



# FREDERICKSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

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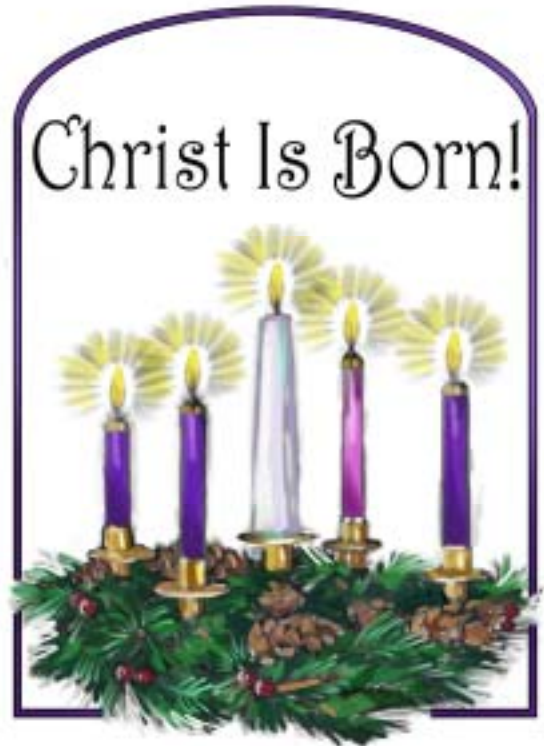


## Angels Over Fredericksburg

**An Indoor/Outdoor Drama  
Celebrating the Birth Of Christ**  
Presented as a Gift to the Community by  
**Fredericksburg Baptist Church**

**Saturday and Sunday  
December 19 and 20  
5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Performances will include live animals  
Refreshments will be served  
Viewing Time - Approximately 35 minutes



Your Church Staff wishes to thank you for your many thoughtful expressions of appreciation during this Advent Season. May the Light of the world continue to shine through your lives in the coming new year and may God's blessings shower upon you in abundance.

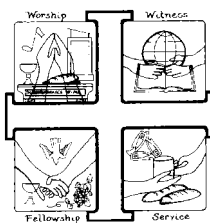
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Sharon Brennan  
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Alphonso Gross



Jeanne Anderson  
David Haun  
Susan Cruse  
Shirley Onderdonk  
Tracy Affeldt  
Dicky Estes



**Larry Haun**, Pastor  
**Ann Marlow**, Minister With Preschoolers and Children  
**Jeanne Anderson**, Minister with Missions  
**David Haun**, Minister with Youth and College Students  
**Sarah Bush**, Minister of Congregational Development

**Patti English**, Associate Pastor  
**Mike Patch**, Minister of Music  
**Dennis Sacrey**, Church Administrator  
**Shirley Onderdonk**, Organist

## Coming Up This Week

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Minister on Call— Mike Patch 720-3100  
3:00pm Sixers Christmas Party  
5:00pm Angels Over Fredericksburg

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:20am Preschoolers Birthday Party for Jesus  
11:00am Worship/Children's Church  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture  
5:00pm Angels Over Fredericksburg

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00am Women's Sewing Class  
12:30pm Staff Meeting

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00am Worship Planning  
10:30am ESL Classes

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:00am Woodmont NY

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve  
Church Office Closed  
5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service  
7:00pm Christmas Eve Communion Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day  
Church Office Closed  
10:00am Christmas Morning Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Minister on Call— Patti English 899-6557

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Children's Church  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

## Responsibilities for the Coming Week

### Greeters Schedule December 20, 2009

Princess Anne St.: Jerry & Vicki Silver  
Hallway outside Chapel: Mike Wondree  
Sanctuary Door: Joe & Pat DiCecca  
Caroline Street: Harris & Dottie Judy  
Children's Area: Bea Wondree  
Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class  
Amelia St.: Hugh Mullen

### Extended Session December 20, 2009 8:30am Service

**Contact Person**: Ann Marlow 786-6063  
**Infant Care (PA14)**: Robert & Chaleé Carmichael  
**Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12)**: Angela McCormick, Dawn Whitehurst

