
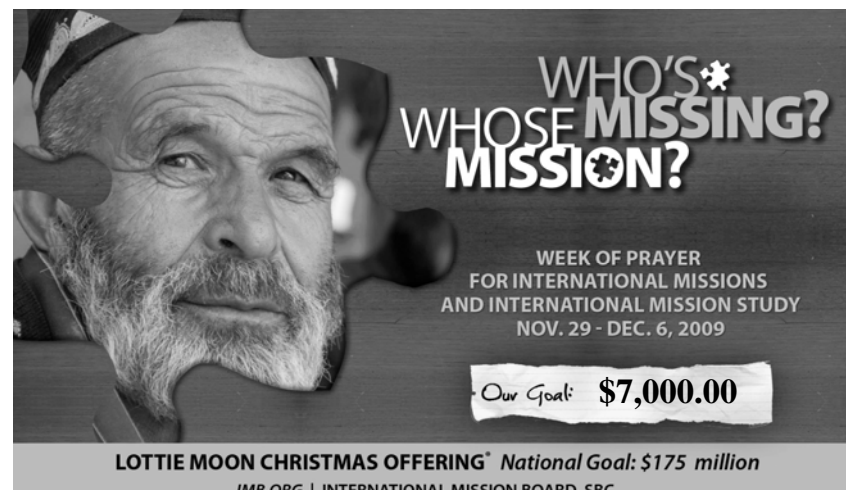



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<p>Birthdays</p> <p>December 6 Dorothy Hoggard</p> <p>December 7 Bryan Shelton Carmen Drake</p> <p>December 8 Bonnie Cecil Tasha Risner Justin Stephens</p> <p>December 9 Erin Boley</p> <p>December 10 Raymond Tennyson</p> <p>December 12 Bessie Miller Steve Cox Max McCubbin Shelby Wygal Kylie Rogers</p>	<p>MIKE'S-SPACE</p> <p>I read a book over the Thanksgiving break by C.S. Lewis on miracles. Do you believe in miracles? Do you think they're possible, even probable? I do.</p> <p>I have a degree in biochemistry and spent some time in medical school, so I know a thing or two about science and what makes us tick. If you're not careful, after you hear enough scientific explanations about how the world works, it becomes easier and easier to not believe in a god who does miracles. When you consider the obvious order and grandeur of nature, it just doesn't make sense that God would step in and change things.</p> <p>And yet we believe that is exactly what God did in sending His son into the world. The Bible says that at just the right time, according to His plans and purpose, God interrupted the natural course of things and caused Mary to be with child. C.S. Lewis says that this was the grandest of miracles because all the acts of God lead up to and are explained by the Incarnation.</p> <p>Now Jesus said that the kingdom of God is within us. Perhaps God is not yet in us to the degree that he was in Jesus, but he is here, with us, meaning to inhabit every human heart and life. So is God willing to work miracles in our lives, is that possible? I not only believe it's possible, I also believe it's probable because to come to our aid is the natural habit of God. God is love, and I believe it is God's joy to step in and help us in our times of need.</p> <p>So this Christmas, if you have a particular need that you know you can't take care of yourself, go to God and just ask him. The scriptures promise that if we draw close to Him, then He will draw close to us. I know, because of our scientific background, that it seems fanciful to think that a simple word spoken to God could call down a miracle just for you. And yet the scriptures teach us that our words, our thoughts expressed to God, are at the very frontier between the natural and supernatural worlds. Again the Bible says, we have not because we ask not. So if there's something you need this Christmas, just ask.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your Friend, Mike</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 730 Tonieville Road Hodgenville, Ky. 42748 Phone 358-3193 Fax 358-0917 E-Mail for Staff member@fbchodgenville.org</p> <p>Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Rodgers Pastor Home Phone: 369-9173</p> <p>Misty Smith Minister of Music</p> <p>Marty Lee, Interim Minister to Students Home Phone: 358-5861 Cell Phone: 270-307-7126</p> <p>Claude Ramey, Interim Minister to Students Home Phone: 358-0846 Cell Phone: 270-696-0087</p> <p>Adam Townsend Minister of Education and Children Cell Phone: 607-259-3009</p> <p>Sally Lewis Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Sybil Johnson Pianist</p> <p>Tom Gill Custodian</p>
<p><i>Thank you church family for your prayers, visits and cards; and thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the food brought to the funeral home.</i> <i>The Family of Mary B. Frazee</i></p>		
 <p>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.</p>	 <p>WHO'S WHOSE MISSING? MISSION?</p> <p>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY NOV. 29 - DEC. 6, 2009</p> <p>Our Goal: \$7,000.00</p> <p>LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING National Goal: \$175 million IMB.ORG INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, SBC</p>	<p> December Greeters: Janet Long, Joel Dixon, Carol Hornback, Patty Edwards, Shirley Crawford, Mae Burden, Liane McDowell Host: Kitty Dixon</p>

