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DECEMBER

FIRST SOUTHERN

BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANSVILLE, IN.

JOURNEY OF *Faith*



*Christmas Musical
Presented by the
Worship Choir,
Age to Age,
and
KFC Choir*

*Pre-Concert by
Winds of Worship
Sunday, December 19
6:30 p.m.*

RA Post Office



We encourage you to use the RA Post Office for your Christmas Cards to First Southern members. With the money saved on postage, we ask you to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 for Lottie Moon.

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Words from Bro. David

In Isaiah 7:14 it says, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Of all the signs that could have been given, this sign was "the Lord Himself." That is what "Immanuel" means. God is with us. That might not seem significant but it is. Many have tried to make the virgin birth something that is not important. In actuality it is essential.

When we think of salvation it needs to be understood that no one else could have accomplished

it. Many good men have died. Many very godly people have died. But no matter how good a person is they are still born in sin and with a sinful nature.

The virgin birth is not just a miracle, it is an essential miracle. Jesus was born of a virgin because He was perfect in every way. There was no sin in Him. He was not conceived in sin as David describes himself in Psalm 51. Jesus was not the product of sinful parents.

The Bible clearly describes that Jesus came to earth when the Holy Spirit came upon Mary. This is

critical because He was to be the sacrifice for sin. If Jesus had any sin upon Him He would not have been the perfect sacrifice. It took the sacrifice of the cross to satisfy the wrath of God. This is not a doctrine that can be ignored. It is the foundation for Christian belief. Real salvation has come through a real Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Bro. David

Children's Ministry - Ryan Maglinger

I feel that all too often that our church, as well as the individuals inside the church perform acts of Christ likeness that go unnoticed. I would like to call attention and briefly describe how our church recently ministered unto a family that we have never met. This is not mentioned so that any particular person is recognized, but rather, that the church be encouraged at the use of the resources that the Lord has blessed us with, so that we can reach out to a community that is hurting and in desperate need of the love of Christ.

There is a child by the name of Keegan, and at 7 and a half months old he was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma (brain cancer). The parents of this child have been up at Riley hospital since May. Recently,

my wife was approached by a friend who asked if our church would be willing to host a craft show to raise money for the family of this child. This friend had mentioned that they tried other churches, to which some declined, where others wanted \$500 just to use their facilities. Upon hearing this, it was brought up in a staff meeting, and it was the pleasure of the staff that it was decided to allow them to use our CLC at no cost to them.

I'm reminded of the words of Christ found in Matthew 25:40b "inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me" It's encouraging to see a family that has had no contact with First Southern, be blessed by a Christ like approach to reaching individuals who are hurting. Some of you who faithfully give, serve, pray, may never see the har-

vest that is reaped by your faithful sowing. However know this, we serve a God who gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:7), for His glory and honor.

For a more in depth look at the day to day trials and victories, I persuade you to visit their blog: <http://karingforkeegan.blogspot.com/> I encourage us as a church to pray for this particular situation, as well as others within the FSBC family who face trials that are similar in nature.

Ryan Maglinger,
Children's Minister

Reggie's Remarks



We hope that you are making plans to be with us on December 19 at 6:30 for our Christmas music presentation. The program will begin with our Winds of Worship Orchestra playing some instrumental Christmas arrangements. Then, our Wor-

ship Choir, *Age to Age*, and KFC will present "Journey of Faith" a musical by Philip Keveren and Tony Wood. The music tells the story of how Mary and Joseph were confronted with challenges that tested, confirmed, and grew their faith. In all of

this they were used of God in His grand design to bring salvation to mankind through the completed work of Christ. May this musical encourage you in your walk of faith as you seek to walk and live for the cause of Christ and the glory of God.

2010 Winter Recreational Sports

This winter, we will be participating in the Association Men's Basketball League and Co-Ed Volleyball League. We are excited to have four teams in each league this year. It's not too late to join a team. If you are interested, please see Jason Southwell as soon as possible.

The volleyball schedule is not out yet, but here is the schedule for our basketball teams. Everyone welcome to come out and support the teams!

FSBC - Green

NOV	29	9:00	against Oakhill II	at Vann
DEC	06	6:00	against Northwoods II	at Vann
	13	BYE		
	20	7:00	against Northwoods V	at FSBC
	27	9:00	against Vann I	at Vann
JAN	03	8:00	against FSBC Blue	at Vann
	10	6:00	against Northwoods IV	at FSBC
	17	9:00	against Memorial	at FSBC
	24	7:00	against Vann II	at FSBC

FSBC - Adult

NOV	29	7:00	against FSBC White	at FSBC
DEC	06	9:00	against Oakhill I	at Vann
	13	8:00	against Center of Hope	at FSBC
	20	6:00	against Northwoods III	at FSBC
	27	8:00	against Resurgence	at Vann
JAN	03	6:00	against Newburgh	at FSBC
	10	9:00	against Northwoods I	at FSBC
	17	8:00	against Northwoods III	at Vann
	24	BYE		

FSBC - Blue

NOV	29	6:00	against Northwoods II	at Vann
DEC	06	7:00	against Vann I	at FSBC
	13	7:00	against Memorial	at FSBC
	20	BYE		
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ARE WE THERE YET?

2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
National Goal: \$175 Million

Week of Prayer for International Missions and International Mission Study
November 28 - December 5

Our Church Goal: **\$10,000**

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We received 1526 cans of green beans for the Evansville Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for helping to surpass the goal and minister to those in need.

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David Cullison	Senior Pastor
Reggie Haire	Minister of Music
Jason Southwell	Youth Minister
Ryan Maglinger	Minister of Children
Beverly Gibbs	Church Secretary & Senior Adult Director
Carolyn Gulick	CLC Secretary
Mark Petty	Recreation Assistant
Hala Bachynsky	Housekeeping

Office Hours:

Church Office: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLC Office: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gym: 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Library Book of the Month

With so many books to choose from, it was hard to select only one for our Book of the Month, but here is my choice: **Bill & Gloria Gaither Present A Christmas Homecoming**. It isn't a new book, but it contains Christmas memories, songs and recipes from Vestal Goodman, Ann Downing, Sue Dodge, Bill and Gloria Gaither, and many more. I think you will enjoy it.

It's hard to believe it's almost December - it seems like we just celebrated July 4 - and now it's almost Christmas! Take a break from all the hustle and bustle of the season, and grab a good book. Your FSBC Library has one complete shelf of Christmas books, some with CD's. We also have some good cookbooks to give you ideas for your meals.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your church librarian again this year. And thank you to Anita Jones, Trilby Fultz, and Cheryl Evans for your help and encouragement. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and Happy New Year!

Brenda Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 3 Dodgeball
- Dec 5 Single Saints
- Dec 6-7 Pistol Safety Class
- Dec 15 Business Mtg
- Dec 19 Christmas Musical
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00
- Dec 23-24 & Dec 30-31 Offices Closed



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year*