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Birthdays December 7-13	
Dec. 7	Bryan Shelton Carmen Drake
Dec. 8	Bonnie Cecil Tasha Risner Justin Stephens
Dec. 10	Raymond Tennyson
Dec. 12	Bessie Miller Steve Cox Max McCubbin Shelby Wygal Kylie Rogers
Dec. 13	Mary Ann Dean Taylor Albert

MIKE'S-SPACE

It's Monday morning and it's spitting snow outside my office window. Do you like snow? I love it! I've been known to pray for the stuff. I even like driving in snow! And I don't know if this will be good news to you, but the Farmers Almanac says we should expect more snow than usual this winter.

Isaiah 1:18 says "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." That means that whenever someone enters into a saving relationship with God through His son Jesus, it's snowing! When I think about the gospel work going on all over the world through the missionaries that we support, I tell myself "It's always snowing somewhere!"

With this in mind, have you thought seriously about what you will contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions? Our church goal is \$6500. I know things are tighter economically this year, but don't be tight about this offering. Every year this offering makes up fully one half of the budget for sending out over 5000 missionaries. Through this offering, every year thousands of churches are being started and hundreds of thousands of people are being brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

So, if you don't want to pray for physical snow, at least be praying for a lot of spiritual snow to be falling as we collect this offering in all of our churches this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Mike

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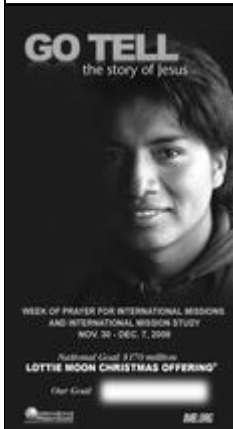
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For more than 150 years, Southern Baptist missionaries have labored to carry the Gospel to the lost. Despite their sacrifice, and that of generations of Southern Baptists who have given faithfully to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, our Great Commission task is FAR from complete.

More than 3,340 of the world's nearly 11,500 people groups continue to live and die in spiritual darkness. Among these least-reached peoples there are few, if any, evangelical Christians, and no one is working to plant new churches.

Closing the gap will require a growing missionary force partnering with stateside churches, national Baptists and other Great Commission Christian groups.

That's not all. Sending an unprecedented number of missionaries will also require extraordinary giving on behalf of our Southern Baptists.

Our national Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$170 million. The goal for this year has been set for \$6,500.00. God has given us the resources. WILL WE BE FOUND FAITHFUL? Remember: Every penny given to the Lottie Moon Offering is used to support our missionaries. As important as giving is PRAYING.



December Greeters:
Mona Bell, Jim and Carol Boley, Hannah Harry, Bill Hazle, Mae Burden, Shirley Crawford, Jan Wright, Liane McDowell, and Julie Skeens
Host: Mona Bell

Dear Church Family,

To each and everyone that donated items, that gave, that greeted, that bought, that sang, that prayed, we say thank you. To the Sunday School classes, and individuals that gave and helped we say thank you. We have been so humbled by your generosity. In the last couple of weeks Mallory has been diagnosed with epilepsy on top of all of her other health issued. We just ask that you continue to keep Mallory and our family in your prayers.

May God bless each of you,
The family of Mallory Williams

Bro. Adam Townsend will be here in January to start his ministry at FBC as Minister of Education and Children. If you need to reach him, his email address is active now.
adam@fbchodgenville.org

Dec. 7: Deacons of the Week: Bill Hazle & Dale Morris
Head Usher: Dean Williams
Dec. 14: Deacon of the week: Gene Hornback & W.L. McCoy
Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers

Children's Workers

December 7:
Breakfast: Katie Sandidge
Infant: Nancy Brown and Kathy Vaughn
Toddlers: Pam Price and Bethany Hall
2's & 3's: Gerald and Patti Devary
Jr. Children's: Roni and Damon Milby
Evening Worship: Kathy Ross and Katie McDowell

Wed., December 10: Donna Rodger and Suzanne Boone

December 14:
Breakfast: Dale Morris
Infants: Karen Singleton, Kristin Estes, Leslie Gibson-Patton
Toddlers: Pam Stephens and Allison McDowell
2's & 3's: Tony and Kathy Dile
Jr. Children's: Deena and Terry Bradley
Evening Nursery: Kathy Vaughn and Liane McDowell

Wed., December 17: Laurie Pearsall and Liz Pearsall

The Link...

...between a ministering church and the home.

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Greg's Notes Student Ministry Stuff Children's News

What Is Advent?
 For unto us a child is born...Isaiah 9:6
 Some folks have asked, "What is Advent?" Some churches don't observe it some do.

Webster says Advent is "a period beginning four Sundays before Christmas and observed by some Christians as a season of prayer and fasting; the coming of the Christ at the Incarnation."

I've found that though Advent has no hard and fast definition many things about the season are celebrated especially the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and the emotions that this event brought about—love, joy, peace, hope.

