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<b>Birthdays</b>	
<b>December 14-20</b>	
Dec. 14	Dara Rogers Jordan McGaw
Dec. 16	Chris Hazle
Dec. 17	Mitchell Key Chris Cline
Dec. 19	Avalon Reed Nathaniel Sanders Angelina McCoy
Dec. 20	John Blunk

**MIKE'S-SPACE**

My mother is a good cook. When we were growing up, she made sure that we ate our share of vegetables. And like many mothers of that day, when we didn't quite finish what was on our plate, she would say, "Clean that plate, don't you know that there are starving children in China that would love to have that food!"

I'm sure mothers still say something like that today, because there are starving children in many countries. News stories of famines are all too common. That's why I'm so proud of our youth and youth leaders this morning as I write this article. In order to get some idea of what conditions are like for people in famine areas, our youth recently went on a 30 hour fast. But they didn't just starve themselves and gorge on food later. They also went and served at local mission centers helping the needy. And on top of that, they solicited donations for world hunger, collecting over \$2000.

Way to go youth, as they used to say when I was growing up! Because of your work, some children will receive a meal that will literally save their lives. Yes we know that some will still die of starvation. But perhaps a few of those will have one more pleasing meal before they die. And perhaps at that last meal they will hear the message of the God who loves them. And even in their deaths, that love shared may turn their whole community to God and future help.

Good Job Youth!  
Bro. Mike

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**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

**If you have adopted a college student, please remember they will be having finals soon. Please pray for them and minister to them as needed.**

**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.  
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**Dec. 14: Deacon of the week:** Gene Hornback & W.L. McCoy  
**Head Usher:** Jimmy Rogers  
**Dec. 21: Deacons of the Week:** Bill Shoemaker & Dean Williams  
**Head Usher:** Jimmy Edwards

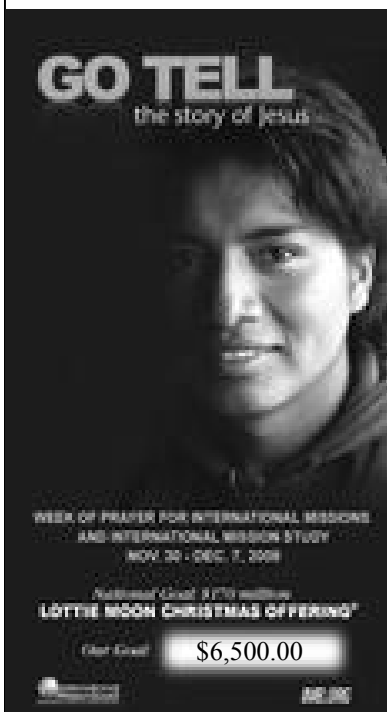
**Children's Workers**

**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

**December 21:**  
**Breakfast:** Vicky Williams  
**Infant:** Linda Back, Mary D. Meredith, Mary Lou Newton  
**Toddlers:** Brad and Beth Turner  
**2's & 3's:** Terry and Deena Bradley  
**Jr. Children's:** Suzanne Boone and Cindy Smith  
**Evening Worship:** Perry Huccaby and Carol Hornback

**Wed., December 24:** Debbie Dickerson and Maria Durham



These words were written by Lottie Moon in Tengchow, China, on September 15, 1887: "How many there are... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in Bringing back a lost world to God."

The lesson in at least part of the adult Sunday School classes Sunday was about Paul's missionary journeys and why he undertook these journeys. Paul went because he felt led by God to "go tell others about Jesus" even the Gentiles.

We can't all GO, but we can GIVE to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our goal this year is \$6,500.00, but we gave over \$12,000 last year. I think that we can give at least that much again this year—even with the "bad" economy that Bro. Mike mentioned Sunday morning.

If Paul hadn't gone, we wouldn't have had the chance to know about Jesus and salvation. Let's make sure that we do what we can to make sure that there is enough money to send missionaries so that others may come to know that Jesus died so EVERYONE can be saved by believing in Him.

Received to date: \$3,318.11

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*...between a ministering church and the home.*

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**Are You Listening?**  
 "an angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream and said, Joseph... "don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...." Matt. 1:20-25

I dream frequently and I've dreamed about many people in this congregation. Generally, I like the adventure that my dreams lead me on. Especially those where I am able to fly. I've had some disturbing dreams too.

Think about Joseph and his dreams. This adventure really had nothing to do with a mystical experience in the subconscious. But it had everything to do with Joseph's reality.

