



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WEEKLY

Faith Community Newsletter

Advent 2011

What Child Is This?

This year as we wait for Emmanuel, we wait with a very important question: What child is this? In each of the four Sundays of Advent we will ponder this question with the characters of the gospel story. Zechariah, Joseph, and Mary were real people in real situations. What did it mean for the Word to become flesh in their flesh and blood lives? Gabriel carried the weight of that word to a waiting people. Does God's messenger model anything worth imitating for others entrusted with God's message? Those lowly shepherds couldn't have anticipated that unexpected assault of angel singing as that night quickly became anything but silent. What might we learn from their response to the good news? Simeon and Anna spent their lives waiting for a Savior. At the dawn of Christmas, how should we welcome Him with them?

Mission Statement

Second Baptist Church is committed to fostering:

- Meaningful, Christ-centered community
 - Whole-life faith
 - A transforming missional presence

Sunday Mornings with Us . . .

Welcome Center & Coffee Bar

Kansas Street Entrance (South)

8:30 a.m. Worship
in Tutt Chapel

Leonard Street Entrance (West)

9:45–10:45 a.m.

Bible Study for All Ages

11:00 a.m. Worship
in Sanctuary

Franklin Street Entrance
(North)

Sunday, December 4

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Angel Gabriel / Luke 1:8–38

Sunday, December 11

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Joseph / Matthew 1:18–25

Sunday, December 18

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary / Luke 1:26–38

Advent 2011

Congregational Devotional Booklet is available online at 2ndcliberty.org/adventdevotionals or pick up a printed copy in the Welcome Center or entrances to the worship centers. Sign up to receive our weekly quick news, and each day's Advent devotional will come right to your desk top.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP DURING ADVENT . . .

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Christmas 2011

What Child Is This?



Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight and Communion
5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Shepherds / Luke 2:8–20

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Simeon and Anna / Luke 2:21–40



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Communion Services
5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Our traditional Candlelight and Communion worship on Christmas Eve is a very special time to share music, carols, Communion and a Christmas message. We close with a beautiful congregational candlelight experience. Worship with us at 5:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 24. We hope you, your friends and family will join us for this special worship.

Service of Hope

Together we seek God's hope and healing



Sunday, December 4
3:00 p.m. in Tutt Chapel

For many in our community, the holidays are a difficult time of loneliness and loss. The Service of Hope offers a space to experience the healing, hope and grace of Christ. Members and guests of all ages are welcome to this time of music, quiet reflection, homily and prayer.

Please join us immediately following the service for a reception in the Welcome Center.

Everyone is invited to join us for . . .



Children's Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 14
6:30 p.m.
Second Baptist Church Sanctuary
300 E. Kansas
Liberty, MO

Picture this Child . . .

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Cookie Exchange AND SOUP NIGHT



Sunday, December 4
5:30–7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship in the Welcome Center. Plan on bringing approximately three dozen cookies to share and swap with others. Soup and drinks will be provided.

All women are welcome to attend!

Please call Julie Twenter at 781-9407 or twenter@yahoo.com with questions.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

Department of Music presents . . .

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Prelude at 6:30 p.m.

Second Baptist Church Sanctuary

Free admission



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STUDENT MINISTRY

Christmas Party



Sunday, December 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual “white elephant” gift exchange and celebration.
(If you don't know what a white elephant is, feel free to ask.)

We'll enjoy a light “finger food” dinner.

2bcliberty.org/studentchristmasparty

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE @ Christmas

Thursday, December 22
10:00-2:00 p.m.

The Community Blood Center (CBC) will be holding a blood drive at Second Baptist Church, 300 E. Kansas in Liberty, on Thursday, December 22, 2011. Blood donors are welcome between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Social Room.

Donor eligibility minimum age limit is 16, with signed parental consent. To schedule an appointment online go to www.savealifenow.org and use sponsor code 'secondbaptist.' Or contact Maggie Henderson at (816) 781-2824. Walk-in donors are welcome. For medical eligibility questions, please call 1-800-245-7035.

**SAVE
THE DATE!**





MISSIONS OFFERING AT

Christmas 2011



As we celebrate the holidays this year, we also have the opportunity to give a gift to those who have felt passionate and called to serve God among the most

neglected people around the world—including the Americas. During November and December, Second Baptist supports the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, our primary partner for missions.

Our offering, combined with the offerings from other churches, helps maintain over 135 field personnel. You can give an offering either in the offering plate or online at

2bcliberty.org/giving. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and at the information wall in the Welcome Center.

In addition, you will want to add these mission moments to your calendar:

**Missions: Where We Have Been 2011
Wednesday, November 30 (6:30–7:15 p.m.)**

This is a fine opportunity to hear about our involvement with our mission partners during 2011. You will hear personal accounts about our efforts with Rebuilding Together—Clay County, South Dakota, Slovakia and Haiti.