For me, Christmas just isn't Christmas until I hear some of Handel's Messiah or the contemporary version—Handel's Young Messiah. Both are fantastic!

If you have observed Advent for years or if it is a new concept, now is the time to focus your attention on what God has done and how He worked through many people to bring about the great of the advent—the coming of the Christ, the Messiah, our Savior.

Hail the coming of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the world, the King of Life, the Son of God, the Word, the Christ, Jesus, our Lord!

Greg

30 HOUR FAMINE
30 Famine Participants: This Sunday is the deadline to turn in the money you raised for the famine. Please give it to me before Sunday school. If you're not going to be at Sunday school, get in touch with me this week and let me know how much you collected. We will announce the grand total during the worship service Sunday morning, so be sure to wear your famine t-shirt.

Progressive Dinner:
 The annual student progressive dinner will be held on Mon. December 22. Times have not been finalized but the event will probably start around 5:00 pm. This will be a restaurant progressive dinner with appetizers, soups/salads and desserts. Students and adults who would like to attend should sign up in the youth area as soon as possible. The cost is \$10 per person.

Sunday Night Schedule for December:
 Sunday night High School and Middle School programs will meet on December 7 and 21 according to the following schedule:
 5:30 Coffee & Dessert Bar
 6:00 Middle School D-Group
 6:00 High School Worship
 These programs will not meet on December 14 (due to the Christmas Cantata) or December 28.

Wednesday Nights Schedule for December:
 Wednesday night youth programs will meet on December 3, 10 & 17 according to this schedule:
 5:30 Gym & Youth Area Open
 6:00 Supper
 6:30 Middle School Worship
 These programs will not meet on December 24 or 31.

In Christ,
 -Marty

This Week in the Children's Ministry...
 We will start our Christmas Edition of KidMo Sunday School this week. It is a three-week series focused on Christ and his birth. It also incorporates Christmas songs into the lesson as well. It is great to have this as our focus leading up to Christmas.

The Children's Committee will meet at 6 PM in the kitchen area on the Children's Floor on Monday, Dec. 8. And, if you haven't signed up for Upward Basketball or Cheerleading, it is NOT too late! There is one more night for evaluations scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11.


Please note that during the month of December, the RA and GA mission groups will NOT be meeting on Sunday nights. They will start back up in January.

Lastly, the 4th/5th grade Sunday School class will be going shopping for their "adopted family" on Sunday, Dec. 14. Each year this group donates money to shop for other children for Christmas. We have a great time and focus on helping someone else, too. This year they will be shopping for two boys. Since I have very little experience with shopping for boys, I am hoping the young men in our class will have some good ideas....

In Christ,
 Deena

<p>Sunday, December 7 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening worship</p>	<p>Youth Schedule for Sunday Nights Middle School and High School 5:30 Coffee and Dessert Bar 6:00 Middle School D-Group 6:00 High School Worship These programs will not meet on Dec. 14th due to the Christmas Cantata or December 28th.</p>
<p>Monday, December 8 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking 5:00 p.m. Body Sculpting</p>	<p>Children's Schedule for Wednesday 6:00-7:25 Children rotate through: TeamKid class Meal Praise Music Recreation</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 9 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Art Class 3:00 p.m. Young at Heart out to eat</p>	
<p>Wednesday, December 10 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking</p>	
<p>Thursday, December 11 6:00 p.m. Upward Evaluations, CFC 7:00 p.m. LCHS & LCMS Christmas Concert, FBC Worship Center</p>	
<p>Friday, December 12 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking</p>	
<p>Saturday, December 13 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>Youth Schedule for Wed. Evenings Middle School 5:00 Gym & Youth Area Open 5:50 Café Opens for Supper 6:30 Middle School Worship 7:30 Worship Dismisses; Gym/Loft Open 7:45 Lights Out High School 6:30 Help with Middle School & Children</p>
<p>Sunday, December 14 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting</p>	

 Church-wide Christmas Caroling
 December 19th

 **The Senior Singles banquet hosted by the Deacons will be Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6th. If you a senior single and have not received an invitation, please call the church office, 358-3193.**

 FBC
 Worship Choir
 presents
Peace In The World Tonight
 CANTATA
 Sunday Evening, December 14th

 Christmas Cards

Mail your cards to your church friends via FBC's Center with a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for postage. Please have your cards here by December 10th for the Shepherd's class to sort December 12th. A list of resident members and regular attenders is available on the desk in the foyer.

Nov. 30th Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	10,663.46
Budget Received:	9,281.84
Budget given:	484,172.29
Budget needed:	511,846.08
Designated:	
Lottie Moon	620.11
Poinsettias	69.00
Eliza Broadus	5.00
Christmas Blessing	50.00
Thanksgiving	60.00
World Hunger	169.00
Total Offering	10,254.95

Nov. 30th Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	22
Adult	88
Young Adult	24
Youth	20
Children	20
Preschool	18
Visitors	5
Bible Study Total	197
Morning Worship	312
Evening Worship	146