

Welcome to:

**Downeast Baptist Church**  
**The Lord's Day - December 4, 2011**

To our guests:

We welcome you to Downeast Baptist Church as our valued guest! Our prayer is for the services here to always honor and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and be a blessing to all in attendance. If today is your first time with us, we'd love to have a record of your visit so that we can get to know you better. Please place the filled out guest card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Thank you for joining us here today and we hope to see you again soon!

Today's Schedule:

**Pre-Service Prayer — 9:15 AM**

**Sunday School for All Ages — 9:45 AM**

Adults/Sr. High    Pastor Laitres            Auditorium  
Middlers           Mrs. Becky Laitres        Classroom 1  
Preschoolers       Mrs. Kari Gurney        Classroom 2

**Join us for refreshments from 10:45 to 11:00!**

**Sunday Morning Worship — 11:00 AM**

Prelude  
Hymn #228 .....My Faith Has Found a Resting Place  
Opening Prayer .....Mark Verburtg  
Welcome of Guests  
Hymn #424 .....Send The Light!  
Announcements  
Worship in Tithes and Offerings  
Hymn # 490 .....When Love Shines In  
Children (Second Grade and younger) dismissed to Children's Church

Message: **SECOND CORINTHIANS: DILIGENT DISCIPLES IN DIFFICULT DAYS**

**The Shining Light of the Gospel**

**2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Pastor Peter Laitres

Invitational Hymn #204 .....Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Choir Practice — 5:00 PM**

**Evening Service — 6:00 PM**

Praising God in Song and Testimony

**Firm Foundations: Creation To Christ:**

**Lesson 14 - God Remembered Noah And All Those In The Ark.**

**God Scattered The Rebels At The Tower Of Babel.**

Genesis 8-11

“And I, if I be lifted  
up from the earth,  
will draw all men  
unto me.”  
- John 12:32

This Week:

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study.....6:30 PM

**Sunday, December 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Pre-Service Prayer.....9:15 AM  
Sunday School for All Ages.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Evening Service - Communion Sunday.....6:00 PM

**Weekly Report:**

**Budget**

**Actual**

**Attendance**

General Fund	\$ 1,256.20	\$ 1,334.26	SS	21
Faith Promise Missions	\$ 149.23	\$ 165.00	AM	36
Building Fund/Debt Retirement		\$ 50.00	PM	12
			Wed.	12

**Announcements:**

- There are Christmas cards on the back table for the four missionary families we support on a monthly basis. We'd like everyone to sign them and let the missionaries know we are praying for them.
- If we don't have your birthday, anniversary and other information, please fill out an information sheet and give it to pastor or place it in the offering plate so we have a record of these important dates!
- We'll be having our Christmas cookie exchange on Wednesday evening, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will do the swap, then head to a few area nursing homes and sing Christmas Carols to the residents.
- Year of the Bible! BIBLE READING** To be on course to read through the whole Bible this year you should be through First Corinthians chapter sixteen today.

**About the Invitation:**

The final hymn is called an invitational hymn. During this time, it is appropriate to respond to the message and how the Lord has been working in your life as the Holy Spirit leads. Some common responses to the invitation are for the following:

- To publicly confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour if you have received Him and have not done so before.
- To receive Jesus Christ as Saviour, or to receive biblical counsel concerning the assurance of salvation.
- To present yourself for baptism If you've already received Christ as Saviour and have not been baptized as a believer in Him.
- To pray by yourself or to seek counsel from another Christian, men praying with men, and women with women.
- To present yourself as for membership in Downeast Baptist Church. This will start the process of being a member.

### *Upcoming Events*

**December 17** –2:30 pm "The Christmas Story"  
Rehearsal This includes the children.

**December 17** - DBC Christmas Party, 4:00 PM.

**December 18** - Christmas Program, during the  
Morning Service.

**December 21** — Christmas Cookie Exchange and Christmas Caroling at  
area nursing homes.

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Service - 6:30

**December 25** - Christmas Day! 11:00 Service only. No Sunday School or  
evening service.

**December 31** - New Year's Eve Fellowship @ 5:00 PM.

**January 1** - New Year's Day - All regularly scheduled services

**January 5** - Monthly Deacons Meeting

**January 18** - Annual Business Meeting



**“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and  
health to the bones.” — Proverbs 16:24**

#### **D.L. Moody on 2 Corinthians 4:5**

I have often felt ashamed at the foolish things well-meaning men have said in introducing servants of Christ to an audience. They make so much of the man, they have so much to say about his ability and his accomplishments, when it is only through the power of the Holy Ghost that he can do anything at all. We should never forget that it is the Saviour who counts, and the Word that God uses in the power of the Holy Ghost. So Paul says, "We preach not ourselves," we do not want to attract attention to ourselves. Like John the Baptist we say, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). "We preach Christ Jesus the Lord," and it is only as He is exalted that men and women are blessed. It is only as He is exalted that sinners are saved. But what of the preacher? "Ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." That is all; just "your servants for Jesus' sake."

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy days be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk,  
Till traveling days are done."

Have you seen "the glory of God in the face of Jesus"?

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