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Birthdays

November 29	Louetta Polley Paula Durham Caleb Phelps
November 30	Will Ray
December 1	Clavis Bennett Brad Turner Jonathan Spratt Karen Reynolds Michelle Nunn Evan Cline
December 2	Aileen Stearman Martha Otis Terri Phelps Vanessa Roten
December 3	Miguel Casarez
December 4	Pat Hazle
December 5	Chad Puyear Tai Phillips Hunter Sams

Our family would like to extend appreciation to the love shown during the recent loss of Kenley's father, Gordon Conner. The food, cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy from our church family was overwhelming. We love each of you.
In Christ,
Kenley, Dawn, Emily, Ben, Hannah, Eli and Madison

Hanging of the Green Sunday Evening

Join your church family in welcoming in the Christmas season with this beautiful service. The service will be followed by Christmas snacks. Each Sunday School class is asked to decorate a table and load it with their favorite Christmas goodies.

MIKE'S-SPACE

I'm not sure how bad the economy has really been this year. But I do know that most people are spooked by it. One of the ways I know this is by how early Christmas advertising started this fall. I've noticed Christmas ads since just after Labor Day. With Black Friday approaching, the Christmas sales season is really revving up.

I mention this in the hopes that we won't get sidetracked this Christmas. We always have lots of activities and family gatherings during December and I enjoy most all of them. But the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus is the reason behind all this activity. Do you think God will know that we think that way?

One way others will know that we're thinking of them this Christmas is by the kind of gift we get them. Well then, let's let God know how we feel about our savior. Let's plan now to gather up a great gift for Jesus at Christmas. We can do this by giving generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our church goal this year is \$7,000. This offering is vital to our missions effort every year because it makes up fully half of our annual overseas missions budget. I think we can do this and more if we all just concentrate not only on how much we love our family members and friends, but also on how much we appreciate what God has done for us. Pray about this and decide what you can give before you get back from Thanksgiving celebrations.

Our son Jordan will be home from Notre Dame this week. So it will be good to have all the family together for Thanksgiving. I hope you have a wonderful celebration with family on Thanksgiving too. See you for our Hanging of the Green service and the beginning of our Christmas season this Sunday.

Your Pastor,
Bro. Mike

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November Greeters:
 Peggy Edwards,
 Barbara Gowen, Bill
 Hazle, Liane McDowell,
 Tom Rossi, Tim Underwood
 Host: Cindy Smith

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Deacons of the Week
November 29: Steve McCubbin and Tim Underwood
Head Usher: Jimmy Edwards
December 6: Bill Hazle and Gene Hornback
Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers

November 29:
Breakfast: Donna Nolley
Infants: Bobby and Jennifer Lewis
Toddlers: Kenny Devore and Sarah Baker
2's & 3's: Brenda Whitlow and Shelby Rogers
Jr. Children's Church: No Jr. Children's Church
Evening Nursery: Katie Sandidge and Barbara Gowen
Wed., December 2: David and Wendi Edwards
December 6:
Breakfast: Dale Morris
Infant: Nancy Brown and Kathy Vaughn
Toddlers: David and Wendi Edwards
2's & 3's: Pam Price and Bethany hall
Jr. Children's Church: Suzanne Boone and Cindy Smith
Evening Worship: Joel and Kitty Dixon
Wed., December 9: Donna Rodgers and Suzanne Boone

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Music Notes

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

During this week of Thanksgiving, I pray that we will all be mindful of the Lord's goodness to us and His everlasting love toward us. As we gather for celebration with our loved ones, may we carefully consider the goodness of the Lord, and remember to be thankful to our faithful Father for the gracious favor He has shown to each one around the table, young and old alike. Our God is ever faithful, from one generation to the next. And as we enter the season of Advent on Sunday, may we remember that the greatest blessing ever given to mankind was the gift of God's One and Only Son, Jesus Christ. With glad hearts let us all enter into worship on this first Sunday of Advent with thanksgiving and praise. We will be lighting the first Advent candle this week, and listening to scriptures that both prophesied the coming of the Christ, and recorded the fulfillment of those same prophecies. Together, we will take part in our Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday Evening, adorning the sanctuary with greenery and other symbols that remind us of Christ. We would love for everyone who is able to participate. This will be a very meaningful service, incorporating beautiful music with explanations of many of our Christian Christmas traditions. This is also a great time to invite someone who doesn't know the Christ of Christmas to come and hear of His great love.

I want to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving! Let us all give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ and praise His Holy Name, the Name Above All Names!