**Missions: Look Ahead at 2012
Wednesday, December 7 (6:30–7:15 p.m.)**

This is your opportunity to understand our plans for Mission Teams and local involvement for 2012. Teams will be formed for multiple trips to serve in Joplin, South Dakota, Slovakia, and Haiti as well as local involvement. Can't make a trip? We will also explore several other ways for everyone to find a place to serve and be involved in Missions at 2BC.



CBF Global Missions Offering this year highlights the ministries of:

- Jade and Shelah Acker in seeking hope for refugees in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, working with the former child soldiers who fought in Sudan's civil war.
- Touching Miami with Love, the ministry of Angel and Jason Pittman as they share Christ's hope with inner-city Miami youth.



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

CBF Offering for GLOBAL MISSIONS

2011 MISSIONS OFFERING AT CHRISTMAS GOAL IS \$10,000!

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Finding *your* place in Missions

at Second Baptist Church

South Dakota Mission Reflection with Abby Bland

Abby Bland shared a reflection we published earlier this year from the June 2011 2BC mission trip to Bridger, South Dakota. We offer this condensed version of Abby's story during this season of finding our place in Missions.

Toni Buffalo, Pastor Byron's wife, shared a welcome with us our first night in South Dakota, and I thought it was really cool. "If God wants something done, He'll get it done. You can think the door is closed, but then He'll kick it wide open." How true is that? Every moment, every relationship, they are all opportunities, doors waiting to be opened, but sometimes we don't see it. But God sees it.

My experiences on this trip centered on the relationships that I formed with the group of Lokota children who would come up every day to hang out with us at the church. A few of these kids I remembered from last year, but most of them were new

faces. They would usually come up before lunch time and not leave until well after supper; and, of course, being kids, they wanted to play the entire time. Every night I would find myself falling into my sleeping bag, exhausted, but excited to see them the next day and do it all again.

These children were my opportunity. Spending so much time with them reminded me that the most important part of our work in Bridger is found in the relationships we form. Whether it was in letting the gaggle of kids help paint the chicken coop, sharing a meal together and wiping the spaghetti off their faces, or skipping rocks while standing ankle deep in mud on the banks of the Cheyenne River, the children of Bridger taught me more about the work and love of God than any project we worked on.

Returning to my life here at home, I hope to live a life that demonstrates what I have learned: that love is not always easy, and is usually pretty messy, but it's always worth it in the end, because love always opens the door for new opportunities for adventure.



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See page 8 for details.



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THE *Handing* OF THE *Green*

Sunday, November 27

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . .



ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE NEW YEAR'S

Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, January 1

9:45 a.m.

(There will not be an 8:30 worship or Bible Study this morning.)

Please join us for a casual continental breakfast featuring fresh pastries, muffins, fruit, juice and specialty coffees.

Breakfast begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by our 11:00 a.m. worship.



NEW OPPORTUNITY

2BC MEN'S COVENANT GROUP SPONSORS

toys for tots

The 2BC Men's Covenant Group will lend a helping hand to the Marine Corps in their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign that provides Christmas toys for children in need.

A collection box has been placed in the Welcome Center, so bring your new, packaged and unwrapped toys, and help us as we help the Marines reach their goal. Donations are running a bit behind this year.

Toys will be delivered to the KC Marine Corps office on December 20. Contact Phil Posey at 781-1132 or poseyannphil2@sbcglobal.net with questions or for further information.



MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION



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Wednesday Café



... a fresh take on Wednesday night.

MENUS

Dec. 7

Spaghetti, alfredo or marinara sauce, breadsticks, Caesar salad, cookies

Dec. 14

Chicken fingers, mac & cheese, corn, roll & butter, cookies (kids sing this night)

We Resume Wednesday, January 4.

Join us Wednesdays!

Meals are catered by the Liberty HyVee kitchen. They've worked with us to provide a whole new menu of delicious choices that are modestly priced. Meals are served Wednesdays from **5:45-6:30 p.m.**

Reservations are required by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Reservations are easy because there are options. Online: Go to our website calendar and click on

the make reservations link. (It can even send you a reminder that you made reservations.) Email or call Maggie Henderson in the church office 781-2824 or mhenderson@2bcliberty.org or visit the webpage: 2bcliberty.org/cafe

MEAL COST

Ages 3 and under: Free; Ages 4-12: \$3.00; Ages 13 and older: \$5.00; the family maximum is \$15.



Make Your Reservations at 2bcliberty.org/cafe

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dec. 7: Missions: Look Ahead at 2012

Dec. 14: Children's Christmas Program (Last Wednesday evening program in Dec.)

We Resume Wednesday, January 4.

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QUICK NEWS

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

Contributions for 2011 must be received in the office in the drop box (located in the entry hall of the Welcome Center) or postmarked by 12/31/2011 in order to be included on your 2011 contribution statement. Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25) is the last Sunday in 2011. The church office will be closed on Friday, December 30, so please plan your giving accordingly. To ensure that your contributions are tax deductible, do not file your 2011 income tax return until you have received written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. These statements will be mailed by the end of January.