Joseph's fiancé was pregnant and he didn't do it. He's about to break the engagement "quietly." Then an angel appears reassuring him that the child that she's carrying isn't another man's but the Son of God. He may have thought, "was that really real?"

Later God's angel spoke to Joseph in another dream that he should take his family to Egypt because Herod was searching to kill the child. "Was that really real? That could have been Mary's cooking." He listened to what the Lord was saying because he heard God speaking before.

After Herod died, you guessed it—another dream complete with angels—again. He was probably packing in his sleep. And he was certainly familiar with the angel's voice.

When God speaks, the first time we may be like Joseph and not understand it. The second time we may have a tendency to trust our experiences. When God speaks the third time (remember Samuel) we better be on the move. In all the noise, are you listening for God's still small voice?

Greg

**30 HOUR FAMINE** **\$2,195.15** That's how much money we raised for needy children around the world through our 30 hour famine. That's enough to provide food, clean water and educational assistance to six children for an entire year through World Vision. I am very proud of all the students and adults who participated in this year's famine, but I think I need to mention one person in particular. Sydney Cline, one of our sixth graders, raised \$720 for the famine. Incredible!

**Holiday Schedule for Youth:**  
 Wednesday night youth programs will meet on December 10 and 17, but not on December 24 or 31.

High School Worship and Middle School D-Group will not meet this Sunday night (December 14) due to the Christmas Cantata. These programs will meet on December 21 but not on December 28.

**Progressive Dinner:**  
 The annual student progressive dinner will be held on Monday, 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.

**Upcoming Events:**  
 \*Sunday, Jan. 18 – Snow Tubing at Perfect North Slopes  
 \*Sunday, Feb. 1 – Super Bowl Party  
 \*Sunday, Feb. 7 – Valentino's  
 \*Feb. 20-21 (Fri-Sat) – Jr. High Believe Conference in Cincinnati (for grades 6-8)

In Christ,  
**-Marty**

Another week in the Children's Ministry

With the holidays fast approaching, the children's committee is excited to get our area decorated for Christmas. By the time you read this, the children's floor should be transformed into a "Winter Wonderland". There are many decorating opportunities for us in the new area this year and we are very excited.


The end of our fall TeamKid session is fast approaching. There have been many challenges with the schedule but we feel like it has been successful for our children overall. Please begin thinking about your role in this area in 2009. We have an open slot teaching a 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl's class each Wednesday night. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as soon as possible.

Don't forget the last night of Upward Evaluations is Thursday, December 11 at 6 PM.


Also, there are no Mission Group meetings (RAs/GAs) until January.

Deena


<p><b>Sunday, December 14</b>                  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>	<p><b>Youth Schedule for Sunday Nights</b>  <b>Middle School and High School</b>                  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><b>Monday, December 15</b>                  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><b>Children's Schedule for Wednesday</b>                  6:00-7:25 Children rotate through:                  TeamKid class                  Meal                  Praise Music                  Recreation</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 16</b>                  8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast                  9:00 a.m. Art Class                  2:00 p.m. Women on Mission                  5:30 p.m. Breaking Bread                  6:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday, December 17</b>                  10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, December 18</b>                  6:00 p.m. Upward Evaluations, CFC                  7:00 p.m. LCHS &amp; LCMS Christmas Concert, FBC Worship Center</p>	
<p><b>Friday, December 19</b>                  10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking                  4:00 p.m. Church Wide Caroling</p>	<p><b>Youth Schedule for Wed. Evenings</b>  <b>Middle School</b>                  5:00 Gym &amp; 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</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 21</b>                  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><b>High School</b>                  6:30 Help with Middle School &amp; Children</p>



**Church-wide Christmas Caroling**  
 December 19th



**FBC**  
**Worship Choir**  
 presents  
*Peace In The*  
**World Tonight**



*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.

Dec. 7th Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	10,663.46
Budget Received:	9,460.40
Budget given:	492,669.44
Budget needed:	522,509.54
Designated:	
Lottie Moon	2,263.00
Poinsettias	35.50
Starve for Food	15.00
Youth	400.00
Video	100.00
World Hunger	25.00
Hispanic Pastor	25.00
Upward	1,795.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>14,118.90</b>

Dec. 7th Attendance	
Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	24
Adult	106
Young Adult	17
Youth	31
Children	24
Preschool	15
Visitors	13
<b>Bible Study Total</b>	<b>220</b>
Morning Worship	315
Evening Worship	