### 11:00am Service

**Contact Person**: Donna Morris 898-6479  
**Bed Babies**: Ellen Mayo, Jan Pierson, Jennifer Bowles  
**Toddlers**: Tommy & Laurie Settle  
**2s**: Allen Bennett, Lindsey Haun  
**3s & 4s**: Gary & Susan Graham, Janice Ashley

### Bus Drivers

#### December 20, 2009

George Whitehurst, Kenny Whitescarver, Lori Gudmundsson

## Among Our Family

### In the Hospital

**MWH**: Janis Snider, Candy Slaughter

### Sympathy To:

Rick Frank in the death of his grandfather, Walter Klotz...Kandi Hamm in the death of her grandmother Oneda Hamm

### Congratulations To:

David & Lindsey Haun on the birth of their son, Owen Michael, December 10

### Memorials

**Building upon Our Heritage in Missions Fund** for **Roger Graham** given by Arnita Graham...for **Raymond O'Bryhim** given by his wife, Martha O'Bryhim...in honor of **Mary Martha Teachers: Ileene Berfield, Edie Dyal, Jackie Haney & Katherine Young** given by Mary Martha Class  
**Christian Social Ministry Fund/Watering Malawi** for **Mr. & Mrs. Lee C. Daughtry** given by Laura Smart  
**Music Ministry Fund** in honor of **Marilyn Dungan** given by Caverlee/Perry Sunday School Class  
**Kelly Scholarship Fund** for **Floyd Powell** given by his wife, Bessie Powell  
**Special Friends Ministry Fund** in honor of **Glenda Potter** given by Sandi Stein  
**Hospitality Ministry Fund** in honor of **Jerry & Vicki Silver** given by David & Nancy Holsinger  
**Passport Scholarship Fund** for **Elwood, Doris & Tim Campbell** given by Keith & Donna Morris...for "**Nannie**" **Doris Campbell** given by Bettye Bright...in honor of **Jerry & Vicki Silver, Ken & Vivian West & Gladys Turner** given by John & Margaret Ingram  
**CBF Affiliate Program Fund** in honor of **Mike, Katie & Ashley Young** given by Van & Tammy Snellings

### Take Note!

#### Youth Website

The Youth Ministry also has its own website with news and a calendar of events. The site address is [www.fbcyomt.org](http://www.fbcyomt.org).

#### Children's Website

The Preschool and Children's Ministry also has its own website with news and a calendar of events. The site address is [www.fbckomt.org](http://www.fbckomt.org).

The calendar of activities for January can be viewed online at [www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Calendar.pdf](http://www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Calendar.pdf)

**Sixers  
Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 19  
3:00pm**

Join us on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in Room C312 at 3:00pm for a Sixers Christmas Party and gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of \$5 or less (something that a girl or boy would like to receive). We will also have Guitar Hero and some other fun, interactive games to play during our party!

Ann will provide Taco Bell tacos and all the fixin's for an early dinner. Please bring along your favorite party snack or dessert to share!

We have decided not to attend a movie, so that there will be an opportunity for you to attend the "Angels Over Fredericksburg" event here at church with your families, if you so choose. The party will wrap up by 5:00pm.

**C.S. Lewis'  
The Screwtape Letters  
Lansburgh Theatre—Washington, D.C.  
Sunday, January 3**

Join us as we ring in 2010, attending a dramatic presentation of C.S. Lewis' novel, *The Screwtape Letters*. We will leave the church at 1:30pm and travel in church buses to the Lansburgh Theatre for a 3:00pm show.



Advertisements state: "C. S. Lewis' brilliant novel, *The Screwtape Letters*, reveals spiritual warfare from a demon's point of view. This funny, provocative and wickedly-witty theatrical adaptation – critically acclaimed in New York; standing room only at the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington D.C. last season; and called the 'most successful show in the history of Chicago's Mercury Theater' by the Chicago Tribune – will change the way you think about the influence of demons in your everyday life."

In order to reserve your ticket for the performance, please submit \$38 dollars as you sign up. We have a limited number of tickets reserved and if there is more interest than there are reservations, we may be able to add to our reservation, but that will need to take place very quickly – so sign up now!

**Preschoolers  
Birthday Party for Jesus  
Sunday, December 20  
10:20am**

Preschool Sunday School classes for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds will gather in the preschool kitchen for a birthday party celebration for Jesus. We will have cake, party favors and music!

