

# First Baptist Church Centerton

## inFOCUS

### Dates & Events in Focus

- >> KENYA TEAM MEETING  
GO! OUTREACH-EVANGELISM  
WORSHIP 360°  
OVERFLOW  
Today
- >> MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
OPEN GYM  
February 20
- >> LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES  
PRAYER AT ROBIN GILL'S  
February 21
- >> MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST  
SR. ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE  
APOLOGETICS  
February 23
- >> EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE, TULSA  
March 2-3
- >> WEEKEND TO REMEMBER  
March 23-25
- >> COURAGEOUS (MOVIE)  
March 30 & 31
- >> MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST  
March 31
- >> SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST  
April 6 (Good Friday)
- >> VBS  
July 16-20



- >> READY, SET, GO!  
Begins February 5  
5:00-6:15 p.m. Childcare  
provided through sixth grade

### Grace & Peace

#### The Bedia...

In March of 2007 our church voted unanimously to adopt the Bedia (Bay'-dee-uh) people group. At that time, across the world, there were 639 Unreached Unengaged People Groups (UUPG) with a population of 100,000 or more. In other words, there were 639 groups of people, all sharing similar histories, cultures, and languages with at least 100,000 lost souls, with no witness of the gospel. That means **no one** was trying to evangelize them. No missionaries no churches; no one! So the Bedia became our unique assignment from the Lord.



We have been to the Bedia villages twice. We have supported by prayer and other ways our national partner, Daniel P. In the last two years God has been at work in unusual ways among the Bedia. Due to persecution heating up in the villages, Daniel's team has had to retreat for a good period of time. But God sent others to join in the work, namely Sanford B. and Scott L., two IMB missionaries supported by our own World Mission Offering.

Sanford has told me of at least five Bedia baptisms in the last two years! He said there is actually a Bedia church in one of the villages!

On February 28, four of us will make the long trek to east India to meet with Daniel, Sanford, and Scott. On March 2 we will compare notes and try to unify the effort to reach these people. Please pray for this important meeting, that God will strengthen our partnership on all levels.

On March 4, Sanford will lead us to at least four of the Bedia villages, outside the city of Ranchi. Later on Tuesday, March 6, we will meet up with our own **Russ and Kathy Sanders**, IMB workers as well, living in another major city in northern India. We will return on March 9.

Please commit to praying for the trip. May God show Himself powerful in the work of reaching the Bedia for Christ. We will join them around the throne of Jesus one day! Won't that be so special!

May God add His power to His Word this Lord's day!

### Have a Bible on Your Smart Phone?

If you have a data package on your smart phone, you should be able to access your online Bibles from our worship center. For those who need a WIFI connection to use your online Bible, we are in the process of setting up and testing temporary internet access during Sunday School and Worship Services in the Worship Center.

We do not plan to broadcast the SSID. Rather, we will list it on the pre-Worship Screens, along with a weekly password. If you are interested in using this tool, we need your help estimating the number of possible users. Let us know by e-mailing **Bob Metcalf** at [bob@fbccenterton.org](mailto:bob@fbccenterton.org), with the **Subject: Smart Phone Bible**.

### A Weekend for Couples

March 23-25, 2012, **Family Life Today's** "A Weekend to Remember" will return to the Embassy Suites in Rogers. "A Weekend to Remember" is not a large counseling session. You will not be asked to participate in small groups. You will receive marriage-changing principles that you can take home and apply to daily living that strengthens your marriage.

We have a special FBC Centerton group established, along with a half-price package for couples. To register, go to our group link at <http://www.familylife.com/groups/fbccenterton> where you can register for \$159 as a couple. If you have questions, call Chad Owen at 479.366.4246.

### Decatur Sale Barn Update

The Decatur Sale Barn Mission continues to grow, averaging about 90 each week. On the back of this **inFOCUS**, you will see pictures of their newest members.

They have begun a Sunday morning Bible study, Mountain Peaks of the Bible, that will take about a year to complete, along with a Wednesday night ladies' Bible study that has 17 ladies attending.

