

December  
2011

Faith Baptist Fellowship

# Focus on Faith

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## WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Morning Worship Services, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
Message: "The Word Was God" - John 1:1-5  
Pastor David Vilhauer

Prelude to Christmas (advance tickets only)  
6:30 PM

**Sunday, December 11, 2011**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Morning Worship Services, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
Message: "John - Witness to the Light" - John 1:6-13; 19-28  
Pastor David Moe

"Caroling Kids - Bringin' It TRUE-Christmas Style"  
Children's Christmas Musical, 4:00 PM

**Sunday, December 18, 2011**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Morning Worship Services, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
"The Night Before Christmas", Worship Choir Musical  
with meditations by Pastor Dana Olson  
"The Word Became Flesh" - John 1:14-18

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

Morning Worship Service, 9:30 AM (one service only)  
Message: "The Lamb of God and Our Sin" - John 1:29  
Pastor Dana Olson

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

Morning Worship Service, 9:30 AM (one service only)  
Communion in the round  
Pastor Dana Olson





Jesus is the reason  
for the season!  
Merry Christmas!  
Deb. & Curt  
Baetke

Merry Christmas!  
Our God is with us!  
Ryan Cramer



May Christ's peace be  
with your family this Christmas  
Tom & Pamela Hoze

May you be blessed as you  
celebrate our Savior's birth!

Caleb

Everyone have a  
Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!  
Dale & Kathy  
James



Blessings to you  
this Christmas  
and new year!  
Linda

I am grateful that the Lord doesn't treat  
me like Santa Claus! If He did, I would  
have nothing, for I am undeserving of anything  
good as I can never be good enough. Praise  
God for the beautiful riches in Christ alone!

Merry Christmas,  
David Mae  
Titus 2:11-14

Merry Christmas  
from the Myers

Merry Christmas and  
happy "Holy Days" to you!  
Rene, Evonne & Kimberly Vilhauer

Merry Christmas  
from the Reynolds

Merry Christmas!  
We love serving with  
you, the King of Kings!  
DAVA, CHRISTINA,  
ANNA OLSON

# Student Ministries

## PlanetWisdom 2011

A group of 25 middle school students and leaders will be attending the PlanetWisdom conference in Minneapolis, MN the first weekend of December. The theme is Knowing God through His Word. Please be in prayer for this group as they travel and learn and grow together.

## Bell Ringing Time!

It's that time of year again to serve the Salvation Army through bell ringing efforts. Middle and high school students will ring bells at Hobby Lobby and Shopko (41<sup>st</sup> Street) from 10 AM to 2 PM, on Saturday, December 10th. If you are at one of these stores during this time, stop and say hello.

## Going Formal

High school students will have their annual progressive Christmas dinner on Friday, December 16th, from 6:30 to 10 PM. Students will carpool to three different homes, enjoy great food together and conclude the evening with dessert and a gift exchange. Students should plan to dress formal and sign up in Sunday school by December 11th.

## Belize Team Update

Students are currently filling out applications and will be interviewed soon. Team fundraisers currently include, Christmas Goodie Bake Sale, on December 11th and Parent's Night Out on Saturday, December 17th (children up to age 10, for either a date night or a chance to get some of your Christmas shopping done).

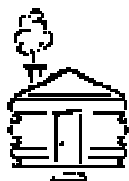
## Planning ahead:

- Jan 4th: All-church Prayer Service at the SF Ministry Center!
- Jan 6-7th: HS Discipleship Conference at Bethel University
- Jan 17th: Evening with PrimeTime
- Jan 20-21: MS/HS 30-Hour Famine
- Jan 29th: Blood Mobile/Annual Celebration

## Summer Camp Dates:

Middle School Camp  
at Swan Lake  
June 3-8

High School Camp Judson  
June 17-23



## **December 2-4**

- MS PlanetWisdom Student Conference
- Depart Friday from the church @ 2 PM
- Return Sunday by 4 PM

## **December 7**

- MS/HS The Connect Service, 6:30-9 PM (Load bus at Faith)
- Belize applications due

