

From our interim pastor

Dear FSBC church,

Janette and I want to express our appreciation and thanks for the wonderful Christmas gift. The unexpected gift was very useful during this past week as we traveled to our niece's wedding. Our time with you has been a blessing to us. You are a generous congregation and I am praying for you as you seek God's man to be your pastor.

I will be talking about families and leadership in the weeks to come. I believe that a church needs strong families. The church is the best place for the family to receive the support they need to sustain growth in Christ. Of course, if we are not careful, we can get very comfortable and passive with our faith. To be an effective church we must have capable leaders committed to the purpose of the church. Leadership still matters. We need families that are committed to the Great Commission and Great Commandments of our Lord and Savior. Likewise we need strong leaders who are committed to these statements of mission for the church.

Joy and Love

Keith

Youth News

Ron and I are very excited to get things started with the Youth Group Sunday, Jan 6th, and there will be a meeting each Sunday evening 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This first one will be celebrated with pizza, and then moving on to games, devotional, and discussion about ideas for the future of the youth group. We encourage all youth from 7th through 12th grade to join us for a fun evening. Make sure to bring a friend!!!! In the next few weeks we will be working on a study to answer questions like "Aren't People Basically Good?", "Who Taught me to be Bad?", and "Do I deserve Death?". Hope you will make plans to join us!!!!

The New Year's Eve party was filled with lots of energy, fun, food, and more energy. There was a total of 9 youth and 4 adults in attendance and several participated in volleyball, DVD Games, a form of dodge ball, and lots of fellowship and silliness. The youth seemed to really enjoy themselves and acted excited about other youth events. A short devotion was held on how distractions in our lives interfere with a more personal relationship with God. Tommy and Tracy Beckwith have done a great job of getting the youth involved in a Sunday morning class and putting together the New Year's Eve party. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom for the future of our Youth.

One of our first goals to achieve is putting together a youth committee, which will include Ron and I, Tommy and Tracy and we would like to have at least two youth and three or four other adults. Who are willing to help at some youth functions and

participate in a few meetings to set direction for our youth program. If you would be interested, please call or talk with Ron or Marletta.

Message from a deacon,

It has been a good Christmas season this year, and I hope everyone can say the same. This has been a very good Christmas, even when I think about the sadness that surrounds our family with the death of a loved one this year. I have been praying that God would help me to remember His many blessings.

The most difficult area I seem to have has been in renewing my joy in service. I believe God can change the way I feel about any area of my life I just need to be in prayerful contact with Him. I have seen that at times I have put God's work on the back burner at a time that I know His work is most important.

We as a deacon body are asking that if you know of any needs that our members have please let us know. The area we struggle in most is communication. We have had the great honor of ministering to a few of our fellowship.

We all want to thank you for the gift cards. I know that it will prove to be a great time for each of us.

I believe we need to be in prayer about the needs of our people. Team kid teacher, Sunday School director and any area I haven't mentioned that God is calling someone to fill the gap. If you are feeling God's call to service, prayerfully contact us to see where God wants you. I do pray that God would stir our hearts to act on the leading of His Holy Spirit. In my life I have been thinking about what stirs my heart and at times it's when I have a burden for someone. My grandchildren or a group in our church that's in great need like the youth, the home bound, the young busy families with small children. Also what do I enjoy doing? What am I willing to give up, that I believe is my time for what God is saying, I need you.

These are some of my thoughts and prayers. I hope that God continues to bless you all and keep you and shine His light upon you. - Mike Limon

Search Committee

The search committee is making progress in the search for a new pastor and is now focusing on one man. The next month or two will include an interview, background checks and reference checking. Please continue to pray for the search committee and our future pastor.