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**HOLIDAY  
SERVICE  
SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 20**  
 10:30 am Worship  
 "I Still Marvel"  
 Luke 2:1-20

**Sunday, December 20 - 6 pm**  
*Instrumental Concert*



**Thursday, December 24 - 5 pm**  
*Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion*



**Sunday, December 27**  
 10:30 am Worship  
 No Evening Service

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*From the Church Staff*  
 Bro Bryan J. T. Eric  
 Marsha Connie Becki  
 Rebecca Dennis Joyce  
 George Trish Buffy

*Weekly Records - December 13, 2009*

Sunday School		Stewardship Records	
Enrollment .....	435	Budget Needs .....	\$15,552.65
Attendance		Tithes Received .....	\$29,193.50
Members .....	163	Designated .....	\$142.00
Visitors .....	5	Needs to Date .....	\$777,632.50
Total Attendance .....	168	Received to Date .....	\$696,638.26

Rev. Bryan Blass.....	Pastor
Rev. J. T. Harrell.....	Minister of Music
Rev. Eric Sexton.....	Minister of Students
Mrs. Marsha Johnson.....	Director of Weekday Education
Mrs. Connie Jones.....	Director of Children's Ministries



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 GADSDEN, ALABAMA

*The Chimes*



DECEMBER 20, 2009

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009~10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Please fill out the enclosed registration form and place in the offering plate.

Prelude		Mr. George McSpadden
Welcome		Rev. Bryan Blass, Pastor
Choral Introit	“Shout for Joy”	arr. Johnson
Processional Hymn 87	“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”	ANTIOCH
Call to Worship		
Pastor:	Advent calls us to hear again the prophet’s voice announcing the arrival of the Messiah.	
People:	Advent calls us to open our hearts and minds and hands in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.	
Pastor:	Advent calls us to recognize that the Messiah brings light to dispel darkness, and hope to those who know no peace.	
People:	Advent calls us to experience the Messiah in our midst, and to see in Him the face of God.	
ALL:	Advent calls us to proclaim that the Messiah has come. Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell with us; surround us with your light and glory.	
Invocation		Mr. Tyler Harrell
Solo	“A New Christmas Morning, Hallelujah” Mr. George McSpadden	MacGimsey
Lighting of the Joy Candle		Mr. Billy Ogletree Olivia and Dawson
*Hymn 88	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	MENDELSSOHN
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Eric Sexton
Offertory Duet	“A Joyous Christmas Medley”	arr. Smith
Anthem	“Hallelujah Chorus” from <i>Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel
Message	“ I Still Marvel” Luke 2:1-20	Pastor
Hymn of Response 95	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	GO TELL IT
Congregational Benediction	<i>O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.</i>	
Postlude		Mr. George McSpadden

\*Children through third grade are invited to Children’s Church.

## IN MINISTRY

### DECEMBER 23RD AND 30TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES

We will not have Wednesday night services on December 23. There will be a communion service on Thursday, December 24. On December 30th, the church will have Prayer Meeting at 5:00 pm and there will be no other activities for the evening.

### ATTENTION YEAR-END GIFTS

Contributions receiving tax credit for 2009 must be received in the Church Office or postmarked no later than Thursday, December 31st. The office will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm that day.

### TV BROADCAST CHRISTMAS DAY

FBC Christmas performances will be aired on Comcast Cable, channel 5, on Christmas Day.  
Hanging of the Green..... 10:00 am  
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra..... 2:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS DVD CALL TO ORDER

A DVD of all the Sunday evening Christmas programs will be available for only \$10.00. Please call the church office to preorder.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### STUDENT LIFE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING THIS SUNDAY - 12 NOON TO 3:00 PM

Student Life will be having their Christmas Party at the Boatner’s home directly following Sunday morning service, December 20th.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21TH - 5PM

Student Life will be Christmas caroling Monday. We will meet at the church at 5:00 pm.



**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
for International Missions

2009 FBC Goal	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
Received to Date	<b>\$18,814.25</b>

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, December 20**  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship\*  
6:00 pm Instrumental Concert  
8:00 pm Rebroadcast\*

\*Comcast Cable Channel 5

**TV Ministry**  
Ron Jones, Matthew Vance  
Kenny Flowers, Allen Ray  
**Volunteers in Preschool**  
Pam Hicks  
Kim Weiler

**Monday, December 21**  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise  
5:00 pm Student Caroling  
**Tuesday, December 22**  
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Group

**Wednesday, December 23**  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

### No Wednesday Night Activities

**Thursday, December 24**  
5:00 pm Candlelight Communion

**Friday, December 25**  
Merry Christmas

HOPE  
*Love Joy*  
PEACE  
**Office Closed**  
December 24th and 25th

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Nabors’ 60th anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tarleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Higgins.

## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday, December 27**  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship\*  
8:00 pm Rebroadcast\*

\*Comcast Cable Channel 5

**TV Ministry**  
David Norman, Billy Dillard  
Kay Moore  
**Volunteers in Preschool**  
Leslie Jackson  
Becky W. Morgan

**Monday, December 28**  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

**Tuesday, December 29**  
6:30 am Men’s Prayer Group  
9:30 am Homebound Visitation

**Wednesday, December 30**  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

### Prayer Meeting Only 5:00 pm

**Thursday, December 31**  
Church Office Open  
Until 4:00 pm

**Friday, January 1**  
Office Closed

**No Chimes Next Week**  
The Chimes will be resume on the week of January 3rd.

**Minister on Call**  
Call the church office, 547-6828, to contact the minister on call. You may call that number at any time after regular office hours and they will be notified and return your call.