

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 2 KidsLife Fun Night (6pm) *Gym*
- 4 Membership Class (3:30pm) *Gym 1*
- 5 Senior Adult Christmas Dinner (6pm) *Gym*
- 6 Women's Ministry Book Club (6pm) *Room 221*
- 10 Searching for the King, Worship Ministry Musical (7pm) *Worship Center*
- 11 Searching for the King, Worship Ministry Musical (7pm) *Worship Center*
- 18 610 Christmas Party (Combined Jr & Sr High) 6:10pm - *Youth Center*
- 21 Wednesday Worship in the Youth Center (6:30pm)
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (3pm, 4:30pm and 6pm) *Worship Center*
- 25 One Worship Service at 10:30am; classes for children 3 & under only
- 26/27 Church Offices Closed
- 28 Wednesday Worship in the Youth Center (6:30pm)
- 31 Saturday Service at 5pm (No LIFE Groups)
- Jan 1 One Worship Service at 10:30am; classes for children 3 & under only

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

- Upward Games (8:30am - Seasonal)
- Saturday Worship (5pm) *Worship Center*
- LIFE Groups / Sunday School (6pm)

SUNDAYS

- Worship Service (8:30, 9:45, 11am)**
- LIFE Groups (Sunday School - 8:30, 9:45, 11am)**
- Discipleship University (4:30pm - September - May)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (4:30pm) *Worship Center*
- Children's Choirs (4:30pm - September - May) *Gym Rooms 2-4*
- Cross Teens Choir (4:45pm - September - May) *Adult Choir Room*
- Divorce Care (4:30pm - 13 week class contact Adult Ministries) *Conference Room*
- Men's Accountability Group (5pm) *Room 135*
- 6:10: Senior High Worship (6:10pm) *Youth Center*

MONDAYS

- MOPS meeting (9am; bi-monthly September - May) *Youth Center*
- Senior Adult Luncheon (12pm; First Monday of March - November) *Gym 1*
- 1st - 6th Grade Martial Arts Class (6:30 pm) *Youth Center*

TUESDAYS

- Women's Ministry Bible Study (9:30am; September - May) *Youth Center*
- Martial Arts Class (7pm) *Youth Center*
- Men's Basketball (6:30pm) *Gym*

WEDNESDAYS

- Women's Bible Study Fellowship (9:10am - September - May) *Worship Center*
- Wednesday Night Supper (5:15pm - September - May) *Gym*
- 6:10: Junior High Worship (6:10pm) *Youth Center*
- T-Kids Discipleship Clubs (6:15pm - September - May)
- Wednesday Worship (6:30pm) *Worship Center***
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm) *Worship Center*
- Orchestra Rehearsal (7:30pm) *East Balcony*

THURSDAYS

- Martial Arts Class (7pm) *Youth Center*
- Revolution: The Gate, College Worship (8pm) *225 N. Monroe, Lebanon*

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Return Service Requested

December is a GREAT time to get involved at FBCO!!

December 10 & 11 at 7pm Searching for the King, Worship Ministry Musical

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 3pm, 4:30pm & 6pm

December 25 Christmas Day Service at 10:30am

November 18, 2011

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CONTACT

First Baptist Church • O'Fallon, IL

From the Pastor,

Christmas is great at FBC O'Fallon! Here is some of what is happening-
-The Christmas Musical "Searching For the King" is Saturday and Sunday night, Dec. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. It will be greater than great.

-3 Candlelight Christmas Eve Services- (Christmas Eve is December 24th this year!) at 3:00, 4:30 or 6:00. An awesome tradition.

-Christmas Day is Sunday this year. We will have one combined service at 10:30. (No LIFE groups. Childcare 3 and under.)

-New Year's Day is Sunday as well. One combined service at 10:30. (No LIFE groups. Childcare 3 and under.)

LIFE groups, our Sunday School program, is off to a great start this year. Eleven weeks into our new church year we are up over last year's attendance by more than 120 people per week-truly amazing!

Thank you to all who give so faithfully to the ministry that God is doing through FBCO. Your faithful giving makes a real difference in the lives of people and thank you for being faithful to give your tithes to the church budget. It really does make a difference. And, you can give above and beyond your budget tithes to the World Missions Offering (40% to International Missions, 30% to North American Missions, 15% to Illinois Missions and 15% to World Hunger) or the Building Program (remember that we are in the planning stages for a 35,000 sq. ft. education building that will wrap around our current Worship Center and then a balcony).

