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# Welcome to First Bible Church

**Our Mission...** to Glorify God by Helping People  
Know, Love, Obey and Exalt Jesus Christ

**If you are visiting with us...** We are glad that you chose to worship with us here at First Bible Church. Please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the chair pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate.



**Please do not feel obligated** to participate in the offering. It is provided for those who consider First Bible their church home. As our guest, we want you to focus on what God has for you this morning.

*Our desire is to encourage you in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you want to know more about following Him, you are welcome to talk to our staff - or simply call us at the church office at (256) 353-2711.*

## Our 2011 Leadership Team

### Pastoral Staff

Steve Bateman, *Senior Pastor*  
Wayne Campbell, *Pastor to Students*  
Paul Cheshier, *Outreach & Assimilation Pastor*  
Bruce Ellsworth, *Worship Pastor*  
Vance Helms, *Executive Pastor*  
Jess Montegudo, *Associate Pastor*

### Ministry Staff

Joni Clark, *Children's Ministry Director*  
Alexander Roberts, *Assoc. Dir. of Student Min.*

### Support Staff

Earlene Baker, *Administrative Assistant*  
Telete Chappell, *Children's Dir. Assistant*  
Beth Ellsworth, *Secretary/Receptionist*  
Ronne Harvell, *Business Manager*  
Kelly Martin, *Nursery /Preschool Coordinator*  
Darrel Phillips, *Director of Facilities*  
Rosemary Whiteside, *Secretary/Receptionist*

### Elders

Charlie Adams  
Don Barthel  
Curt Brannon  
Reggie Gladish  
Larry Hannah  
Joey Harris  
Don Haynie  
Mike Holiday  
Stan Moore  
Lew Sample  
Stan Vinton  
Glenn Whiteside

### Deacons

Scott Anderson  
Adrian Baker  
Kevin Burleson  
Joe Cimino  
Barry Hill  
Chris Howard  
Scottie Hubbard  
Gary Kessinger  
Joel McWhorter  
Doug Mote  
Barry Musick  
Phil Olinger  
David Wilson

### Elders Emeritus

Bill Prince  
Marshall Williams

## Missions: Home & Abroad 2011

### Organizations

**Decatur Free Clinic, Decatur, AL**  
**Decatur Heritage Christian Academy, Decatur, AL**  
**Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL**  
**Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource, Decatur, AL**  
**Tennessee Valley Outreach, Decatur, AL**  
**Neighborhood Christian Center, Decatur, AL**  
**Columbia International University, Columbia, SC**  
**Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Decatur, AL**  
**Bible Teachers College, Guatemala**  
**Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**  
**Lexi House, Decatur, AL**

### Missionaries

Child Evangelism Fellowship  
**Teo & Madalena Cavaco, Portugal**  
**Lynne Herlein, Kenya**  
International Teams  
**Kathleen Wintter, Romania**  
Campus Crusade for Christ  
**Scott & Stephanie Nannen, Texas**  
**David & Bethanne Moles, Pennsylvania**  
**Mitch and Amy Jaegar, Mississippi**  
**Brent and Lindsay Gosnell, Texas**  
Avant Ministries  
**Kent & Marion Fuller, Belize**  
Team International  
**Andrew & Linda Brucato, Italy**  
**Bill & Ginann Franklin, Taiwan**  
Inherit A Blessing  
**Cleon & Kathy Rogers, Germany**  
Mission to the World  
**Glenn & Sharlene Grubb, US**

Pioneers  
**Jarko & Elena Jurik, Serbia**  
Ambassadors For Christ, Int.  
**John & Lois North, Australia**  
Campus Outreach  
**Brian and Abbey Harper, Brazil**  
SEND International  
**Arthur and Margaret Kraai, Japan**  
World Reach  
**Brom & Betty Cowser, Alabama**  
Wycliffe Translators  
**Jim & Nadine Rupp, Mexico**  
World Venture  
**Mark & Kathy Schaaf, South Africa**  
CAM International  
**Wayne & Kitty Gute, Oklahoma**  
**John & Jan Lohrenz, Spain**  
**Bill & Linda Parker, Uruguay**  
**Michael Stephenson, Guatemala**  
**Scott & Ruth Yingling, Mexico**  
**Joel and Vivian Lara, Spain**  
Titus International  
**Loreen Ittermann, CIS, Moldova**  
Greater Europe Mission  
**Durand & Ruth Robinson, US**  
**Scott & Tara Slate, Europe**  
Nations of Coaches  
**Tommy and Heather Kyle, SE US**  
Navigators  
**Armando and Liset Diaz, US**

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**First Bible Church**  
of Decatur

3202 Spring Ave. SW, Decatur, AL 35603

Church Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Mon. through Fri.

