

# the Outlook

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“A Giving Faith Is a Living Faith” Special Edition

October 23, 2011

## “A Giving Faith Is a Living Faith”

2012 Stewardship Emphasis:

### Focus on Ministries to Children

#### *What Is the Goal of Our Ministry to Children?*

**A**s we pray and plan ministry for our children and their families at First Baptist Church, we do so with certain purposes and goals in mind. As parents, teachers and other adult Christians, we join together to minister to children and preschoolers in these significant ways:



- To partner with parents, grandparents, church teachers and leaders to genuinely love each child as a person who is a gift from God;
- To nurture a life-long faith in God by introducing them to God in Christ as Friend, Creator, Savior and Lord;



- To prepare them for the day when they are developmentally ready to be accountable for themselves in choosing for God;

- To model authentic worship before God in ways that help them develop practices of private and corporate worship that honor and glorify God;

- To teach them the stories of faith, of the “cloud of witnesses” in the faith in the Bible and in our history with God as the church;

- To foster a sense of care and compassion for the needs of other people, whether those needs be spiritual, physical, emotional or intellectual; and,



- To build relationships between the generations in the church so that they will experience a heightened sense of church as family and an appreciation of the gifts that each generation brings to the family of Christ. *(Please turn to other side.)*

## *Our Ministries with Children include:*

- Sunday Morning Bible Study
    - Children's Bulletin Club
  - Wednesday Age-graded Choirs
    - Mission Friends & SPARK
    - Vacation Bible School
  - Passportkids (older children's summer camp)
  - Operation Inasmuch involvement
    - Preschool worship care on Sunday mornings and for special meetings
    - Parenting education
    - "I'm a Christian Now!" special workbooks for young believers
    - "Church bags" ministry
    - Summer and Seasonal Fellowships
  - Visits to nursing homes to get to know and share with seniors
    - Caring, adult Christian leaders
  - Background safety checks of all adult workers
- and*
- A hope to expand our ministries to children in 2012 by funding the children's director position once again!



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**Our 2012 Ministry Budget Pledge Goal: \$815,964.69**

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**Our "Above the Pledge" Goal to re-activate the children's director position: \$840,964.69**