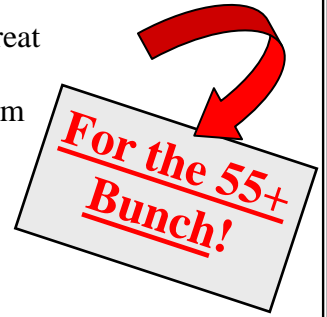
Plus Toys for Tots Kick Off

Thursday, October 15, Albany Civic Center



4:45 PM—Vans will leave the church, stop by Ole Times Country Buffet for Dutch Treat Dinner, then depart no later than 6:00 PM for Civic Center. The performance begins at 7:00 PM. **Admission:** A new toy for the Toys for Tots drive. You may ride the van from the church or meet us at Ole Times (dinner optional). If you plan to ride the van, reservations must be made no later than Monday, October 12 by signing up on the sheets in Sunday School Depts. or by calling the church office (883-8000).

See sign up sheets in your Sunday School or contact Gayle or Kathy in the church office (883-8000).



WorldCrafts

Sunday, October 18
from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
in the atrium.

WorldCrafts is a WMU non-profit ministry that imports handcrafts from around the world and markets them in the U.S. These are made by men and women living in poverty.

The income from these crafts helps them better provide for their families through their skills.

If you would like to "get a jump" on your Christmas shopping and find some really unique gifts, then you will want to be present

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from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
in the atrium.

Catalogs are also available for those who can't make it here at that time to see some of the gifts displayed.

Sponsored by our GAs & Women on Mission



Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October 21

2:00—5:00 PM,

Room 108,

First Baptist Church
Free to Medicare Part B
Participants (must present insurance card & photo ID)

All others: \$30.00

Cash or Check accepted.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Mon. Oct. 12
9am-1pm-Lavon Boyett
1-5pm-Janice Kennedy

Tues. Oct. 13
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Elsie Rhodes

Wed. Oct. 14
9am-5pm
Harriet Haskins

Thurs. Oct. 15
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Gray Fountain

Fri. Oct. 16
9am-4pm-Ann Sims

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS OCTOBER 11

Bed Babies
Holly Strickland; Hope White; Joy Dutton

Toddlers
Robin Glass; Jane Germany

Younger 3s
Matt & Teresa Hummel

Older 3s
Emily Baldwin; Susan Harper

Lil' Big House
Dean & Leslie Reese

Big House
Susan Manry & Layla Jarrell



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Shoe Box Collection Time is just around the corner for Operation Christmas Child

First Baptist OCC
"Take-Off"—6:30 PM,
Wednesday, October 21
First Baptist Shoe Box
Collection/Dedication
6:30 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 11

Get your empty boxes ready to fill with toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Then be here on the 21st to get all the instructions. Have empty boxes to share? Please bring them to the church office to be made available to other FBC folks.

FBC Goal: 300 filled boxes

OBERAMMERGAU'S HISTORIC PASSION PLAY

Saturday, August 21—Saturday, August 28, 2010

Registration deadline extended to October 26!! Stops include Munich and Nuremberg, Germany; and Innsbruck, Austria. The trip ends in Oberammergau, Germany with a trip to the world-renowned Passion Play. A few spots remain for this once-every-ten years event! Don't miss out! Make your reservations now. Fliers with complete information and necessary forms are in the church atrium and office.

Questions? Contact Kathy (883-8000 or kmims@firstbaptistalbany.org).

UPWARD BASKETBALL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are now recruiting **coaches, referees, devotional leaders, score-keepers, and children** to play during this exciting season. If you are interested in serving, please **contact Alex Tinsley at 883-7280**. It takes a great number of volunteers to ensure a smooth, successful season. Join today! Players, pick up a registration brochure at the Welcome Center or sign up online at... www.firstbaptistalbany.org.

