



December 22, 2013



LOOKING AHEAD

children [www.vinekids.com](http://www.vinekids.com)

No AWANA - Merry Christmas.

Children’s Choir resumes Jan 8 at 5:45 pm in Room 210. For more information contact Toni by calling 817-203-2390 or email to [toni.alexander@fbcgrapevine.com](mailto:toni.alexander@fbcgrapevine.com).

students [www.vinestudents.com](http://www.vinestudents.com)

No Youth Activities this week.

single adults

Just Off Main Coffeehouse is open on Friday nights from 7 - 11 pm. Dec 27 - Closed for Christmas. For more details, email [frank.roberson@fbcgrapevine.com](mailto:frank.roberson@fbcgrapevine.com).

Singles New Year’s Eve Party with the Randee Lee Band. “Happy Hollywood New Year” with a silver screen celebration of movies. Dec 31 from 8 pm - 1 am. RSVP by email to Frank at [frank.roberson@fbcgrapevine.com](mailto:frank.roberson@fbcgrapevine.com) or 817-203-2380.

adults

2014 Daily Bible Reading Plans are available at the Information Center.

Men’s Ministry BCS Football Championship Game Watch Party and Chili Cook-off is Monday, Jan 6 at 7 pm at Just Off Main. Fathers can bring their sons. Men just need to bring their best chili for everyone to try! We will have 4 contest winners - 2 of the ‘Top Tasting’, ‘Most Unusual/Exotic’, and ‘Light your Mouth on Fire’!

“Wing and a Prayer” begins Jan 8. You bring the chicken, (or whatever food you’d like) and we’ll provide the beverage beginning at 5 pm each Wednesday in the Fellowship Center. Then stay for a prayer service from 6 - 6:45 pm.

Adult Choir resumes Jan 8 at 6:45 pm in the Choir Room.

Young Women’s Fellowship and Bible Study - Joanna Weaver’s *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* led by Elizabeth Huffman at her home in Southlake. Held Monday nights beginning Jan 13. Fellowship at 6:30 pm and study at 7 pm. If interested, contact Elizabeth at [elizhuffman@gmail.com](mailto:elizhuffman@gmail.com) or 979-204-2124.

Women’s Crafts with Jennifer Johnson will be held Jan 9 at 11 am and at 6:30 pm.

Women’s Ministry Spring Kick-off Dinner is Feb 4 from 7 - 9 pm. Cost is \$5. Spring Bible Studies will begin on Thursday, Feb 6 and Sunday, Feb 9. Details at [www.fbcgrapevine.com](http://www.fbcgrapevine.com).

checking the numbers

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Dec 15  
Weekly Plan: \$64,615  
Weekly Rec’d: \$127,714  
YTD Plan: \$710,769  
YTD Actual: \$691,373

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE

Dec 15 764

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec 15 866

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Goal: \$50,000 Actual: \$21,688

**GUESTS**

Please fill out the Connection Card located in the pew racks. Our Information Center is located in the center of the lobby. You are invited to meet Pastor Doug after the Worship Service in the Guest Reception Area by the Information Center.

ministry news

BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED

Today from 12 - 3 pm in the west parking lot. Walk-ins welcome.

LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The FBCG Goal is \$50,000. Prayerfully ask God what He would have you give to International Missions this month.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

There will be a Called Church Conference Sunday morning, Jan 5, 2014 to vote on three individuals from the list of candidates nominated by the Deacon Body to serve on the Minister of Education Search Committee. These three elected individuals will join three members of the Personnel Committee and Pastor Doug to form the Minister of Education Search Committee. The Deacon Body’s nominations are: Robert Allen, Buddy Echols, Wade Kelley, Chris Lott, Paula Orr, and Chris Pounds.

ORDINATION SERVICE - SUNDAY, DEC 29 AT 10:45 AM

Scott Anthony and Charlie Knight will be Ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Scott began serving in full time church ministry in 1994 and served churches in Michigan and Texas before coming to FBC Grapevine in 2009. He currently serves as our Director of Media and Communications. Charlie Knight, son of Johnny and Linda Knight, grew up at FBCG and currently serves as Worship Associate at Victory Life Baptist Church. We will recognize Ben Ankarlo to be Licensed to Ministry. Ben has served in the Student Ministry since 2012. Our Guest Speaker will be Zack Randles. Zack served as our Student Minister from 2006 to 2009. He currently serves as the Associate Pastor and Student Ministries at Victory Life Baptist Church in Lubbock.

GIFTS IN 2013

Remember that if you need your tithes and offerings recorded as 2013 contributions, the church must receive the gifts on or before Dec 31, 2013. If you mail your gift, it must be postmarked Dec 31, 2013. The Church Office will be open on Tuesday, Dec, 31 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Gifts forwarded through banking services also need to be dated in 2013. For questions or concerns, contact Bryan Vineyard at 817-203-2368.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Wednesday, Dec 25 - Closed for Christmas**  
**Thursday, Dec 26 - Closed for Christmas**  
**Wednesday, Jan 1 - Closed for New Years Day**

SERMON NOTES

December 22, 2013  
Pastor Doug Page

The Advent wreath is a wreath of evergreens symbolizing the eternal life that only Christ can give. The wreath contains five candles each representing a step toward the realization of Christ’s birth. The four outer candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each Sunday a different candle is lit until all four shed their light together. The gradual increase of light symbolizes the growing anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Finally on Christmas Eve, the center white candle is lit, which is called the Christ candle.