



## From the Pastor's Study



2011 is gone- what does 2012 hold for us? Only heaven knows- maybe the Lord will come back in this new year.

As we look back at 2011, we see where the Lord has blessed us so much. Even though some of us have gone through some deep valleys, He has still be there every step of the way.

Let's look at 2012 with great expectation as we serve Him and strive to have a closer daily walk with Him.

Several have asked what we are going to do since Bro. Norris is retiring.

Well, we are going to keep working and serving the Lord, as we wait for Him to send the right person to serve as Music Minister here at

First Baptist Church Gresham.

We would like to thank Bro. Norris and Peggy for their almost 15 years of service here. We will continue praying for Bro. Norris and Peggy as they continue to serve the Lord in their retirement.

Don't forget January 28 as we will be honoring them for all of their hard work. Please, sign up for this banquet in the church foyer or welcome center or call the church office before January 25, so that we can make preparations.

Also, we will be blessed to hear Bro. Bryan Cash preach in our Sunday Morning Service on January 29. Make plans now on attending these special days to help honor Norris and Peggy Cash for their years of serving the Lord.

Please read the rest of this newsletter so that you do not miss out on any special events that are coming up in January.

I will see you this Sunday as we gather at 10 am only to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Bro. Roy

Welcome to our fellowship!  
Tom Barber by Letter

### New Prayer List

With the new year, we will be renewing our church prayer list. After Sunday, January 1, we completely do away with the old list. If you have a friend or a loved one on the current or long term list that you would like to place on the new list, please notify the office by filling out a new prayer request form. These forms are located in the foyer and welcome center. Thank you for your help in this matter!

### The Record Speaks

Date	S.S. Attendance	Offering
Dec. 4	129	\$7,970.55
Dec. 11	126	\$4,435.70
Dec. 18	135	\$3,860.32
Dec. 25	N/A	\$5,638.64
2010 Average- 130		2011 Average- 130

### Ladies' Game Day

Let's get together on Thursday, January 12th for another, "ladies' Game Day." We will start at 10 am and play until we get ready to quit (probably around 1 pm or 2 pm). If you have a favorite game, bring it. If you have a favorite snack, you can bring it, too. We will eat at some point, so if you don't bring a dish, we might go hungry.

We had 9 ladies at our game Day in November. Come on and join us, even if you don't like to play games. I know that all ladies like to eat and visit.

(We are asking every lady to bring a snack.) The games we already have are "Phase Ten," "Chicken Foot," and "Bump," but we are open to others.

If you have any questions, please call me at 903-530-0199. Thanks!

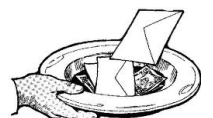
Barbara Thoene

### Ushers for January

Jan. 1	Jan. 22
Marlan Thompson	Nathan Parker
Ron Nowell	Brandon Sulser
Eugene Gammon	Gary Swinford
Joe Goodson	Randy Johnson

Jan. 8	Jan. 29
Carl Hancock	David May
Archie May	Noah Magouirk
Johnny Stephens	Jonathan Parker
Otis Beddingfield	Ron LeBlanc

Jan. 15  
Chuck McDonald  
Bobby Renson  
Jim Harvey  
David Flanagan



## Dates to Remember

Jan. 22  
Boys & Men's Breakfast

Jan. 28  
Norris & Peggy Cash's Retirement Banquet

Feb. 18-25  
Guatemala Mission Trip

## Attention All "Cruise Mates"

There will be a "Cruise Meeting" after prayer meeting on Wednesday night, January 11th at 7 pm. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM EACH CABIN BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. We have a lot of information concerning the trip that you need to know.

Also, if you have not taken a copy of your passport to Tammy at Travel Masters, you need to do so ASAP. If you do not have a passport and do not plan

to get one, you need to let Tammy know. Her phone number is 903-581-8111.