This Week at FBC

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00am- Bible Study
10:30am-Worship Service
11:00am-Korean Worship Service
2:00-4:00pm-Best Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
3:30pm-Million Faces
4:15-4:45pm-first place 4 Health: Weigh-In & Wellness Tips/Annex Building
4:30pm-Youth Choir
4:30-6:30pm-Financial Peace/ Room M-108
4:45-6:15pm-Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain/Room M-107
4:45-6:15pm-A Woman After God's Own Heart/ Annex Building
5:30pm-Sisters in Christ
6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:30pm-Heart Friends/Small Conference Room
7:00pm-Women in Christ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:15am-Women on Mission Meeting/Meal
6:00pm-Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:15-6:30pm-Family Night Supper
5:45pm-Children's Choirs
6:30pm-Prayer Meeting
6:30pm-Children's Missions Hour
6:30pm-IMPACT (Students)
7:30pm-Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:00-8:30pm-Mallary Annual Meeting/FBC
Leesburg

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

11:00am-The Father's Kitchen/Downtown Gym
4:00pm-Best Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

BITS & PIECES

We express our deepest appreciation for the support, care and prayers of the members of First Baptist - and especially her Sunday School class led by Billie Futch - for Alice and Marvin over the past several years. Alice dearly loved her years of Sundays keeping the babies and young children during church services as well as the 39 years of friendship and fellowship with all of you. Thank you for your love and friendship.

—The Family of Alice Mixon

We want to thank the staff and our First Baptist members for their prayers and concerns during my hospital time and while I am on the mend at home. Health problems are very hard to face alone. That is why when you have caregivers and friends standing by telling you that you can make it and tomorrow is going to be a better day, you realize how the Lord is sending you blessings.

—Elizabeth & Tom Ragsdale

Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for the many phone calls, cards, food, beautiful flowers from the Flower Ministry but most of all the prayers that you lifted up for Bob and me. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving church family.

—Our love, Bob & Betty Tosh

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

**Wed. October 14—5:15-6:30
Braised Ribs**

Macaroni & Cheese; Broccoli Casserole;
Salad Bar; Rolls; Dessert; Coffee; Tea

☺ Healthy Choice Menu Offered

☺ "Kid Friendly" Menu
7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Dean
Reese whose mother died Sept. 29.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Taylor Brooks

2700 River Pointe Dr., Albany, GA 31701
(883-8760)

Daughter of Keith & Nancy Brooks

FLOWERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

The beautiful flower arrangements in the Worship
Center this Sunday are given to the glory of God
and...

- (1) In honor of Hanna Joy Jefcoat on her 7th
Birthday with love from Mom, Dad & Jude.
- (2) In memory of William S. (Billy) Lee from his
children, Spencer, Becky & David.
- (3) In honor of Preston Rooks, a true blessing from
God, on his first birthday from his parents,
Jason & Amanda.

*Special Note: We have slots available on several
dates for 2nd flower arrangements. Call the
church office if you would like to explore these
possibilities*

SUNDAY REPORT—10/04/09

Adults.....	218
Students	36
Children	47
Preschool	36
TOTAL	337
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM	394

THE FINANCIAL REPORT was not
available as The FBC Way went to print.

BEAUTIFUL PHRASES

- + Give God what's right...not what's left.
- + Man's way leads to hopeless end...God's way leads to an endless hope.
- + A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- + He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- + In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma, but never let him be the period.
- + Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- + Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a facelift.
- + When praying, don't give God instructions...just report for duty.
- + Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church. —Copied

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William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD Senior Pastor
Jimmie Nettles..... Pastor of Worship & Music
Kathy Mims, PhD Director of Sr. Adult &
..... Women's Ministries
Jennifer Jefcoat..... Minister to Preschool & Children
Ray Kirk..... Business Administrator
Gordon Davidson Interim Student Minister

MINISTER ON CALL OCT. 10, 2009

REV. JIMMIE NETTLES—343-2086

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and
choose Option #7. You will hear instructions
for having our Minister on call paged.