**Board of Trustee Nominations Now  
Being Accepted**

Nominations for the Board of Trustees are being accepted during the months of November and December with election occurring at the business meeting in January. Terms of service are for two years commencing on February 1. If you wish to nominate someone, please submit their name to the church office. Please contact Dennis Sacrey for further information.

**"Camp for Christmas" Angel Tree  
Give the gift of Passport Camp While  
Honoring a Friend or a Loved One!**

This Christmas, as you prepare to participate in the joy of giving, will you consider sponsoring a child or youth for Passport Camp 2010? A "Camp for Christmas" angel tree is available in the church welcome center during the Sunday School hour and following the 11:00 worship hour. Here you will have the opportunity to collect an envelope, or more, from the tree and provide a student from our church with an opportunity to attend a meaningful camp experience next summer. At the same time, special cards will be provided for you to provide this gift in honor or in memory of someone, as you choose.

The cost of sending a child to the 4-day Passport Kids camp is \$280. The cost of sending a student to the week-long Passport Youth camp is \$335. You are welcome to offer full payment if you so choose, or make payments of \$50 per month until the amount is paid in full. Please consider your participation in this meaningful gift opportunity! If you have questions, please ask Ann [ann@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org](mailto:ann@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org) or David [david@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org](mailto:david@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org). In addition to the Sunday times, you are also welcome to stop by the office during business hours and collect a "Camp for Christmas" envelope to sponsor a student.

## **The Marriage Course Coming in January!**

The Marriage Course is for any couple, whether you have been together for one year or 61 years and whether you feel you have a strong relationship or are struggling.

If you have a strong marriage this course will help you make it even better and will reinforce your good habits. If on the other hand your marriage is in difficulty, the course will help provide you with very practical tools to help you work through the issues. Some couples who are separated have used the course as a way of trying to get back together.

Whatever your situation, the practical tools you learn will help improve and strengthen your relationship.

While The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles, it is designed for couples with or without a Christian faith. Many couples who are not churchgoers have commented that the Christian content was presented in a way that did not make them uncomfortable at all.

- **What can I expect on the course?**

- The course will take place over seven consecutive Saturday evenings, beginning January 16, 2010. A typical evening starts at 6:00pm and finishes by 8:45pm. Each session includes:
  - **Fantastic atmosphere** that many say feels like a date night.
  - **A meal at a romantic table for two** giving you space to relax and chat. You will be served with a candlelit dinner with coffee, tea and dessert.
  - **Practical talks** that are informative and fun, either given live or played on DVD. They include filmed clips of couples sharing their own experiences and street interviews from around the world.
  - **Coffee and private discussion time** as a couple. You will be given topics to discuss (sometimes with the help of an exercise). Music is played so you can't hear couples at other tables and they can't hear you!
  - **No group work**, so relax - you will not have to share anything about your relationship with anyone else.
  - **Homework** - at the end of each session you are given some homework to do together. This will help you to build on what you have learned and give you the opportunity to apply it to your relationship. Don't worry - it won't be marked! It isn't looked at by anyone else and is just for your own benefit.

### **What is the cost?**

In order to cover the cost of a few materials and your meals, the total cost for the 7-week session is \$150/couple. If you need childcare, we will also be serving children a simple meal and caring for them in another part of the building and in order to cover these expenses, we are asking for \$35/child.

Sign up by submitting your \$75 deposit and make plans to nurture your marriage in the new year! In order to plan adequately, we are asking folks to **sign up by December 20, please!**

## **Christmas Day Worship Service 10:00am**



On Christmas morning, we would love to have you worship with us. Each year, we plan a simple worship service celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. People are encouraged to come to the service dressed for whatever events you plan for the day – some will be in jeans and others

will be more formal – whatever fits in with your plans for the day.

Our worship service will be in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, followed by a time of fellowship in the vestibule just outside the chapel. You are welcome to bring breakfast finger-foods (sausage balls, cookies, muffins, etc...) for our time of fellowship and we will have coffee, hot chocolate and hot tea to enjoy together!

## **Calendar Collection for Hospice Ethiopia**

It's that time of year again. When you take down your 2009 calendars, don't throw them away. Bring them to the church office so that they can be recycled.