It's nearly time to "sail the ocean blue." So, to make our trip a successful one, we all need to be properly informed. Even if you have cruised before, remember that there are 12 of us and we have a few more things that affect the group as a whole. If you have any questions before then, call me at 903-530-0199.

See you then,

Barbara Thoene

## Memorials & Honorariums

In honor of  
**Bro. Roy &  
Barbara Thoene**

by

**Eddie & JoAnn Harden**

### Greeters for January

Jan. 1  
Ron & Bobbi Nowell

Jan. 8  
Bobby Renson &  
Tammy Rooney

Jan. 15  
Otis & Marilee  
Beddingfield

Jan. 22  
Chuck & Rita McDonald

Jan. 29  
Chuck & Barbara Horton

**We just want to say...** *Thank You*

The church office has received numerous calls thanking us for the benevolence baskets and Christmas gifts. The generosity shared by the members of First Baptist Gresham was a great thing to see, but the grateful faces on the people who picked up the baskets was an even greater sight to see.

The people FBC Gresham stepped up and reached out to members of our surrounding community that are in need, and it did not go unnoticed. In all, FBC Gresham helped a total of 24 families this Christmas. Within those families, we were able to help 64 children and youth as well as 36 adults for a total of 100 people! The people

who were helped were truly thankful for what we were able to do. Many of them shared their stories with us of how the difficult economy has affected their family and the gratitude they felt for our willing assistance.

Helping others is not only something that we do at Christmas time, but it is something that we should do year-round. Let's continue to pray for these people that we had the opportunity to help at Christmas and let's continue the spirit of generosity throughout this coming year by looking around us to see what we can do for others.

Thank you again for all that you did and continue to do for our Lord!

### Reminder: Baldknobbers Coming to Tyler

The Baldknobbers from Branson, Missouri will be coming to Tyler's Caldwell Auditorium on January 26 at 7:30 pm. The Baldknobbers are a comedy and musical group that will keep you entertained throughout the length of the show.

The show is sponsored by Southern Oaks Baptist Church here in Tyler. Tickets cost \$29.50 per person unless we have a group of 20 or more that plan on attending. If we have 20 or more people, we can get a group rate of \$24.50 per person. Please contact the church office for more information about this exciting event.

### Wednesday Night Menu

Jan. 4 -	No Supper	Jan. 18 -	Baked Potato Bar
Jan. 11 -	Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad	Jan. 25 -	GranJan's Meatballs, Rice and Salad

### Meeting for All Interested in Serving on Security Team

There will be a brief meeting for all those interested in serving on the security team on Sunday morning, January 8. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

If you are currently serving in this capacity or would like to be added to the team, you need to be at this

very important meeting. The meeting will cover the duties that need to be fulfilled while serving as security.

Remember, there is always a man serving as security for every function of our church. Your service helps to maintain safety in our parking lot while worship services and other activities are being conducted.

••••• Visit our website at •••••  
[www.fbcgresham.org](http://www.fbcgresham.org)

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Service ONLY	2 Offices Closed	3	4 6:30 pm Special Prayer Meeting	5 6 pm Sonshine	6	7
8 9:00 am- S.S. 10:00 am Worship 11 am Security Mtg. 4:00 pm Deacon's Mtg. & Children's Worker Mtg. 5:00 pm Business Mtg./ Pot Luck Supper	9 Pray, Praise, Move 6 pm Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11 5:15 pm - Supper 6 pm - Kids, Youth & Choir 6:15 pm - Prayer Mtg. 7:15 pm - PPM	12 10 am-12 pm Ladies' Game Day 6 pm Sonshine	13	14
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Bro. David May	16 Pray, Praise, Move 6 pm	17	18 5:15 pm - Supper 6 pm - Kids, Youth & Choir 6:15 pm - Prayer Mtg. 7:15 pm - PPM	19 6 pm Sonshine	20	21
22 7:30 am Men & Boys' Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm "Courageous"	23 Pray, Praise, Move 6 pm	24	25 5:15 pm - Supper 6 pm - Kids, Youth & Choir 6:15 pm - Prayer Mtg. 7:15 pm - PPM	26 6 pm Sonshine 7:30 pm Baldnobbers at Caldwell Auditorium	27	28 Retirement Banquet honoring Norris & Peggy Cash 5:00 pm
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Bryan Cash No Evening Worship	30 Pray, Praise, Move 6 pm	31				

