



# First Baptist Information - FBI

## CHURCH STAFF

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**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Friday

Publication deadline for current week's printing:

FBI – By Monday 10:00 a.m.

Bulletin – By Thursday 1:00 p.m.

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Wednesday Evening

No Wed. Night Activities until Jan 4, 2012

### Sunday Morning

8:30 Traditional Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Contemporary Service

### Sunday Evening

6:00 Christmas Celebration Program

## SONSHINE PRESCHOOL

*Treva Prieb*: Director & Teacher

*Tabetha Boese*: Teacher's Assistant

School Phone: 620-241-1452

Sonshine Preschool Web Page:  
www.sonshine-preschool.org

e-mail: priebtrev@yahoo.com

To Know Him and To Make Him Known



# Be in Prayer for....

## ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

- ~ Kihomi Ngewmi/Nzunga Mabudiga
- ~ Roy/Joi Christians
- ~ Matt/Angie Penner
- ~ Nathan/Janette Ferguson McGurk
- ~ Bob/Lynn Koehn
- ~ More people to become followers of Jesus
- ~ Our nation & leaders-rely on God's wisdom & strength
- ~ Members and family/friends in the service - protection
- ~ Sonshine Preschool - teachers, students & families
- ~ Zach Love-healing—back problems
- ~ Tahse Collins (Tieyah's granddaughter) Continue staying cancer free
- ~ *Heal those with Cancer:* Joan Amann, Jim Amann (Joan's son), Kaiden Schroeder (Son of Chris & Jennifer Schroeder), Pam Samuels (daughter of Fern Horn), Jennifer Charleton (friend of Treva Prieb)



## SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS

- Sunday School - *Infant*-Donna Janzen & Kristin Wehrman  
*Toddler*-Meggan Koenig & Linzy Goss
- Second Service - *Infant*-Donna Janzen, Debbie Burgess & Kristin Wehrman  
*Toddler*-Unruh Family

## ATTENTION!!!

The nursery and toddler rooms will not be staffed on Sunday December 25th, but will be open for parents.

## Children's Church

- December 18 - Leslee Miller  
December 25 and January 1 - No Children's Church



## AWANA CALENDAR Fall/Winter 2011

- Dec. 14 Regular Club Night  
Dec. 21 & 28 No Awana-Merry Christmas

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

### December

**14th** - *Taco's and fixins*, tossed salad, jello with fruit, and cookies -Workers are Les & Debbie Cantrell, Rich & Sharon Heidebrecht, Dana & Susanne Sammers, Donna Beggs, and Clarice Graves, Ashley Turley (prep)

**No Meal 21st and 28th** - Have a Good Christmas Break!

## Choir Cantata

If you missed the Cantata this Sunday or you would like to listen to it again, it is available to listen to on our website: [www.fbcmcpherson.com](http://www.fbcmcpherson.com) It is on the Home page.



Annual Reports are due on Friday, December 30th.



## NO FBI NEWSLETTER

There will be no FBI Newsletter for December 29th and January 3rd. If you need to announce or post anything for during that time, please get your information in by Monday, December 21st. The web page will be updated still. During those weeks go to [www.fbcmcpherson.com](http://www.fbcmcpherson.com) for the Events page.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of someone or to honor someone, please contact the Church office at 241-6400. The plants are \$8. Deadline is Friday, December 23rd.



## Youth Fundraiser Meal

This Sunday, December 18th there will be a Youth Fundraiser meal after 2nd service in Fellowship Hall. There will also be a service auction to raise money. Join us for food, fellowship and fun!!

## Choir Members

Choir practice resume again after the holidays starting January 4th. Great job on the Cantata. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Marge Arnold

## Worship Schedule

- December 18<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday— both services  
6:00 p.m. - Christmas Celebration Program
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service
- December 25<sup>th</sup>—No Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Combined Service
- January 1st—No Sunday School—Combined Service  
10:15 a.m. Social Gathering in Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

## Condolences

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Cindy Rundle and family at the loss of her mother, Julia "Julie/ Judy" Larsen, on December 4th. Her funeral service was on Thursday, December 8th.

Attendance for December 11, 2011  
Sunday School - 166  
Church Service - 235





Our Vision Statement

# “To Know Him and To Make Him Known”

## YOUTH GROUP WEEKLY EVENTS

**Breaker**– Sunday School - 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
6th-12th grade meet in the Youth Room.

**No Son Night** until January 8, 2012

### Wednesday Night Activities–

**Plunge**–Middle School Bible Study - 6:15-7:45 p.m.  
Meet in the Youth Room

**Surge**–9th grade home Bible Study - 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
If you need a ride the bus leaves from the church at 7:20 p.m. . We will be meeting at the Myers house, 1642 Walnut Dr.

