

## Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

'Tis the giving season. I found an article that might give us some ideas as we approach Christmas day. (and any day)

1. Give money you can spare to someone who needs it and then pretend you never had it.
  2. Let someone tell a story without feeling the need to one-up them or tell your own.
  3. Let someone vent, even if you can't offer a solution, just to be an ear—without considering how well they listened to you last week.
  4. Help someone who is struggling with difficult feelings by admitting you've felt the same thing—without considering whether they'd be as open with you.
  5. Ask, "What can I do to help you today?" Then let it go after following through.
  6. Tell someone how you feel about them, even if it makes you feel vulnerable, just to let them know they're loved and not alone.
  7. Apologize when you've acted selfishly, even if you don't like feeling wrong, because it will remind the other person they deserve to be treated with respect.
  8. Let someone else educate you, even if you're tempted to stay closed minded, because you value their knowledge and appreciate their willingness to share it.
  9. Forgive someone who wronged you because you have compassion for them, not because you know they'll owe you.
  10. Hold someone's hand when they feel vulnerable to let them know you haven't judged them. Let's be giving people during this time of year, and all year long!!
- Blessings,  
Dr. j  
Ps. Hope to see you tonight for the Candlelight Service!!  
PSs. My family will be heading to Phoenix after Christmas to meet our first grandson!!!

## Church News



All Wednesday activities for December 27<sup>th</sup> are cancelled. Prayer Meeting will resume on January 3. G.A.'s, R.A.'s C.A.'s & mission Friends will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6pm. A Benevolence offering will be taken at the close of the service.

## Church News

### FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

The next First Place 4 Health session that is being offered by First Baptist Church Jennings will begin January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

If pre-registered by December 31st, cost for the 12 week session is \$65.00, which includes the Member's Book and Bible study, "Be Free". Registration after December 31<sup>st</sup> is \$70.00.

For more information, please call the church office at 337-824-3271. To register and ensure your place, please pay at the church office.



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open for our church family to send Christmas Cards to each other. The Lottie Moon stamps are 10 cents apiece and can be purchased in the church office or from any of the G.A.'s.

Proceeds from the stamp sale go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Cards with the Lottie Moon Stamp can be mailed in the Lottie Moon Mail Box.

The Post Office will close on January 4<sup>th</sup>.



Please check the website under Directory (Resident membership list/ birthdays) to make any new additions/changes for the upcoming year. The password is Directory. If you see any corrections that need to be made, please contact the church office.

## Church News

### Student Ministry [students.fbcjennings.com](http://students.fbcjennings.com)

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us on Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible studies. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Student Ministry schedule:

**Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm**  
**Sunday Mornings: 9:15-10:15**  
**Sunday Nights: 5-6:30pm**

### \*\*\* Summer Mission Camp \*\*\*

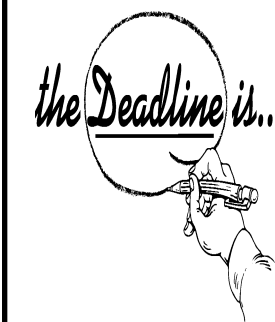
This summer students will be going to the East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX for Mission Camp, July 2-6th. Deadline to signup is January 24th. Deposit of \$60 due February 14th. Total Cost will be \$330.

To send a prayer need to the prayer chain, e-mail Liz Bollich at [bollich@bellsouth.net](mailto:bollich@bellsouth.net) text or call @ (337) 580-2896.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.**

If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.



Any articles or postings for the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the office by Wednesday.

Articles for the Newsletter need to be in the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

February 16th and 17th at FBC Jennings

For more info and to register please visit [fbcjennings.com](http://fbcjennings.com)

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Worship with David and Arian Harper  
Children's lessons with ---McNeese

Building a strong, God centered marriage