In the poorer sections of Addis Ababa, paper calendars are rare. So, donating your old calendars helps impoverished women at Hospice Ethiopia to be able to care for their families. These calendars are the source for the major material needed to create their paper jewelry items.

Many of you have already supported them, through the purchase of some of their initial creations. Others have indicated that they think these and other income generation items would sell well if offered through other venues (i.e. the CBF gift catalogue, the CBF General Assembly marketplace, or the Global Women Global Voices Summit marketplace).

I will work hard to make those connections on their behalf. You can help them to be able to succeed as well. In addition to donating your old calendars, pray for and tell your friends about them and the work that they are doing.

Thank you,  
Tori

## **Christmas Eve Celebrations**

FBC Christmas Eve celebrations will include two services of celebration that will be held at 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

The service at 5:00pm is planned for families with young children and will last approximately 45 minutes. Childcare will be offered for children up to age 2. Along with the singing of familiar carols, it will include a pageant led by the children, and will conclude with a candle lighting service.

The 7:00pm service will include Christmas stories, scripture and the singing and hearing of many Christmas songs. It will also include the Lord's Supper and conclude with a time of candle lighting and singing.

These services are wonderful opportunities to invite others in the community to come and share in these celebrations.

## **Notes of Gratitude to Honor Alice Gray Newcomb and Gertie Adams**

Alice Gray Newcomb and Gertie Adams are two very faithful ladies of Fredericksburg Baptist Church, as they have served tirelessly for countless years in the Children's Ministry, caring for the youngest among us. As Gertie is known to say, "I'll be there, God-willing and the creek don't rise!"

These ladies have served well, and our church family will honor them on Sunday, January 24 during the 11:00 worship service. As a part of their recognition, we would like to extend to them personal notes of thanks for their service. If you have special memories and/or special messages of thanksgiving that you wish to offer to each of them, individually, we invite you to write notes and bring them to the church office no later than Sunday, January 17, so that we may compile them into a book.

## Information About Year End Contributions

Did you know that your offering envelope is a permanent record of your cash contributions? It is the tool to insure the accurate recording of your gifts to the church. It would be helpful if you would enter the amount of your donations on the appropriate spaces on the front of your envelope. If you use the "other" space, please be sure to indicate the purpose for which you wish that money to be applied, i.e., Embrey Endowment, Thursday Night Meal Ministry, etc.

You should receive your envelopes each month by the 25th for the next month. If you do not have them by then, please notify Linda in the church office (373-4402) or email [linda@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org](mailto:linda@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org). We can have the company trace the shipment to see if there is a holdup at the post office.

Please remember that the IRS requires that any cash gift to be credited to the year 2009 must be received in the church office no later than Thursday, December 31. If you mail your gift to the church the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31. Any stock donations must be received either at the church or transferred to our brokerage account by December 31. If you have any questions about your giving, please contact Linda in the office (373-4402).



## Coming Down to the Wire

The end of the year is showing some positive news about our finances - our offerings this year are actually greater, about 2%, than for the same period last year. With the economic difficulties many are facing, this is a testament to the faithfulness of our church family to be supportive of our ministries even in these times.

However, now is not the time to end our financial stewardship for this year. **As of the date of the writing of this article (Monday, December 14), we are behind in meeting our year-to-date expenses by \$61,000.** Will you prayerfully consider committing to join with your fellow church family members and meet this obligation by the end of this year?

Because the current economic climate is expected to continue well into next year, we will continue to devise strategies to minimize future expenditures as much as possible while carrying out our mission and ministries. In the meanwhile, let's commit to finishing this year in a good financial situation.

## On-Line Giving (E-Giving)

You can now give your offering on-line using your computer. For more information visit [www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online giving faq.htm](http://www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online%20giving%20faq.htm)

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## Our Financial Stewardship

### Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,228
Sunday, Dec. 13	\$47,250
Y-T-D Total	\$1,146,386

Ahead/Behind Ministry Budget  
-\$165,013

### BUOH in Missions

Goal	\$250,000
Sunday, Dec. 13	\$4,563
Total to Date 2009	\$156,879
Total to Date 2008	\$164,773

## Our Sunday School Attendance

December 13  
476