

FBC DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS & TIMES

- Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
- Childrens' Sunday School
Class, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Youth Sunday School,
downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Adult Sunday School,
Defending Your Faith,
Fellowship Hall: 9:15 AM
- Sunday Youth Group,
Youth Room: Starting 9/10
6:15 PM till 8:00 PM
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting,
Fellowship Cafe: 7:00 AM



Upcoming Events

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2, 8:00 am



Birthdays

- December 4 - Lois Walker
1038 Dexter Rd., St. Albans, ME 04971
- December 8 - Catherine Hardy
85 Main St., Dexter, ME 04930
- December 17 - Larry Charles
3367 Finola Ave. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909
- December 18 - Charles Akes
64 Railroad Ave., Dexter, ME 04930

Anniversaries

- December 1 - Catherine & George Hardy
85 Main St., Dexter, ME 04930
- December 28 - Amanda & Andrew Bermudez
7 Free St., Dexter, ME 04930

December Greeters

- Dec. 3: Benita & Gerry Rudmin
Dec. 10: Dayle & Kenneth Gardiner
Dec. 17: Jeyashree & John Dudley
Dec. 24: Wanita Grant
Dec. 31 Joanne & Peter Prescott

Welcome December at First Baptist

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

How quickly the weeks have flown as the cantata members come from neighboring towns each Sunday afternoon to prepare for this year's presentation of EVERLASTING LIGHT by Lloyd Larson, a favorite composer of ours. The theme is Jesus, the Light of the World.

Please join us

December 9 or 10, Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM
to bring your Christmas celebration into focus!

We are all blessed to have this dedicated,
enthusiastic group of musicians.

Refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Pastors Andrew and Jay announce that the Christmas Eve service is at **5:00 PM on Sunday, December 24**. Plan to invite friends, family and neighbors for this celebration of carols and readings.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

This **Saturday, December 2**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a festive time of food and fun! We will begin at 5:00 and are requested to bring items for families in our community. If you have questions, please phone Melissa Bragan at 207 380 1608. Please bring something for the dinner of soups, breads and desserts. All are welcome!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Money is coming in and excitement building for the upcoming trip planned for Costa Rica this coming August. There will be several youth from our church and the trip is open to any adults who care to join. Each person needs to raise \$2500 but much of this money is being supplied by various fund raising events.

The Tuesday Bible study contributed \$800 from a mission box that we filled during the year. We also created 43 wreaths with a contribution of \$700! On **December 15, a Friday night at 5:30** the youth will be showing the excellent Christmas movie, I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY. They are planning to have snacks for sale and it will all be by donation. Plan to help out with these fund raisers! More will be announced.



Before the Paling of the Stars

By Christina Georgina Rossetti

Before the paling of the stars,

Before the winter morn,

Before the earliest cock crow,

Jesus Christ was born:

Born in a stable,

Cradled in a manger,

In the world his hands had made

Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep

In Jerusalem;

Young and old lay fast asleep

In crowded Bethlehem;

Saint and angel, ox and ass,

Kept a watch together

Before the Christmas daybreak

In the winter weather.

Jesus on his mother's breast

In the stable cold,

Spotless lamb of God was he,

Shepherd of the fold:

Let us kneel with Mary maid,

With Joseph bent and hoary,

With saint and angel, ox and ass,

To hail the King of Glory