Earlier this month, the 20-Somethings Sunday School class went over and prepared breakfast for the congregation. The guest speaker that day was our very own Ryan Roughley. Thank you, FBC, for your support in providing personnel on occasion to help with the Sale Barn Mission.

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child collected over 8.7 million shoeboxes in 2011. We collected over 600 boxes as a church last year. Our church goal for 2012 is 1,000 shoeboxes. In order to reach that goal, we need your help. February is the month that we will focus on hygiene items for our shoebox ministry. Please consider donating items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wash cloths, etc. The items can be dropped off at the church office or in the box placed in the Atrium each Sunday morning. A complete list of suggested items can be found online at [fbccenterton.org/wmu](http://fbccenterton.org/wmu).

All items collected will be used for our church-wide packing party that will be scheduled in November. If anyone has other questions or is interested in year-round volunteer opportunities, please contact **Todd Barfield** at 479-263-7267 or **Betty Bice** at 479.787.7721.

## Praying for Our Government

1 Timothy 2:1-2 urges us to intercede “for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.” This Tuesday, join **Robin Gill’s** prayer group in praying for those in authority, and for our nation as we enter more deeply into the 2012 Presidential campaign.

## Thank You

**We Received a “Thank You” Note From:**

**Marc & Heather Morris & family...**

Thank you for the love and support you have shown our family especially in the last three months. Thank you for all the prayers, encouragement, financial gifts and meals you have provided. Thank you for watching over our kids and providing dinner for them while we were at the Mayo Clinic. Thank you for having us as part of the family. They say “home is where the heart is”—we have definitely come home!

## Welcome New Members

### For Baptism

Paul Andrews  
Matt Markley  
Sandra Markley

### Baptized

Ashley Buffer (Sale Barn)

### By Letter

Robert Trembly (Sale Barn)  
Wendy Trembly (Sale Barn)

### By Statement

Jan Andrews



Ashley Buffer



Robert & Wendy Trembly

## Teens in Focus

### Winter Jam—Saturday, February 25

Winter Jam is a mega-concert in Tulsa featuring many of the top names in Christian music. The concert cost is \$10 per person. Students and their families are welcome. Depart the Student Center at Noon, February 25. An early dinner and some games are planned at Incredible Pizza. Take some extra money. Doors open for the concert at 6 o'clock. The concert begins at 7 p.m. We will head home around 11:00 p.m. Sign up in the Student Center. For more information, contact [mlangford@fbccenterton.org](mailto:mlangford@fbccenterton.org).

## Confronting the Rhodes Scholar

Each year about this time, magazines often feature a cover story about the resurrection of Jesus. They usually take a what-scholars-say-that-your-pastor-does-not-want-you-to-know approach—citing academics who use a “scientific” approach to history to expose the “false notions held by the foolish faithful.” Join us Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in room A-238 as the apologetics group exposes the fallacy of accepting “expert witnesses” when they are speaking outside their field of expertise.

## Women’s Ministry Opportunities

**The Extraordinary Women’s Conference** is offered March 2-3 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sign up now at the table in the Atrium for the discounted rate of \$91, which includes the conference, hotel, and travel.

## Menu for the Week

**February 15 Menu: Chili max, salad, corn on the cob, dessert; Adults—\$5; Children (6th grade & under)—\$3; Family Max.—\$20**

**For reservations call the church office at 479.795.2591 by noon Monday. Menu is subject to change.**

## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School .....	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Services.....	8:00 a.m.
.....	10:45 a.m.
GO! Evangelism & Worship 360.....	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service & Overflow.....	6:30 p.m.
Pastor’s 14th Anniversary Celebration.....	7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Fellowship Meal .....	5:00 p.m.
Awana & Mission Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
Live @ 6:05 (Students).....	6:05 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.

## Focus on Attendance

Sunday School .....	02/12/12	676
Morning Worship .....		713

## Focus on Giving

Weekly Budget Receipts.....	\$22,987.04
World Mission Offering Receipts.....	\$1,559.04
World Mission Offering Total (Jan. 1 to present).....	\$10,996.19
Building Forward Receipts.....	\$95.00
Building Forward TD.....	\$42,424.46