OTHER END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS DEADLINE

2011 financial transactions must be submitted to the Church Office no later than Monday, December 19, to Linda Jones or to ljones@2bcliberty.org. Financial transactions include reimbursements for purchases, bills for payment, purchase orders, check requests, or transfer of funds.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC PREPARATION!

This is the time for all young pianists and instrumentalists to begin preparing Christmas music for the gathering on Christmas Eve. Remember to choose carols appropriate for worship, and start practicing now so you will be ready. Be sure to contact Ann Posey, 781-1132, if you are planning to play.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Genevieve Summers, Marilyn Buhlig's mother, health

Do you have a prayer need?

Visit our website to submit a request online or fill out a pew prayer card and drop it in the offering plate during worship.

2bcliberty.org/prayer request

SECOND FRIENDS PRESCHOOL



Second Friends
PRESCHOOL

Enrollment for children of church members open in December!

We offer two-day classes for three- and four-year old children and pre-kindergarteners and a four-day class for children who are kindergarten-eligible but who are being given an extra year before kindergarten.

Brochures are available in the preschool area. For more information or to enroll, email abush@2bcliberty.org or call 781-3882.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Seniors on the Go

Trip to Chillicothe
Monday, December 5
10:00 a.m.

Call the church office
(781-2824) or
Carole Makemson
for details



Senior Adult
Coffee and Conversation

Monday, December 19
1:00 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation will meet in the Social Room. Bring your coffee mug and a friend.

BIRTHDAYS

Hill, Dawn 11/28
Diamond, Colleen 11/29
Gamet, Brian 11/29
Moore, Emily 11/29
Burchett, Joanna 12/1
George, Archer 12/1
Ferguson, Lillian 12/2
Kingery, Drew 12/2
Calder, Bob 12/4
Oberkrom, Mary Margaret 12/4
Stouffer, Jake 12/4
Smith, Matthew 12/6
West, Tamara 12/6
Beagle, Regan 12/8
Twenter, Paige 12/8
Edwards, Jason 12/9



Liberty, Missouri

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent

Advent 2011

What Child is This?

"THE ANGEL GABRIEL"
with Jason Edwards

Scripture:

Luke 1

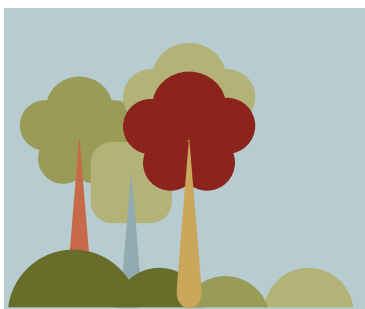
Isaiah 40:3-8

How do you become a member of the Second Baptist Church faith family?

Join Pastor Jason Edwards on Sunday morning, January 8, at 9:45 a.m. for **Coffee with the Pastor** for an informal conversation.

or

To learn more contact Jason at:
jedwards@2bcliberty.org/781.2824



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 **Worship (Tuft Chapel)**
- 8:45 Student Handbell Rehearsals
- 9:00 Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 9:45 **Bible Study for All Ages**
- 11:00 **Worship (Sanctuary)**
- 3:00 **Service of Hope (Tuft Chapel)**
- 3:45 **Service of Hope Reception**
- 5:00 The Gathering: Young Adult Ministry (Assembly Room)
- 5:30 **Women's Cookie Exchange and Soup Dinner**
- 5:30 Student Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 Student InnerMission

Monday, December 5

- 10:00 **Senior Adult to Chillicothe**

Tuesday, December 6

- 8:15 Ministry Team Community Group & Meeting
- 9:30 **Women on Mission Meeting**
- MOMSnext**
- Staff Meeting
- 10:30 Worship Planning
- 6:00 Sermon Study Community Group (Open)
(Jim and Esther Lindgren's home (781-8742))

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (Assembly Room)
- 5:45-6:30 **WEDNESDAY CAFÉ: FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**
(Social Room)
- 6:00 Monvee Community Group (Room 504)
- FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**
- Adult Ministry**
- 6:30-7:15 **Missions: Look Ahead 2012**
- Children's Ministry**
- 6:30-7:15 Mission Friends, Girls' and Boys' Missions Groups
- Student Ministry**
- 6:30-7:15 Middle School Formations (Student Room 609)
- 6:30-7:45 Jr. High Discussion Group (218 N. Leonard)
- 6:30-7:45 Sr. High Discussion Group (429 Wilson)
- MUSIC MINISTRY**
- 6:00 Middle School Choir (Room 409)
- 6:15 Adult Handbell Choir (Room 501)
- 7:20 Sanctuary Choir Practice-Adults (Room 501)

Thursday, December 8

- 7:00 Hands On: Knitting and Handwork Group
Everyone welcome (Welcome Center)

Friday, December 9

- 9:30 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Meeting
- 5:00 William Jewell College Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

(The events listed here are in addition to our regular Sunday schedule.)

- 8:30 Middle School Christmas Handbell Program
- 3:00 Student Ministry Parents' Meetings.
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
- 6:00 Deacon Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins & Party
- 7:00 Student Ministry Christmas Party

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