## **December 8**

- Youth Leaders' Christmas Dessert, 6:30 PM

## **December 10**

- MS/HS Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 10AM-2PM (various locations)

## **December 11**

- Bake Sale (Belize Fundraiser)

## **December 14**

- MS "Close Encounters" Christmas Party, 6:30-8PM in 'The Loft'
- HS Faith Groups, 7-8:30 PM (various homes)

## **December 16**

- HS Progressive Dinner 6:30-10 PM

## **December 17**

- Parent's Night Out, 5-9 PM, (Belize Fundraiser)

## **December 18**

- HS UGM Chapel Service, 7-9 PM

## **December 24**

- Christmas Eve Service, 4 & 6 PM

## **December 25**

- Christmas Day
- One service, 9:30 AM

## **December 31**

- New Year's Eve
- One service, 9:30 AM

# Coming Events

## **Single "Belles"**

**ALL SINGLE GALS** are invited to a Christmas brunch on Saturday, December 3rd, 10 AM, at Kathy Randol's, 8500 E Willow Ridge Place. RSVP to Kathy Randol at 331-0022.



## **"Caroling Kids—Bringin' It TRUE-Christmas Style"**



**Children's Christmas Program**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2011**  
**4:00 PM**



## Prime Time

PrimeTime (ages 55 and up) will have their Christmas Party, with an ornament exchange, on Tuesday, December 13th, at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Relative Harmony, a southern gospel group, will present a musical evening with a hymn sing. R.S.V.P. to Julie, 334-5303, for the catered meal; cost is \$8.50.

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols Service**

Join us Christmas eve at 4 PM or 6 PM for a special time of worship and inspiration. Scripture and carols, words and music, beauty and candlelight designed to focus our love and attention on the Savior, Jesus Christ.



### KINGDOM OPPORTUNITIES

During the month of January we have the opportunity to work with the **Center of Hope** located in the Sioux Falls Ministry Center at 11<sup>th</sup> Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in downtown Sioux Falls. We all know how hard it is to keep track of gloves and mittens during the winter months. Many in Sioux Falls don't even have gloves or mittens to keep track of!! During the month of January, there will be a Mitten Tree near the Promotion Center. Please join in and bring new or gently used gloves and mittens of all sizes to hang or lay on and around the tree. We will also be accepting new or gently used coats, snow-pants etc. A list of suggested items will be available at the Promotion Center.

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Mark your calendars!! We are again planning to sponsor a **Blood Drive** for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Sanford Medical Center and the Community Blood Bank. Did you know:

- 550 units of blood are needed every week to meet our local needs
- Only 5% of those eligible actually donate
- Eight out of ten of us will require blood or blood products in our lifetime
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components and service several individuals
- A continual fresh supply of blood donations is needed as red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 day and plasma must be used with five days

Donating a pint (one unit) of blood takes approximately 25 minutes. This includes the brief medical interview to make sure that you're healthy and eligible. Only 25 minutes of your time – only one pint of your blood ... a gift that can change or save a life. A Sign up Sheet and information will be available at the Promotion Center later in December.

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Are you interested in participating in a construction missions trip to Yuma AZ / Mexico? Plans are beginning to put together another team to work along side Curt Van Ekeren with **Homes of Hope** and the people in San Luis, Mexico. We hope to be helping to build another home for a family in need. Many of you were at our sharing time in October and got to hear the exciting update of how God is working in San Luis through Homes of Hope. We're looking for some individuals skilled in construction & concrete work but also simply those who are willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus through manual labor. If you're not able to go but are interested in helping in other ways with the trip through giving or prayer we'd be thrilled to have you come on board. For more information regarding Homes of Hope you can go to [www.christiansinmexico.com/shorttermmissions.htm](http://www.christiansinmexico.com/shorttermmissions.htm)

Kingdom Opportunities to remember

January 1 – 29 Mitten Tree / Winter clothing drive

January 29 Blood Drive

February or March Yuma, AZ / Mexico Missions Trip

If you have questions on any of these opportunities, stop by the Promotion Center or contact one of the KO Team.

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