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215 E. Ettels Lane  
Clarksville IN 47129

IN GOD WE TRUST

**Welcome & Congratulations**

to Gianna Grace Parente, born on Monday, December 2. Congratulations to the proud parents, Tony & Lindsay Parente.

**Little Grey Donkey Fund**

We are now collecting money to purchase a donkey through Samaritan’s Purse. Info & envelopes are at the Welcome Center. Envelopes can be turned into the offering plate or directly to the office. Last year we collected \$916.00. Each donkey costs \$350.00.

**Children’s Christmas Party**

for Grades 1-6 has been re-scheduled for this Sunday, December 15th following the morning worship service. It will be held in the FLC. There will be food & games.

**101st Christmas**

“This year Sharron Richard’s mother, Vera Benton is celebrating her 101st Christmas.. Your cards would again be appreciated.

Vera Benton  
216 Second Street  
Merritt Island, FL 32953

**Offering Information**

Budget Needed: \$ 10,636.21  
Offering Received: \$ 1,300.00  
Designated Other: \$ 75.00  
**Total: \$ 1,375.00**

**Church Staff**

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,  
serving...in the name of Jesus  
Christ and for His glory.*

**The Communicator**

of

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**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, December 11**

GA’s & RA’s singing at Riverview—6:30 PM

**Sunday, December 15**

JOY Class hosting church-wide breakfast in FLC—8:45 AM  
Worship Choir in AM Service  
Youth Choir in PM Service  
Mexico Mission Report

Business meeting—7:00 PM voting on budget

**Wednesday, December 18**

Church-wide Christmas Caroling—6:00 PM  
Hot chocolate and cookies after the caroling

**Saturday, December 21**

Youth Christmas Party in youth room—6:00 PM

**Sunday, December 22**

Preschool Choir - AM Service

**Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve—office closed

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Day—office closed  
no activities or service

**Tuesday, December 31**

New Year’s Eve—office closed

## Pastor's Paragraphs

I sure missed everyone Sunday. And I missed our worship services. We will look forward to gathering together Wednesday night and next Sunday. Our Preschool Choir and Praise Ringers will be rescheduled to a date soon. So will our Welcome Reception for Nick and Melissa Scott.

This Wednesday night, Dec. 11, our mission groups (RA's & GA's) will go caroling to Riverview Home to minister to the residents there in Jesus' name.

Next Sunday, Dec. 15, is "Christmas Sunday" here at FSBC. The annual church-wide Christmas breakfast the JOY Class has so "joyfully" provided for many years will open the day. During the morning service, the choir will lead in a special presentation of Christmas worship. The Youth Choir will sing Sunday night, and we will hear from our Mexico Mission Team. What better way is there to celebrate the birth of Christ than to celebrate sharing the word of His Gospel to the world?

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" It all reminds us of the wonders of Christ, his birth, life, substitutionary death, and miraculous resurrection. Christmas lights remind us that he is the light of the world. Evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life he gives to all who believe on him. Gifts remind us of the greatest gift, Christ himself. The Christmas tree, pointing to heaven, reminds us of the heavenly home he provides. Fellowships are a part of our abundant life in Christ. Decorations remind us of how Jesus makes life full and rich. Singing and music occur because we have something in Christ to sing about. Celebrate!

See you Sunday, *Bro. Russ*

## The Upcoming Week

### Sunday, December 15

- 8:45 AM JOY Class hosting church-wide breakfast in FLC
- 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Worship Choir
- 12:15 PM Children Grades 1-6 Christmas Party in FLC
- 6:15 PM Worship Service - Youth Choir Mexico Mission Report
- 7:00 PM Business Meeting- voting on budget

### Wednesday, December 18

- 6:00 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling Hot chocolate & cookies afterwards

### Thursday, December 19

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's

### Saturday, December 21

- 8:00 AM Men's Intercessory Prayer mtg
- 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

There will be no Wednesday night meals on December 18th & 25th and January 1, 2014. The meals will resume again on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The menu for that night will be biscuits & gravy, egg casserole, sausage & fruit. Sign-up sheet will be located in the lobby.

### **Outreach Opportunity**

Once again FSBC has an opportunity to **Show Christ's Love** by getting involved with the local school system by collecting food for students at the Clarksville Community Schools. Deadline for all food items will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Items needed are cereal bars, granola bars, pop-tarts, hot chocolate pkgs, instant oatmeal pkgs, macaroni & cheese cups, ramen noodles, individual peanut butter pkgs, individual Spaghetti-O's, peanut butter or cheese snack crackers, microwave popcorn, individual tuna or chicken salad kits, small boxes of raisins or craisins. Please remember that all cans must have pop-tops for easy opening. We will also be collecting money to purchase any items not collected. 36 students were provided for during the fall break. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## A Word from John

Your Mission Mexico team had a tremendous week of ministry in Landa, Queretaro, Mexico and the surrounding area. It was good to meet Pastor Wenceslao, the pastor of the mission in Landa, and his pastor friends, Sergio and Neftali. These are men who have a desire to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ and they are working together in that effort.

In Landa, we had opportunities to teach English to students in ESL groups, share about Christ and the ministry of the church at Landa going door to door in the community surrounding the mission, and encourage the believers who are already attending the young fellowship there. It was non-stop activity from the moment we reached Landa, and the Lord blessed throughout our time there.

We will have the opportunity to share about the work on Sunday night, December 15th in the evening service. I hope you will be there to give God the glory for all that He is doing. Thank you for your financial assistance that made it possible for us to go on this trip. We are encouraged and strengthened by a church family who desires to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
John

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### **Wednesday, January 1**

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### **Through the Bible in a Year**

Dec. 11	Hosea 9-11 & Revelation 2
Dec. 12	Hosea 12-14 & Revelation 3
Dec. 13	Joel 1-3 & Revelation 4
Dec. 14	Amos 1-3 & Revelation 5
Dec. 15	Amos 4-6 & Revelation 6
Dec. 16	Amos 7-9 & Revelation 7
Dec. 17	Obadiah 1 & Revelation 8
Dec. 18	Jonah 1-4 & Revelation 9
Dec. 19	Micah 1-3 & Revelation 10
Dec. 20	Micah 4-5 & Revelation 11
Dec. 21	Micah 6-7 & Revelation 12
Dec. 22	Nahum 1-3 & Revelation 13
Dec. 23	Habakkuk 1-3 & Revelation 14
Dec. 24	Zephaniah 1-3 & Revelation 15
Dec. 25	Haggai 1-2 & Revelation 16
Dec. 26	Zechariah 1-3 & Revelation 17
Dec. 27	Zechariah 4-6 & Revelation 18
Dec. 28	Zechariah 7-9 & Revelation 19
Dec. 29	Zechariah 10-12 & Revelation 20
Dec. 30	Zechariah 13-14 & Revelation 21
Dec. 31	Malachi 1-4 & Revelation 22