## Birthdays

Erica Hasley	1-6	Tristan Rowe	1-19
Sarah Barber	1-6	Remi Donahue	1-23
Lane Cummings	1-6	Earnie May	1-23
Jack Bickley	1-7	Fern Brady	1-24
David McKee	1-7	Taylor Portwood	1-25
Frankie Robins	1-8	Gina Buysman	1-25
Yvonne Bickley	1-9	Jodi Dana	1-27
Susan Clements	1-10	Stephen Miller	1-27
Rip Crowell	1-10	Jody Coats	1-28
Mildred Hooker	1-10	Summer Aycock	1-31
John Smith	1-11		
Wanda Bickley	1-12		
Ashley Lofton	1-12		
Pat Stinecipher	1-12		
Jerry Clements	1-13		
Carol Seals	1-14		
Frances Dickerson	1-16		
Wayne Hitt	1-16		
Alan Gaston	1-17		
Joseph Osteen	1-19		



## Anniversaries

Steven & Jennie Dockery	1-1	C.S. & Ann Hawkins	1-24
James & Deborah Palmer	1-1	Earnie & Kristi May	1-26
Ray & Norma Patterson	1-4	Norris & Peggy Cash	1-28
Nathan & Renee Parker	1-6	Cecil & Marilyn Tate	1-29
Roy & Barbara Thoene	1-16		

*"With this ring, I thee wed..."*



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You are invited to a retirement banquet honoring

*Norris & Peggy Cash*

Saturday, January 28  
5:00 pm

First Baptist Church Gresham • Multi-purpose Building  
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Please RSVP before January 25 by signing up in the  
foyer or welcome center or by calling the church office.

## 2011 Contribution Records

If you would like a copy of your 2011 contribution record, please contact the church office at 903-561-0174. We will only print the records for those who request them. The statements will be completed and ready to be picked up in the church office by the end of January. Please, do not forget to notify the church office if you want yours!

## Business Meeting & Pot Luck Supper

January 8  
5:00 pm

Bring a covered dish and meet in the fellowship hall for a business meeting and fellowship.



## Children's Worker Meeting

If you are a children's worker or are interested in becoming one, please plan on attending the meeting on Sunday, January 8 at 4 pm. At this meeting, we will be discussing the vision and goals for the children's department in 2012, setting a tentative plan for the years' events and scheduling children's church.

## Men & Boys' Day of Celebration

The annual Men & Boys' Breakfast has been scheduled for Sunday morning, January 22 at 7:30 am. This will be a part of the day that we set aside every year to honor the men and boys of our church. The day will feature a men's choir as well as a special guest speaker.

To top the day off, that evening at 4:00 pm, we will be showing the new movie, "Courageous." This is the is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, producers of the movie "Fireproof."

"Courageous" is a police drama about four men who are committed to one calling: to serve and protect. These four law enforcement officers are confident and focused at their job, but at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

The men consistently give their best on the job, but "good enough" seems to be all they can muster as dads.



But, then when tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering.

You will not want to miss this very inspiring movie about how "Honor begins at home."

Mark your calendars now for this special day. Remember Men & Boys' Breakfast at 7:30 am, Sunday School at 9 am, Morning Worship at 10 am and top the day off with "Courageous" at 4 pm. You do not want to miss a moment of this very special day!

## Lottie Moon Offering

Our church goal for Lottie Moon was \$1,500. As of Sunday, December 25, the church has received \$1,269.88 toward our goal. This falls \$230.12 shy of our original goal. If you would still like to give to help reach the goal, it is not too late!

## Deacon's Meeting

Sunday  
January 8  
4:00 pm