I look forward to seeing you in Worship and LIFE groups as we worship the King of Kings who came into our world. I am,

**Looking to the future,
 Pastor Doug**

Your Church Staff

Dr. Doug Munton	Senior Pastor
Mike Cariker	Associate Pastor
Tom Dawson	Minister of Adult Education
Dr. Darlene Leatherwood	KidLife Ministries Director
Skip Leininger	Associate Pastor / Pastoral Care
Jamie O'Dell	Minister to Young Adults

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

We will celebrate our Savior's birth at three Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Saturday, December 24 at 3pm, 4:30pm or 6pm. We will sing Christmas carols, listen to the Christmas story and take the Lord's supper together. Pastor Doug will also have a message just for children. Don't forget to invite a friend to this very special service.

Searching for the King

FBCO Worship Musical

Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11 at 7pm

A dynamic contemporary story parallels the biblical story delivering a message as powerful as the prophets and as relevant as today's headlines. This dramatic musical juxtaposes one of the Magi (Mordecai) as he follows the Star of Bethlehem, with Benjamin, a soldier stationed in the Middle East 2,000 years later who is looking up at the same stars. They are both searching for the truth, and they both find it at the foot of the manger.

www.getreal 2012

Winter Worship Weekend for Fourth-Sixth Graders

(A great Christmas gift idea!)

Winter worship weekend (January 20-21) is an opportunity for students in 4th - 6th grades to grow deeper in their faith, make new friends, and have fun at an overnight church lock-in. Students will do an in depth study about Daniel, a man of integrity, and learn how to apply these lessons in their own lives. They will play games, enjoy meals and have opportunities to worship. (And sleep just a little bit!) The cost of the lock-in is \$20 (two for \$30 if you invite a friend who does not attend FBCO!). For information or registration, contact KidsLife at 726-6003 or go to www.fbcokidslife.com.

Disciple Now Weekend

"A Call to Die"

February 17-19, 2012

A weekend of intense Bible Study designed to lead youth to become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ. Small groups of students will stay in church members' homes. Each group participates in Bible study and community service projects then joins the other groups for corporate worship. Guest speaker David Nasser is one of the nation's foremost speakers, communicating the life-changing message of the gospel to more than 700,000 people annually. Registration is \$65 until January 29, \$80 through February 12 or 2 for \$100 when you bring a guest.

Senior Adult Christmas Dinner

All senior adults (55+) are invited to our Christmas dinner on Monday, December 5, at 6pm. We will be celebrating with a delicious meal and special entertainment. Advance reservations and payment of \$3 per person must be made by Sunday, November 27 and can be made at the Welcome Center on Sunday or by calling Susan at 632-2423.

MEN - SAVE THIS DATE!!

Saturday, February 25

First Baptist will host the 2012

Iron Sharpens Iron

National Men's Conference (Metro East Location)

More information at www.adultsatfbc.com

(follow links for men's ministry)

Holiday Schedule

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 23 - Family Worship at 6:30pm (No supper, 610, TKids, choir /orchestra)

Thursday & Friday 25 & 26 - Church offices closed

DECEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, 10 & 11, 7pm - Worship Ministry Christmas Musical

Saturday 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 3, 4:30 & 6pm

Sunday 25 - One Worship Service at 10:30am, Sunday School for 3 & under only.

Monday & Tuesday, 26 & 27 - Church offices closed

Wednesday 28 - Family Worship at 6:30pm (No supper, 610, TKids, choir/orchestra)

Saturday 31 - Saturday Service at 5pm (No LIFE Groups)

JANUARY

Sunday 1 - One Worship Service at 10:30am, Sunday School for 3 & under only.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The 2011 theme is "His heart, His voice, His hands - I am Southern Baptist missions." It reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we are called to be the body of Christ. We are His heart, His hands and His voice in the midst of a world filled with unreached peoples. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. And although Southern Baptists have been praying, giving and going for 160 years, the task is far from finished. Pray for our missionaries who are our voice in the darkness. And pray about giving as much as you can to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to sustain those we've sent to be our hands touching a lost world.