When nations rage  
When skeptics mock  
When economies stumble  
When enemies threaten  
When bodies fail  
When plans change  
When tragedy strikes  
When friends disappoint  
When hope wanes  
When pessimism reigns

Jesus Christ

is still

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

Eternally, absolutely, positively, supremely, manifestly, indisputably

# SOVEREIGN!



a series in Matthew

# Morning Worship

December 25, 2011 • 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Instrumental Music

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
FBC Praise Band

Call to Worship

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* No. 123  
*O Come All Ye Faithful* No. 145  
*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 135

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Matthew 2:7-12

*Sanctuary Service:* Wayne Campbell, Pastor to Students  
*Field House Service:* Vance Helms, Executive Pastor

Worship Through Giving

*The Glorious Impossible*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 132

Message

*Magi: The King's Worship*  
Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Closing Song

*Offering*

Instrumental Music

*Glory in the Highest*  
FBC Praise Band

## Announcements

All announcements must be in the church office by 4:00pm Tuesday.

### The Field House Service

We offer a video service during the second worship service time slot (10:45). The "Field House Service" has its own leadership and worship team, and receives the sermon portion of the service through a video feed.

### Missionary of the Month

This month's missionary focus is on Kent and Marion Fuller who are serving with Avant Ministries in Belize. Here is their contact information if you would like to send a note of encouragement: 18/20 Halfmoon Avenue, P.O.Box 70, Belmopan, Belize, (501) 802-2282, Kenmar@btl.net; karlinkentfuller@gmail.com.

### Church News

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will resume on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30am. All men and their sons, and high school boys are encouraged to come for a time of prayer, fellowship and food.

The new **Beth Moore Bible study: James, Mercy Triumphs**, will be offered on Wednesday mornings, starting January 11th, 9:30 - 11 am. Call the church office to sign up. (256-353-2711) Childcare is provided nursery - preschool age.

**2011 End of Year Giving** - In order to encourage wise stewardship and strategic giving, please be advised that all gifts mailed to First Bible Church need to be post-marked by December 31st, to qualify for tax deductibility for 2011. Please note the office will be closed on December 30th and 31st. All contributions hand delivered to the office need to be done by Dec. 29th at 4:30pm.

*Please Note: 2011 Contribution Statements for your tax records are scheduled for mailing in January 2012. If you should need this information for planning or tax purposes prior to the end of 2011, please contact Ronne Harvell by phone at 256-260-3768, or by email ronne@fbc.org.*

### Student News (6th-12th grade)

**one eight** (HS/MS Wednesday night ministry) will resume on January 11th.

**TREK** (MS Sunday night ministry) will resume on January 8th.

**New Year's Eve Eve All-Nighter:** 12/30, 8 pm - 8 am, \$20.00 in advance, \$30.00 on the day of the event. Call the office for more info and to sign up.

### Children's News (Nursery - 5th grade)

**AWANA, Sportsters and GIGAS** will resume their Sunday night ministries on January 8th.

**GIGAS Annual Sleepover!** Jan.6-7th here at First Bible (7:00pm - 8:30am). All 3rd-5th grade girls are invited to join us! Watch the mail for details.

### Ministry Day of Prayer... Mark Your Calendars

...is scheduled for January 14, 2012 (8:00 am - 11:30 am). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend focused uninterrupted time with the Lord praying for your relationship with Him, personal matters, family, work, ministry here at First Bible, and our missionaries.

## No Evening Service Tonight

We will resume our *Seven Things Every Christian Should Know* series on January 8th at 5:15pm.

### This Week's Events

**Today-12/25/11**

No Evening Services we will resume on Jan. 8th

**Monday-12/26/11**

5:45pm Celebrate Recovery

**Tuesday-12/27/11**

No Activities Scheduled

**Wednesday- 12/28/11**

No Activities Scheduled

**Thursday - 12/29/11**

No Activities Scheduled

**Friday- 12/30/11**

Office Closed (Happy New Year!)

8:00pm Student Ministry's New Year's Eve's Eve All Nighter!

**Saturday- 12/31/11**

No Activities Scheduled

### Financial Update

Below is our financial status as of December 18, 2011. If you have questions, please contact Scottie Hubbard, 350-4021.

#### General Fund/Missions

2011 YTD needs \$1,980,540.41  
2011 YTD receipts \$2,022,743.31  
Variance +/- + \$42,036.42

### Office Holiday Schedule

**Mon. -12/26**

Office Closed(Merry Christmas)

**Fri./Mon. -12/30 & 1/2/12**

Office Closed(Happy New Year)

### C<sup>1</sup>: Our Creed, Truths We Believe

*Sunday, January 22, 2012, 3:00pm - 6:30pm*

Sign up online at [www.fbc.org](http://www.fbc.org) or by calling the church office (256-353-2711). This first step of four in our Catalysts of Commitment is for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the First Bible Church family through church membership. Attendance at C<sup>1</sup> does not commit you to membership. Rather it helps you understand the beliefs, values, direction, and philosophy of First Bible Church.

Morning and evening messages are available on the web at [www.fbc.org](http://www.fbc.org).

If you would like a CD of a particular message, please call the church office (353-2711).