

Faith Baptist Church

Bible Study
Fellowship
9:00am



Morning Worship
10:15am



Sunday Evening
Worship
6:00pm



Wednesday
Evening
7:00pm



Thursday Business
Luncheon
Noon



Saturday Men's
Prayer
8:00am

Thank you for coming to
worship with us!

If this is your first time visiting with us or you have never met our Pastor, he and his wife Denise will be at the Welcome Desk in the main foyer following the morning worship service. Please come by!

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Morning Worship

Title: **"RIGHTEOUS INTENTIONS"**

Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Speaker: *Pastor David Cross*

Evening Worship

Title: **"A CHRISTMAS PARABLE"**

Text: Matthew 21:33-46

Speaker: *Pastor David Cross*

If you would like a copy of any message please fill out a request envelope at the Welcome Desk. Suggested donation is \$2 per sermon. You may also download any message from the website at no cost.

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Christmas Cantata

The Gift Goes On

Sunday, December 20



Christmas Activities...

TONIGHT-YOUTH MINISTRY

- ✦ Christmas Skit & Bell Ensemble
- ✦ Sunday, December 13; Evening Service

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY

- ✦ Wednesday, December 16 @ 7:00pm
- ✦ FBC Fellowship Room

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CLASS

- ✦ Friday, December 18 @ 7:00pm
- ✦ Christmas Fellowship

KEEPERS OF THE HEART

- ✦ Saturday, December 19 @ 6:00pm
- ✦ Ronald McDonald House

DR. MANLEY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

- ✦ Christmas Dinner
- ✦ Sunday, December 20
- ✦ Following Morning Worship Service

No Wednesday Night Service, December 23

CHRISTMAS EVE "CANDLELIGHT SERVICE"

- ✦ Thursday, December 24
- ✦ 5:30pm

Last Sunday's
Report...

Attendance

Sunday School
219

Total Visitors
24

Morning Worship
292

Giving

Received Goal

Tithe and Offerings
\$11,890.62 \$12,657.60

Faith Promise Missions

\$3,266.10 \$3,269.23

Building

\$2,481.35 \$2,325.58

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS

GOAL FOR 2009/10
\$170,000

GIVEN SINCE 3.1.2009
\$107,250.32



Orchestrating Sudan's next fateful step

Given Sudan's tragic history, marked by decades of civil war between the north and south, and more recent mass deaths and displacement in Darfur, it might seem hard to imagine an even more precarious future. But unless the international community moves rapidly, Sudan's future could see the division of the country into two unviable states. The first would be a northern Islamic state ruled by an accused war criminal, lacking legitimacy and basic freedoms essential for political stability and just governance, and facing armed rebellion not only in Darfur, but in the Nuba Mountains, the Blue Nile, and the far north. The second would be a new country in the south, likely born into "failed state" status, dependent on the tender mercies of antagonistic neighbors and international aid donors, divided by violent ethnic clashes, and also lacking even the most modest prospects for effective and transparent governance. Sudan stands at a critical juncture, with national elections set for April and a southern referendum on independence in 2011. With a lost hope for the unity of Sudan, the northern National Congress Party under President Omar al-Bashir will probably do whatever is necessary to win the national elections. Badly damaged by the International Criminal Court's indictment of Bashir on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, the party needs elections to re-legitimize itself and tighten its grip on power. At the same time the party is trying to make the path to the southern referendum as difficult as possible, in part to weaken the potential southern state. With its leader, Salva Kiir, openly calling for southern independence, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, dominant in the south, now cares only about moving ahead with its referendum. For the liberation movement, this means simply checking the boxes on the remaining tasks in the 2005 deal, including national elections. The party has disappointed opposition political forces by doing little for democratic transformation in the north, and it has disappointed southern unionists by doing nothing to maintain a united Sudan. Looking nervously ahead to next year's tension, both the National Congress Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement are building up their armies in expectation of renewed conflict. In this context of non-consensus, insecurity, and hostility, upcoming elections will be neither free nor fair. A credible census, independent judiciary, and impartial electoral administration are lacking.