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# Tulia

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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In 1 Peter 4:9-10, Peter is describing how Christians should act toward one another. This is one of the many "...one another's" in the Scripture. It simply says this: "Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one of you has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Our family has been so blessed by the many gifts and welcome presents that have been presented to us. We were truly pummed! As a pastor, I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the welcome we have received. Words cannot express the gratitude and love we already have in our hearts for all of you. Thank you for serving my family and me as we have come to serve the LORD together with all of you. Your hospitality and kindness shown to us has been so warm and gracious. So, thank you to all of you for your many gifts. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord this week, may our hearts be so filled with the overwhelming nature of the season that we overflow with praise and worship of our worthy God. I pray that your Christmas is blessed, and that you are filled with the knowledge of the gift that is from our God and Father, the gift of salvation that comes through His Son Jesus Christ! Thank you for letting me be your pastor!

Jason Stone

*Saturday, December 24 at 6 pm*  
**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Lord's  
Supper Service**



*Sunday, December 25*  
**Morning Worship  
at 11 am**  
*No other activities*

*The Word became flesh and  
made his dwelling among us.*



John 1:14

*May the joy and wonder of this  
Christmas season continue to bless you  
through the New Year!  
Your Church Staff*

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### **On Promise of Letter**

Jason & Amy  
Stone  
Caleb &  
Samuel





Some how in all the excitement of getting ready for our new pastor, the birthday list was not updated in the last issue. Please accept our sincere apologies!

## Happy Birthday

- 18 - Lizzie Donlin  
 19 - Gary Barnett, Karen Martin, Kassy Martin, Helen Smith  
 20 - Terrell Parkes  
 21 - Scott Burrow, Gary Vaughn  
 22 - Bryce Shelton, Amy Stone  
 23 - Barry Cowan  
 24 - Debbie Criswell, Alvin Fox  
 26 - Linda Foster, Barbara Fudge  
 27 - Kim Pond  
 28 - Harvey Foster  
 29 - Sarah White  
 30 - Ty Bishop
- January
- 1 - Annette Holly, Sherry Vaughn  
 2 - Liz Rucker  
 4 - Sue Westfall  
 5 - Flossie Payne  
 6 - Jeffrey Pond  
 7 - Hardy Burrow, Claire Johnson, Sue Smith  
 8 - Don Henthorn  
 9 - Shirley Smith  
 10 - David Edwards, Madi McKay  
 12 - Doris Latham  
 13 - Garey Scott



Dennis & Linda Foster announce the birth of their great grandson,

### Pecos Bronc Bradley

**December 6, 2011 ~ 7 lb, 14 oz**

He is the son of Brittany Bradley and the late Justin Bradley. His grandparents are Brad & Debbie Sharp, Brad Bradley and Harold & Christy Keeter. Other great grandparents are Amy Sharp and Fred & Mary Ann Cargill.

McKinley Morgan proudly announces the birth of her little brother

### Caleb Evan Morgan

**December 10, 2011 ~ 7 lb, 5 oz**

His parents are Chad & Dianna Morgan. Grandparents are Danny & Barbara Morgan and Derrel & Karen Martin. Great grandparents are Joe & Carolyn McDougal, Roger Morgan and Donnie & Carol Martin.

## Thank You

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and notes of encouragement.

*Cordie Johnston*

Our family wishes to express our deep gratitude and love for everything done for us at the passing of our son-in-law, Chris Harrison. You have, as always, been there for us.

*We love you,*

*Don & Faye Henthorn and family*

Dear Church Members,

I would like to thank you for your monthly support you send to the Driskill House. We appreciate your support and thank you for your faithfulness that has helped us each month. It is churches like yours that make it possible for the Driskill House to continue helping the men that come here for recovery.

You are a blessing to us and we are grateful for your help. Thanks again and may your church have a blessed Christmas.

*Sincerely,*

*Greg Culwell, Exec. Dir.*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support through your prayers and the monthly gift. I pray that God will richly bless you and give you a great year with your new pastor.

*Mary Witt*

*Annuity Recipient*

## Budget News

Your continued faithfulness in giving has been such a blessing as we support the various ministries and mission opportunities at FBC. Though we have enough money to pay all of the bills, we still need \$35,000 in order to reach our \$492,900 projected budget for this year.

If we are to continue to fund our youth ministry, music ministry, all of our mission organizations, Citychurch, Exodus prison ministry and so many others at the current levels and be challenged by future outreach opportunities, we must reach our goal. Pray about what you can give and then give, even sacrificially, because so much depends on our reaching this budget.

The church office will be open all day, Friday, December 30, to receive any end-of-year contributions.

## Prayer Ministry

Won't you consider becoming a part of our Intercessory Prayer Ministry? Call the church office at 995-3591 and we'll help you find a time to come and pray.



## First Baptist Church, Tulia, Texas

## Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Mike & Debbie Criswell and family in the death of his father, James Criswell.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Neil Wells and family in the death of his wife, Patsy

## Deacons of the Week

December 18

Brian Hill 945-5430

Ben Howard 668-4680

December 25

Jim Hill 995-4256

Don Jackson 996-4588

## Youth News

We will not have SNAC during Christmas break. We will resume on January 8. Adults, please contact Zane



Burrow at 995-2153 if you would be willing to host a Sunday evening youth fellowship either at your home or here at the church.

*DiscipleNow* has been scheduled for February 16-19. Guest speaker for the weekend will be Kevin Burrow. Worship will be led by the Garrett Wooten Band. Cost for the weekend will be \$35 if registered by **January 15**. Registration forms are available upstairs on the bulletin board.

Please continue to pray for our students, leaders and the Youth Committee as they work through this time of transition. And pray for the person God has chosen to be our next Youth Minister.

## Pray and give generously to International Missions

SBC  
Lottie Moon  
Christmas  
Offering

CBF  
Global  
Missions



The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

Wednesday night activities will resume on Jan. 11

Men's Bible Study will resume on Jan. 5