FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RINCON
Building the Family of Faith

First Baptist Church Of Rincon
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Christmas Musical in two parts

"The Living Word, the Prophecy"
Sunday, December 9 – 6:30 p.m

"The Living Word, the Proclamation"
Sunday, December 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Combined choirs, orchestra, drama and dramatic monologue. Pastor Bob Rogers will narrate in costumed character as Isaiah on December 9 and as one of the wise men on December 16.

Baby Dedication

Sunday, December 16 – 9 & 10:30 a.m services
If you would like have your child dedicated, please call the church office 826-5536 no later than Thursday, December 13.

Deacons & Wives Christmas Banquet for Widows, Widowers and Singles

Monday, December 3
6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
If you are single, widow or a widower and have not had a deacon contact you with a personal invitation or through your Sunday School class to invite you to the banquet, please call the church office at 826-5536.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper

Monday, December 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Church – Wide Caroling

Wednesday, December 19
6:30 p.m.

We will go through the community singing Christmas Carols and return to the Memorial Chapel for hot chocolate and cookies.

Coming in January

Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

Olan Mills will be taking pictures for the new pictorial directory on January 3-5 and January 16-19.
There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.
If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 826-5536.

Coming in February

Team Impact Crusade
February 7-10, 2008
Volunteers needed for stage crew. Contact Randy Gerdes at 667-2868.

End of the Year Giving Deadline

Thank you for giving sacrificially to support the ministries of FBC. Your prayers and financial support are an encouragement to us and a blessing to many.

As you consider your *final contributions for 2007, please note that the church office must receive it by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31,* in order for it to be credited on your 2007 giving statement.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The Bible comes to life in this year's two-part Christmas musicals, "The Living Word." We are presenting two completely different musicals with different drama and songs each night.

Each night, I will present dramatic monologue, accompanied by the combined choirs, orchestra and the drama team. I will walk out of a giant Bible in costume to portray the prophet Isaiah on December 9 for "The Living Word, the Prophecy," and I will portray a wise man on December 16 for "The Living Word, the Proclamation."

The first musical on December 9 will focus on the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah, concluding with Jesus' birth. The second musical on December 16 will tell the story of the wise men's search of the newborn king of the Jews. I hope you will come both nights!

This is an excellent opportunity for you to invite your unchurched friends, family and neighbors to join you in celebrating Christmas.

And as you purchase Christmas gifts, don't forget that there is no more appropriate gift to give Jesus on His birthday than a gift to missions to share the gospel with those who have never heard. This is the Lottie Moon Season of Prayer for International Missions. When you give to the Acts 1:8 Missions Offering, 55% of the offering goes to international missions, 25% to North American missions, 10% to Georgia missions and 10% to Savannah missions.

See you Sunday with a Bible in your hand and the Risen Son shining on your face!

Your pastor,
Bob Rogers

New church office hours; Holiday office schedule

The new church office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday- Friday. The church staff will have prayer time 8:30- 9:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed for the holidays on December 24 & 25 and January 1. We will be open on December 31, but you need to bring end of the year contributions by 2:00 p.m. that day in order to be credited for 2007.

If you have an emergency during the holidays, please call the minister on call number at 826-0811.

NEW MEMBERS

Ken, Saundra, Tyler & Michael Beale
Joined by: Letter

Olan Conley
Joined by: Statement

Vicki Sumner
Joined by: Letter

Offering Envelopes are Ready!

You may pick- up your envelopes in the Welcome Center. Names are not put on the boxes this year; the CPA does not go by the numbers listed on the envelope; she goes by the name that is on the envelope, please remember to put your name on your envelope so will be given credit for your contribution; the CPA sees only the envelope.

FACTS AND FIGURES ***NOVEMBER 2007***

Budget Revenue	92,11.78
Budget Revenue Year to Date	1,128,696.15
Budget Required Year to Date	1,247,906.91
Phase I-B Building Fund	3,312.00
Phase I-B Given to Date	1,891,399.42
Debt Retirement	2,354.00
Acts 1:8 Missions this month	3,665.00
Acts 1:8 Missions Year to Date	37,749.44
Average Bible Study	609

FACTS AND FIGURES NOVEMBER 2007
BAPTIST CHURCH AT EBENEZER

Budget Offering	10,177.04
Budget Offering Year to Date	119,720.74
Building Fund	165.00
Building Fund Year to Date	12,641.00
Building Fund Cumulative	74,903.14
Average Sunday School Attendance	78

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Steak Dinner
Tuesday, December 11 @ 5:00 p.m.
At the Memorial Chapel

Senior Adult Trip to Guido Gardens
Saturday, December 15
Bus will leave FBC at 4:30 p.m.