**Surge 2.0** - 10th-12th grade home Bible study  
7:30-9:30 p.m. Meet at Lowell and Sue Nelson House, 1542 Trail West.

### SKI TRIPS

The High school/Family trip is on Feb 9-12. Both registration forms are in the youth room or the main office. **We have 5 spots that need to be filled. If interested contact Nathan ASAP!!** A last note on this trip, I am offering this trip to 8th graders who's parents are not going, as long as parents are comfortable with their students going skiing in the Colorado mountains. **Snowmobiling is also available. If interested or for pricing, contact Nathan, right away!**

**The Middle School Ski Trip** is filling up fast. Get your registration in ASAP!! The dates for this trip are Jan 20-21.

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

There are a few openings in the nursery:

- \* 1st Sunday, Toddler Room during Sunday School
- \* 5th Sunday, Infant Room & Toddler Room during Second Service
- \* Wednesday night on a "when need basis" from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (this is a paid Position)

Call Charlene Thiessen @ 620-654-4054 / 620-755-3045 or Connie Schroeder @ 620-241-1328 / 620-242-9097

### December Prayer Emphasis

The ABC/ Central Region Board highlights a prayer emphasis each month. **In December, let's make the greatest of effort to celebrate Christ, the Son of God, coming to earth as a baby.** The heavenly angels announced the birth of Jesus, with the highest praise on the highest subject, in recognition of the highest person, who came to bring good will and peace to all men. Thank Him for coming to pay the full price for all sin. *Luke 2:14 — "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."*



## Community Events

### 15th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 25-th, 2011

Serving 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

McPherson Community Building

This is a **FREE MEAL** and **EVERYONE** is welcome.

To make reservations call 241-1292 by Nov. 22nd.

To volunteer to help call 245-0313

Sponsored by: Community Thanksgiving, Inc.

PO Box 14, McPherson, KS 67460



Many blessings to you this Christmas Season!  
If you may be interested in helping with one or more of our Residents' Christmas Wish list items this year, please contact Pam Gent, Volunteer, at 620-755-4860. We have approx. 30 items left.  
And, of course, your donations of the following are always so appreciated! They help us keep our Operational costs much lower and more manageable:

- Size 4 diapers
- Bathroom tissue
- Paper towels
- Water softener salt
- Ice melt
- Wal-Mart or Dillons gift cards for supplies and needs as they arise are also appreciated!

These items may be left in our Donations tub on the front porch.

Thank you for your support!

Mt. Hope Sanctuary, Inc.

PO Box 26

303 N. Walnut St.



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Need a Christmas gift for a special lady? We are selling certificates for the One Day Ladies Retreat, "Sea Side Escape". Only a couple more weeks for the early bird

special price of \$20. January 1, 2012 tickets will be \$25.00. Get your tickets through the church office or at our table in the Narthex on Sundays. For more information call the Church office at 241-6400 or go to our website.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering  
RMMO *connects generations*



remember with **LOVE**  
give with **GRATITUDE**

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love  
endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

—Psalm 100:5

### The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

For the month of December our congregation will be collecting the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). The RMMO is an annual American Baptist Churches USA offering that provides (1) "Thank you" checks to more than 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses, based on 20 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need. Our 2011 goal is \$2,000. Please help us remember them with love and give with gratitude.



To the Church Choir, Marge Arnold, and Mary Funk, Thank you so much for such a wonderful Cantata. You all did so wonderful. Thank you for all the time and work that was put in to bring us the wonderful performance. Our family was truly blessed by it.

Also thank you to all of those who decorated the Sanctuary and East Room. They are just beautiful.

We are so blessed with so many talented and gifted people in our church and the many ways that they share their gifts with us.

*Royal, Kimber, Doralynn and Nickolas Mellinger*

We would like to thank all who participated in the Choir Cantata. It was beautiful sounding, uplifting and meaningful. We hope you were as blessed as we were. Merry Christmas. Thanks!

*Bill and Patty Eccles*



### Advent Message Series:

## ***Why Is Love the Greatest?***

**"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13**

### **Sunday, Dec. 18      Is Faith Blind?**

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

~ **Worship Celebrations** ~

### **Saturday, Dec. 24      What Is Hope?**

**11:00 p.m.**

~ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** ~

### **Sunday, Dec. 25      The Best Gift**

**11:00 a.m.**

~ **Combined Worship Celebration** ~

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### **Sunday, Jan. 1 2012: The 5r's**

**10:15 a.m.**

~ **Social Gathering – Bring Your Leftover Snacks** ~

**11:00 a.m.**

~ **Combined Worship Celebration**