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Deacons of the Week
December 6: Bill Hazle and Gene Hornback
Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers
December 13: W. L. McCoy and Dale morris
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Breakfast: Roni Milby
Infant: Nancy Brown and Kathy Vaughn
Toddlers: David and Wendi Edwards
2's & 3's: Pam Price and Bethany hall
Jr. Children's Church:
Evening Worship: Joel and Kitty Dixon
Wed., December 9: Donna Rodgers and Suzanne Boone

December 13:
Breakfast: Heather Cline
Infants: Linda Back, Mary D. Meredith and Mary Lou Newton
Toddlers: Pam Stephens and Megan Townsend
2's & 3's: Tony and Kathy Dile
Jr. Children's Church:
Evening Nursery: Brenda Whitlow and Jean Thomas
Wed., December 15: Dale and Cathy Morris

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"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands." Psalm 92:1-4

We certainly have reason to praise our Lord and make music to His Name during this blessed Christmas season! What a joy it was to see and hear our Lord praised in so many ways during yesterday's morning worship service and last evening's Hanging of the Green service. We were blessed by the praises offered in song and by several different types of instruments. When we gladly give blessing and honor to our Lord through the gifts He has given to us, His church is blessed. And the congregation plays an important role in our worship experience as well. You may not be a vocalist or have specific instrumental ability, but the sound of the body of Christ offering up praises to our Lord in unity is glorious! God is pleased when we open our mouths to express our love and adoration of Him! We are made glad by the many wonderful deeds He has done for us, and we are to sing for joy at the works of His hands! At this time of year when we are focused on the birth of Christ, let us remember that God has given us the "unspeakable" gift of His only Son. Words cannot express the value of this gift. It cannot be bought with all the wealth of this world, but was given to us through the love of God. I pray that this Christmas the depth of God's love for you will be revealed more and more as you focus on the gift of His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Good Christians, Rejoice! Misty

Crazy Love Party
Our Crazy Love group will meet again this Sunday night from 6-7:30pm to celebrate completion of the 10 week study of the book Crazy Love. We'll discuss what we learned, what we liked, what we'd like to change for future studies. And of course we'll enjoy some good food and fellowship as well. Mike and the staff will join us at 7:00 to discuss future discipleship opportunities at the church.

Christmas Blessings
The youth will be providing Christmas gifts to 6 children this year through the Christmas Blessings program. We will be collecting money for these gifts through December 13. Parents please remind your students to bring in their donations because they sometimes forget. The shopping trip for these gifts will be the afternoon of the 13th, exact times have yet to be determined.

In Christ, Marty

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.

CARE-INS—The WMU requests your assistance in getting care-in care packages delivered. They are on a table in the front foyer.

Education

Prayer & Outreach

Throughout our teacher meetings this year we have discussed a number of important topics. The two I want to focus on over the next year are prayer and outreach. These two efforts are necessary if we are going to grow as a church and make meaningful relationships that connect people to Jesus Christ.

If your class has not yet designated a prayer leader and outreach leader I highly recommend you do so before the beginning of the year. These two people will play a crucial role in the future of your Sunday School class. As we work together I will be available to anyone who has questions or would like to discuss how you can be more involved in your Sunday School class.

Children

**Upward Evaluations—Dec. 10
TeamKID Evaluation Meeting—Dec. 13
SS Teacher's Meeting—Dec. 13**

If your child plans on participating in Upward next year and has not yet been evaluated then you need to be here on the 10th. Sometime between 6:00 and 8:00 for about 20 minutes is all it takes. An evaluation is required prior to league participation.

TeamKID workers (preschool & elementary) should make plans to attend our meeting on the 13th at 4:30. Planning for next semester will be the goal. Along with that worker recruitment will be emphasized.

The Bradley's, Nolley's, Carolyn & Bonni. Plan on attending the meeting at 9:00 am on the 13th to discuss FaithWeaver and the direction of our children's Sunday School efforts.

-Adam

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 during the Dinner hour!
Please invite someone to come with you to hear
about the Christ of Christmas!**

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

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, December 5
9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Men's Breakfast and Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Full Manger Scene Rehearsal—Adults, Youth Boys and Girls, Children, Drama

Sunday, December 6
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, Children's Activities and Crazy Love
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting and Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 7
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

December's business meeting will be December 27th.

 **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.**

Fliers for "An Evening in December" are available in the front foyer. Please take some and put them up where you work, visit or shop to advertise this event for the church.

November 30th Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	11,801.50
Total Budget Received:	443,253.04
Budget	539,734.73
Designated:	
Lottie Moon	292.75
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Thanksgiving	130.00
Upward	285.00
Poinsettias	72.00
World Hunger	152.50
Hispanic Pastor Support	25.00
Total Offering	13,008.75

November 30th Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	46
Adult	69
Youth	21
Children	33
Preschool	16
Visitors	12
Total	197
Morning Worship	293
Evening Worship	

There will be a meeting of the **Fellowship, Hospitality and Youth** committees immediately following the morning service Sunday, December 6th in the worship center. We will be working out details for the meals to be served during "An Evening in December" December 19th and 20th. Anyone wishing to help in the preparation and service of this dinner is invited. This is a great way to serve your church and your community by giving of your time.