Misty

Education & Children

Education

Thank You and Enjoy the Holidays

I want to thank all of the Sunday School classes that took time this past Sunday to fill out the curriculum evaluation forms that were in your binders. I have already read through many and I am thankful for your insights. If your class did not yet do them let me encourage you to be a part of this process as well.

Along with that I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. As we get into the holiday season I know that you are all very busy. Therefore we will not have a teacher's meeting in December, but plan on being a part of them as we start back in January. Have a great day of turkey and football.

Children

Operation Christmas Child TeamKID Evaluation Meeting—Dec. 13 SS Teacher's Meeting—Dec. 13

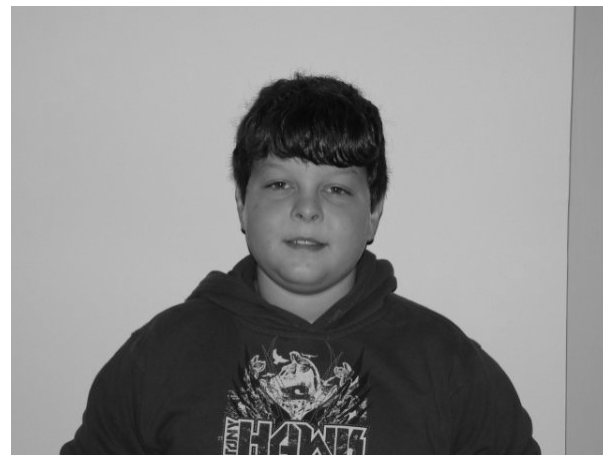
On Saturday we delivered 949 Christmas shoeboxes that were bound for North Carolina and then throughout the world. Thank you all for your efforts as well as the surrounding community churches. Begin praying now about possibly being a Relay Center.

All TeamKID workers. Plan on meeting Sunday, December 13th @ 4:30 to evaluate the semester and seek ways in which we can improve for next semester.

Children's (K-5) Sunday School Teachers. We will have a meeting December 13th @ 9:00 where we will evaluate and discuss ways to improve the children's ministry Sunday School hour.

-Adam

Welcome New Member Tanner Nalley



Mail your cards to your church family via FBC's Mail Center with a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas

Offering for postage. A list of resident members and regular attendees is available in the foyer. The boxes for the cards will be in the front and back foyers Nov. 29th through Dec. 16th. Cards will be available for pick up on Dec. 20th. Please remember to donate a minimum of 10 cents per card to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



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

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church joyfully presents to our Community...

"An Evening in December"

Saturday, Dec. 19 And Sunday, Dec. 20

Delicious Candlelight Dinner served at 6PM each night
with Dinner Music provided

Music and Drama Program presented at 7PM each night Featuring beautiful Christmas Music
and a Live Nativity!

Come and have your picture made with Santa in his sleigh!

Dinner reservations not required, but greatly appreciated. 270-358-3193
(Donations accepted)

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, November 29

- 8:45 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Service
Christmas Reception

Sunday School classes will be preparing tables of Christmas goodies for the reception after the Hanging of the Green service.

Monday, November 30

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast, Paula's
- 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

Tuesday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Art Class

December's business meeting will be December 27th.

Wednesday, December 2

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
- 6:00 p.m. TeamKid, Student Revolution, Prayer and Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 4

- 7:00 p.m. Scrapbooking

Saturday, December 5

- 4:30 p.m. Senior Singles Banquet

Sunday, December 6

- 8:45 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship and Children's Activities
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting



Operation Christmas Child—Thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child, especially Adam Townsend and Donna Shelton. Our church prepared 215, of which 84 were "stuffed" by our children. Other churches and individuals sent 734 via FBC for a total of 949 boxes delivered to the official collection point, Valley Creek Baptist Church. Thanks again to everyone!

November 22nd Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	9,270.75
Total Budget Received:	431,451.54
Budget	528,435.21
Designated:	
Lottie Moon	95.00
Youth	400.00
Video	100.00
Magic Hands	50.00
Upward	2,815.00
Poinsettias	36.00
World Hunger	500.00
Other	285.00
Total Offering	13,551.75

November 22nd Attendance	
Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	50
Adult	86
Youth	24
Children	24
Preschool	15
Visitors	5
Total	204
Morning Worship	318
Evening Worship	

COLLEGE STUDENTS—Please help us identify full time college students who are members or children of members who are under 25 and their current addresses. Please call Phyllis Hazle 358-3060, Nancy Brown 358-0130 or the church office 358-3193.

*The children of Reverend George and Carolyn Smith
Invite you to a Reception in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, November 28, 2009, 2:00—4:00 p.m. EST
Severns Valley Baptist Church Atrium, 1100 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
No gifts, please, but cards and letters would be most appreciated.*