

First Baptist Church

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Eijiro Campo (Latino)
Muriel Wiebe (Music)

The Norman Dabbs Group will meet on January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Underwood Room. Our guests will be Wendy Burnham and Lynn Martin sharing news of the ABC School for the Deaf in Kenya. All ladies are welcome.



"Incunabola is not a social disease"

For information on this and more, visit the **FBC Library**, located on the second floor.

Everyone is welcome, the library is open all the time! The librarian is on duty on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

If anyone has any books they would like to donate, please let the librarian, Aaron, know! If you are searching for a specific book or topic, he would be glad to help!

He can be reached at (403) 585-6389 or cubabossroom@gmail.com



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Last Week	Budget YTD	Current YTD	Variance YTD
\$20,619	\$528,846	\$517,636	\$(11,210)
Attendance	10 am	1 pm	Total
December 11	225	56	281



MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 18, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent
pre-service prayer 9:40 a.m.

GATHERING & COMMUNITY

Chimes
 Organ Prelude *Adeste Fideles*.....Bruce Clark and Acclamation
 Introit *Born in Bethlehem*.....Choir
 Praise & Worship *Angels , from the Realms of Glory* (v.1, & 2)...# 131
Angels We Have Heard on High (v.1 & 3)...# 132
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....#133

Welcome & Announcements
 Opening Prayer
 Lighting of the Advent Candle
 Music Ministry *Mary Go Tell*.....Dean Kindy, soloist
 Offertory *Shepherds' Jubilee*.....Acclamation
 Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
 Music Ministry *Birthday of a King*.....Acclamation
 Congregational Prayer

WORD & REFLECTION

Scripture *Matthew 1: 18-25 / Luke 1:57-66*
 Message **Advent: Joseph and Zechariah**
 Ken
 Nettleton

RESPONSE & SENDING

Closing Hymn
 Organ Postlude *Noel—Grand Jeu et Duo* (d'Aquin)

If you would like to pray following the service this morning, or talk about things that may be on your heart, we want to assist you. The pastors are available at the door, and can join you in our prayer room, which is across from the Underwood Room directly behind the sanctuary. Or you may wish to pray alone, either in your seat, or in the prayer room. Don't put off something that God may be prompting within you—now is the time!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 19

10:00 a.m. Open Door Board Meeting (Open Door)
1:00 p.m. Movie Matinee (Open Door)

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

1:00 p.m. Cribbage (Open Door)
8:00 p.m. A.A. (Manse)

Thursday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Music Appreciation (Open Door)
1:00 p.m. Movie Matinee (Open Door)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service (Sanctuary)
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Morning worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. NTRC Ethiopian (Fellowship Hall)
No learning for life today
1:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. New Life Recovery (Chapel)

Home Mission Group thanks all church members who donated thermal mugs for their Mustard Seed Project. Group delivered 20 filled mugs with drinks and toiletries to the Seed

The 2012 offering envelopes are in and are on top of the bell cupboard in the Underwood Room.

Flowers are placed today in loving memory of:

Grant Jarman by Marion and family and,
Irene and Eileen, sisters of Marjorie Stubel.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

Four times each year, we are given the opportunity to make special gifts to selected ministry options. For our Christmas offering this year, three options have been selected. You may choose to donate to just one, two, or all three of the ministry options described below. All of your donation(s) will go to the ministries as you direct on the card enclosed in the special Christmas Offering envelope.

- 1. Beltline** – To establish a **Beltline Outreach Fund** with seed money for ministries chosen to help realize our Vision statement emphasis on the Beltline community where our church is located. We have the advantage of having developed a relationship with the Jesus Loves You Society (JLYS), which has been active here for some time, so we can consult with them instead of “starting from scratch”. We will seek opportunities for involvement in 2012 which include all three objectives of our Missions statement: **inviting faith, acts of mercy, and developing leaders (disciples)**. To succeed, we will need committed leaders and appropriate funding.
- 2. Beyond Beltline** – To support staff members of various national and international Christian ministries who are present or former members of our church or their family members. We remember and support these staff members each year at Christmas time.
- 3. Abroad** – To support two vital ministries of Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM), our foreign missions ministry partner, which we believe will address each of our three Mission objectives described above. The selected ministries include “**Training Pastors**” through CBM’s international seminary connections, and “**Guardians of Hope**”, the CBM project which provides care for children orphaned because of AIDS/HIV affected parents. We are fortunate to have Bill and Janice Dyck, who served with CBM in Indonesia for many years and who now live in Calgary and worship with us. Bill represents CBM in western Canada and we will have opportunity to hear directly from him about the impact these ministries are having abroad.

Please note, offering envelopes will be available for pick up at the Welcome Centre in the Underwood Room for those who have not yet been assigned a members’ folder for receiving church mail.

Church Board Announcements

- 1. Church Administrator** – Renee Thompson, a member of our church, has accepted this position. She will be “learning the ropes” with Stephanie during December” and taking over the position effective January 1, 2012. Renee is married to Robert and they have two children. We look forward to working with her and welcoming her publicly in the near future.
- 2. Policy Development** – Policy Development has been an ongoing effort for many months, led by our Management & Finance Chair, Errol Dennison. Two more policies approved by your Board now include a Privacy Policy and a Policy for Financial Management & Procedures.
- 3. Budget – ending 2011** – The Special Christmas Offering, for which special offering envelopes are provided, is taken to provide an opportunity for the congregation to support ministries which are not included in the budgeted expenses of the our ongoing church ministries. In the “Contributions & Attendance” section of our weekly Sunday bulletins, you will notice the “Variance YTD” figure which reports the year-to-date shortfall between budgeted and received church tithes and offerings. The total tithes and offerings received in 2011 will be an important figure used by your Board to prepare the budget for 2012. **Some of our members use December as the month to “catch up” on their annual giving. If, like your Board, you are encouraged by what God is doing in our midst, may I encourage you to do that also?** Thank you.

Merv Schafer,
Moderator

Children’s Ministry

“Sermon Seekers” pages for kids in Grades 1-6 can be picked up from the red boxes at the back of the sanctuary or in the Underwood Room. Sunday School classes for kids of all ages (babies through Grade 6) take place from 11:45 – 12:30 in the Education Building.

Nursery volunteers:

December 18: Tina Tian & Sollena Xiao

January 1: Kim Li & Maggie Guo

January 8: Gail Owen & Carol Xu



Learning for Life

Babies & preschoolers 0 - 5 yrs. 10:00-11:30 a.m. nursery

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Babies & toddlers 0-2 yrs	nursery
Pre-K (3 to 5 year-olds)	room 304
Grades 1-3	room 306
Grades 4-6	room 307

As we break for Christmas, there will be no Learning for Life on December 25 or January 1st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Sunday—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Ephesians

-Alicia Dykstra.....Baraca

Sunday - 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1 & 2 Timothy

- Alan Hood & Alec Kerfoot.....Connections

Bible Introduction: Great Themes

- Ken Nettleton.....Youth Wing

ESL Bible Study

- Terry Dykstra & Jerry WangComputer Room

Young Adults

- Larry WadeYouth Wing

Youth: Acts

- Dean Haugan.....Youth Wing

NURSERY CARE is provided for infants and children up to 5 years of age, every Sunday from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The nursery is located on the 3rd floor of the Christian Education (CE) Building. The elevator is located in the Underwood Room (behind Sanctuary). Take it to Level C (Room 305). Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

FBC FOUNDATION

Having a Birthday?

Thank the Lord by donating a dollar for every year to FBC Foundation. Receipts will be issued.