ADULTS

Christmas in Effingham
Saturday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
Mass choir celebration at the Effingham County Courthouse in Springfield.

Women's Mission Events
Dec. 17 - 7:00 pm. WMU Night Group
(Brotherhood Building)
Dec. 18 - 10:00 a.m.- WMU Day Group
(Brotherhood Building)

Ladies Tea
Thursday, December 27
6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
Tickets are $9.00, and you may purchase your ticket from Debra Long or Brenda Rabon.

Beth Moore Conference
Jacksonville, FL - March 28-29, 2008

Cost: $123 per person; includes transportation, hotel room w/3 to a room, conference fee & gas
Deposit: $60 per person due Mon. Dec. 17, 2007

YOUTH

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - December 7 & 8

Vans will leave for Atlanta at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7, to help pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Ice Skating
Thursday, December 20 - TBA

YOUTH (Continued)

Youth Evangelism Conference In Macon, Georgia
December 27 & 28 - TBA
We will stop in Metter to eat dinner.
For more info, please contact Jason McNair at 772-7575 or 659-0941.

CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Party

(1st – 5th grade)
Saturday, December 8
2:00 p.m. in Kids for Jesus room

RA's Lock – In
From Fri., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.
until Sat., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m.
Sign up by Dec. 12. $3.00 per boy.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool Christmas Party
Sunday, December 9
9:15 a.m. is for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
10:45 a.m. for Preschool 1, 2 & 3

MOPS
(Mother's of Preschoolers)
Tuesday, December 11 – 9:00 a.m.
Meet at the Youth Center

Part-Time Secretary Needed!!

You can pick an application at the church office Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers for Manna House
Volunteers are needed for the Manna House- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons, Friday & Saturday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Arnease Moore or Julie Weddle.

Contact Information:

Church Office		826-5536
Emergency/Minister on call		826-0811
Dr. Bob Rogers, Pastor		826-2922
Dr. Bill Gammon, Assoc. Pastor		826-3126
	Mobile	663-3716
Rev. Greg Hartzog, Minister of Music		826-3829
	Mobile	308-7853
Rev. Jason McNair, Minister to Students		772-7575
	Mobile	659-0941
Rev. Eric Hayes, Pastor @ Ebenezer Church		826-6694
Counselor, Ed Ike, LPC		658-2767
Weekday Ministry Childcare Center		826-2213
Carol Green, Church/Pastor's Secretary		826-2138
Michelle Moore, Financial Secretary		

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DECEMBER

1	6:00 p.m.	Mass Choir, Christmas in Effingham at Courthouse in Springfield
2	3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
2	4:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
3	7:00 p.m.	Singles, Widows & Widowers dinner-provided by deacons
7	5:30 p.m.	Operation Christmas Child (Atlanta)
8	2:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Party (Kids for Jesus Room)
9	9:15 a.m.	Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Christmas Party
9	10:45 a.m.	Preschool 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Party
9	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Musical Part I
10	6:00 p.m.	Transportation Meeting
11	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
11	5:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Steak Dinner
15	4:30 p.m.	Senior Adult-Guido Gardens
16	9 & 10:30 a.m.	Baby Dedication
16	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Musical Part II
19	6:30 p.m.	Church-Wide Caroling & Social
23		No Evening Services
24	6:00 p.m.	Church-Wide Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper
24 & 25		Church Office Closed
27	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Tea
27 & 28		YEC (Youth Evangelism Conf.)

WEEKDAYS

Sundays

9:00 a.m.	Bible Study A & Worship
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study B & Worship "Kids for Jesus" (Children's church) - K-5 through 3rd grade
4:00 p.m.	Children's Bible Drill-4-6 grade
4:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting (1st Sunday)
5:00 p.m.	Angel Band, RFB Kids & Above & Beyond
6:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

Tuesdays

9:00 a.m.	MOPS (2nd Tues. of the Month)

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.	Family Night Supper in Chapel (no evening services Dec. 26)
6:30 p.m.	Student Worship
7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting in Chapel, College & Career Bible Study, DEEP (youth), GA's, RA's, Mission Friends, Nursery
7:10 p.m.	Bible Drill-grades 7-12
7:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
8:00 p.m.	Kids for Jesus Practice

Thursday

4:00 p.m.	Jolly Singers
7:00 p.m.	Handbells

Thank You Notes

We have received thank you notes from Marshie Proctor, Durden family, Spence family and the Savannah Baptist Center. All thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

To receive news by email each week, and to get this monthly newsletter by email in full color, request the "Pastor's e-letter" at 1n3@earthlink.net