

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



### FROM THE PASTOR

The weather outside doesn't feel much like Christmas, but the atmosphere on the inside does. Children usually have a way of putting extra joy in our hearts, especially at this time of year. It was great to see the crowd who came to watch their program. The children did their job to not disappoint. Thanks to all the children and every adult who is so involved with our Wednesday night program. Your hearts attract new people to the church. The handbell choir did a great job to close us with a special time of worship. Thanks for the many hours of practice that you put in. I went to the nursing home on Sunday afternoon to do a devotion with them, and they were still talking about the children's choir and handbell choir performing for them. You brought abundant joy to their hearts.

This has already happened, but we still have more to look forward to. On Saturday and Sunday night our adult choir will be presenting their cantata at 6:00 p.m. both nights. Make plans to be in attendance to support them, to be blessed, but mostly to worship our Lord.

Sunday morning our children choirs will be singing. On Wednesday night we will have a worship service in the sanctuary. Then on Thursday we will have our annual Christmas Eve Silent Lord's Supper from 5-7 p.m.

Celebrate the season, but worship the Savior.

In Christ's love,  
 Bro. Travis

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- Dec. 21 Parker Knight
- Dec. 22 Matt Bagwell
- Dec. 23 Wade Swindle
- Dec. 25 Mrs. Allene Wells
- Dec. 26 Mike Ray
- Dec. 26 Matt McGarr
- Dec. 26 Mrs. Nora Tindall
- Dec. 27 Mrs. Bonnie Gary
- Dec. 29 Mrs. Shirley Gary
- Dec. 29 Lee Swindle
- Dec. 29 Dale Thompson
- Dec. 29 Macey Kate Ray
- Dec. 30 Jill Gibson
- Dec. 31 Clint Davis
- Dec. 31 Matt Knight



Children's Choir presented their program  
*Christmas in Kid City*

### Music Notes

What an amazing Worship experience we had Sunday! Thank you Charla Boatman, Rachel Barnett, and all of the other leaders who helped with the Children's Choir, and thank you choir! It was fantastic! Also thank you Cindy Alderman and the Handbell Choir for an incredible job! We will be sharing the Christmas musical, "Under A Starry Sky", on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. This year we will be presenting this musical in the Family Life Center. We are doing this because of the space required for the drama and choir. It will be a special time, so please make plans and bring your family and friends.

On Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a Christmas Eve, eve service. Plan to join us as we celebrate our Saviors birth.

Merry Christmas to you All!!

I look forward to worshipping with you all this Sunday and the days ahead.

In Christ,  
 Bro. John

### FINANCIAL NEWS

Please have your end of year contributions to the office by the end of December.

This past Sunday we had our Christmas party for the youth. Everyone put on their tacky Christmas sweater, are tons of food, and even took a few swings at a piñata. You're probably asking yourself why in the world we would have a piñata at the youth Christmas party. This year we decided to have a birthday party theme. We had cake, pin the tail on the donkey and even sang the birthday song. The reason we made this our theme for this years party is because we wanted to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It may be strange to some people to sing happy birthday to God but we should be excited that God wanted to become man for us. That he would live a perfect sinless life for us to model our life by, and he would ultimately die for the sins of many. I hope all of you are able to celebrate Jesus' birthday this holiday season. Even if that means singing the birthday song!

Blessings,  
 Kevin Barnette

### AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

**Saturday, December 19**  
 6:00 Adult Christmas Cantata & Drama  
**Sunday, December 20**  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Morning Worship (Children's Choirs)  
 6:00 Adult Christmas Cantata & Drama  
**Wednesday, December 23**  
 6:30 Christmas Eve, Eve Service  
**Thursday, December 24**  
 5:00-7:00 Silent Lord's Supper

No evening services on the 27th or 30th

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

Invite someone to Sunday School this week!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 12/13/15

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Adult.....             | 133        |
| Young Adult.....       | 15         |
| College/Career.....    | 7          |
| Youth.....             | 20         |
| Children.....          | 26         |
| Preschool/Nursery..... | 19         |
| Nursing Home.....      | 23         |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>      | <b>243</b> |

### FINANCIAL 12/13/15

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Bud. Receipts..... | \$10,882.00  |
| Weekly Bud. Needs.....    | \$10,522.86  |
| Gifts to Date.....        | \$522,860.10 |
| Budget Needs to Date..... | \$526,143.00 |
| UNDER Budget.....         | \$3,282.90   |

### BUILDING FUND 12/13/15

|                      |            |
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| Current Balance..... | \$6,705.74 |
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### ORGAN PIPE FUND 12/13/15

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| Gifts given to date..... | \$18,718.00 |
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### CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray — Pastor  
 John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor  
 Kevin Barnette — Youth Pastor  
 Charla Boatman — Children's Minister  
 Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary  
 Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary  
 Marcelle Robertson — Custodian  
 Jo Faulkenberry — Church Clerk  
 LeAnne McGarr — Librarian



Church Offices

Closed

Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

5 PM  
**Basic.**  
 Youth Bible Study