"The Surprising Way to a Stronger Marriage"

With Michael and Amy Smalley in person

(Michael is Gary Smalley's son)

Friday, January 27 - 7pm-9pm

Saturday, January 28 - 9am-Noon

\$45/couple \$30/person

For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.fbcfallon.org

Tickets are also available at the church bookstore

Childcare is available for FBCO members & guests - \$5/child or \$15/family

"Come get AWAY and have FUN as you grow your relationship with Laughter"

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Boys and Girls K5 - 6th Grade

Registration costs \$75. Evaluation/orientation, Tuesday, November 29 between 5:30 and 8pm. Practices and games begin in January. Deployed parent scholarships are available. Volunteers are needed in lots of areas! Register or volunteer at www.fbcfallon.org/upward or call 726-6050.

KidsLife Unwrapping Christmas

Friday, December 2 at 6pm

Children in 1st-6th grades will go on a scavenger hunt throughout the church to discover clues about the birth of Jesus. Then they'll enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and listen to the Christmas story. Contact jennifer.gumm@fbcfallon.org or 726-6021 by November 30. Admission is a canned food item for the O'Fallon Food Pantry.

Preschool "La Posada"

Saturday, December 17, 10am - 11am in the Youth Center

Preschoolers ages 2-Kindergarten are invited to attend with their family. La Posada is a Latin American Christmas tradition which literally translates as "the inns" and symbolizes the journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

Sign up at the KidsLife welcome desk.

Women's Ministry Brunch

All ladies are invited to join us for our winter brunch "Captivated by His Glory", on Tuesday, November 29 at 9:30am in the Youth Center. Bring a brunch dish to share! Childcare is provided, however, if you do not normally attend Bible study on Tuesday morning, you must reserve childcare by contacting becky.nelson@fbcfallon.org.

Singles LIFE Groups @ First Baptist O'Fallon

We currently have co-ed singles LIFE Groups at 11am for college age, 20's, and 30's and a singles 40+ class at 9:45am. We also have ladies classes at 8:30, 9:45 and 11am and a men's class at 11am.

And coming soon...A new LIFE Group is forming for singles in their 40's and 50's! The group will begin meeting in January during the 11am hour on Sundays. We would like to hear from you now if you are interested in helping get this LIFE Group started. Please call Tom Dawson in Adult Ministries at 632-6223 or email him at tom.dawson@fbcfallon.org.

Adult LIFE Groups

All adult LIFE Groups begin new curriculum December 3/4. If you are looking for the perfect opportunity to join a Life Group, this is it! Stop by the Information Center in the Atrium- we'll find a LIFE Group for you!

Coming to KidsLife in January!

Punches! Kicks! Breaking boards with bare hands! The 9:45 and 11am KidsLife Groups are going to the dojo where we'll follow Felicia Gutters as she competes in her very first tournament. With Sensei's guidance she'll remember the importance of discipline, self-respect, confidence, respect for others, endurance, integrity, loyalty, and leadership - and we'll be learning to put them into practice as followers of God. Hiyaa!

Winter Weather

We will not cancel our weekly worship services (Saturday, Sunday, or Wednesday) for snow or ice. If you can make it here safely, our doors will be open and we'll have our regularly scheduled services.

Reminder From the Finance Office

In order to count for 2011 tax purposes, end of year giving must be **received** or postmarked by December 31. Checks put in the offering plate on Sunday, January 1, 2012 will count toward 2012 giving, regardless of the date on the check.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS TO DATE

	October 22/23	October 29/30	November 5/6	November 12/13
Sunday School Attendance	1,337	1,381	1,541	1,367
Worship Service	1,547	1,589	1,715	1,545
Budget Receipts	\$42,401.48	\$54,602.22	\$71,210.35	\$63,548.04
YTD Required	\$2,699,076.89	\$2,761,846.12	\$2,824,615.35	\$2,887,384.58
YTD Received	\$2,528,029.76	\$2,582,681.98	\$2,653,892.33	\$2,717,440.37
Difference	-\$171,047.13	-\$179,164.14	-\$170,723.02	-\$169,944.21

Our year-to-date World Missions Offering is \$45,052.20
Every penny goes to support world missions.