

# The Booneville Baptist

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*A place to belong... a place to become.*

DECEMBER 20, 2009

## OPPORTUNITIES

December 20 - 26, 2009

Deacon on Call: Dr. David Greenhaw  
*4th Sunday of Advent*

### Sunday, December 20:

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
(WBIP-AM 1400)

6:30 p.m. Evening Worship

**Lord's Supper by Candle Light**  
(WBVV-FM 99.3)

7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, December 22:

8:00 a.m. Ladies Handbells

### Wednesday, December 23:

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Business Meeting

### Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Church office will be closed.

### Friday, December 25: Merry Christmas!

Church office will be closed.

8:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship  
Service Broadcast (Cable 16,  
[www.ubntv.org](http://www.ubntv.org))

Visit our church website

([www.fbcbooneville.com](http://www.fbcbooneville.com)) for upcoming events  
and previous editions of the newsletter.

**Offering Envelopes for 2010** may be picked up in the hallway behind the sanctuary. We no longer go by envelope numbers, but it is imperative that you use an envelope and include your name and offering amount every time you give.

### 2009 Contributions

All contributions must be received in the church office no later than Wednesday, December 30, 2009 in order to be counted as 2009 contributions.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER BY CANDLE LIGHT



**Sunday, December 20th  
6:30 p.m.**

**Carols, readings, and the  
Lord's Supper by Candle Light**

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town?

By: Dr. Lynn Jones

I could identify with the line used by Errol Castens in a recent column in the *Daily Journal*. He told about the kid who was raised out in the country and who experienced great anxiety every time he heard the song "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." Sure, he's coming to town. He'll make it to Many and Leesville, but what about all of us kids living out in the country? What about Route 1, Box 147, Hornbeck, Louisiana?

I always envied those kids who lived in town. They had a swimming pool in town, several hamburger joints, two movie theaters, and even got the paper delivered early to their door every day. And, now, on top of all that, Santa Claus was coming to town!

Our only method of dealing with this sense of inferiority that came with our living in the country was to look down our nose at the kids who lived in town because of some things they didn't know. They didn't know about corncob fights. They had never known the thrill of rat-hunting in the barn. They had never been swimming in a creek. And they knew next to nothing about stables and hay and feeding troughs (I'll have to admit that we never called them "mangers," but we knew plenty about feeding troughs in the barn). It was this latter bit of information that gave us an inside track on Christmas. We could identify with the description of a stable, the presence of animals, and the musty smell of hay in the barn. Santa Claus may be coming to town, but Jesus came to a barn and a stable.

So, by faith out here in the country, we got ready for the coming of both Santa Claus and Jesus. We

carefully hung our socks (no stockings for us boys) by the chimney with care. My mom probably felt like the mother who said she was overwhelmed at seeing her children hang their socks up by the chimney on Christmas Eve because she had never seen them hang anything up.

We hung our socks up because it was the traditional thing to do. When my mom and dad were growing up, about all that they would receive at Christmas would be in their sock. We expected more things than that, but we hung our socks up any way as a tip of the hat toward Christmas tradition. Nowadays folks hang up big, decorative stockings, and even those are not big enough to hold all that they expect for Christmas.

We got ready for the coming of Jesus with the help of Plainview Baptist Church. We learned Christmas poems and Christmas songs. We looked around for old bathrobes and made angel wings out of poster paper and glued glitter onto them. It was a special time of the year, and it still is.

I'm glad that Santa Claus comes to the country as well as to town. And I am especially grateful that when Christ was born in the little town of Bethlehem, His coming also was announced in the country to the shepherds. God loved us all so much that He sent His Son to those who live in the country as well as to those who live in town.

--Sunday's Sermons:

AM: "Answering the Most Common Christmas Question" – Lk. 2:1-20

PM: Lord's Supper by Candlelight

## COUNTING COMMITTEE:

JoAnn Long, Max Phillips,  
Travis Browder, David West

## USHERS:

### AM

Mitch McBride, Mike Anderson,  
Mike Moore, Jimmy Davis,  
Ray Scott, Jobie Lindsey

### PM

Jimmy Taylor, David West,  
John Green

## EXTENDED SESSION:

### December Coordinator

Wendy Scott (728-0025)

### December 20:

Laurie McBride  
Cheryl Ragan  
Victoria Scott

### December 27:

Bronzie Barnett  
Markka Prichard  
Ben Ford

## Pray for our Homebound:

Mr. Charles Stewart  
Mr. John Curlee

## December 13, 2009

Sunday School	286
Budget	\$ 8,845.74
Designated Offering	<u>5,699.45</u>
Total	\$14,545.19

## IN SYMPATHY

*Christian sympathy and our prayers are extended to Ms. Margaret Denson and family in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Reavie Miller.*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your Christian love and prayers during the loss of our brother and uncle, Bruce Alexander.

Annie Pearl Waters  
William and Debbie Scott

# MUSIC NOTES

## GIFTS RECEIVED

*Gifts have been received by*

*First Baptist Church in  
memory of*

*Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Daws*

*Myra Holley*

*Malone Cartwright*

*Elizabeth Cartwright*

*Bob Hinton*

*Bruce Alexander*

*Joe Troup*

*and in honor of*

*Walter and Dot Moore*

*Jamie and Samantha Bullock*

*Ann Spencer*

*Quaynne and Jasmine Price*

*Michael, Julia and Liz Cox*

*Robert Dunahoo*

*Anna Rae Taylor*

*Destiny Gibson*

*Jake Garvin*

*Jacob and Ethan Hicks*

*J. Ross Tittle*

*Leslie Vasquez*

*Preston Floyd*

*Carmen Smith*

*Afton Reynolds*

*Devin Horn*

*Rachael and Justin Walters*

*Baylee Fisher*

*Laurie McBride*

*Jay Barnett*

*Ken and Teresa Goodwin*

*Karrie Beth Stevens*

*Lauren Davidson*

*Dawn Davidson*

*Henry and Gail Hankins*

*Donna Pitner*

*Andrea Owens*

*Catherine Mincy*

*Carol Dickerson*

*Lee Boyette*

*Jane Phillips*

*LuAnne Ford*

*Britney Whitley*

*Joey Williford*

*Roger Rhodes*

*Bobby Manley*

*Mark Hatfield*

*Todd Dickerson*

*Mike Moore*

*Dawn Page*

*Lori Horn*

*Teresa Fisher*

*Erik Dukes*

*Denise Bray*

*Shelby Bonds*



**Thank you....**

to all who had a part in the glorious evening of worship and fellowship last Sunday evening!

From the choir, to the accompanists and technicians, to the kitchen helpers and everyone who supplied a food table, it was well worth every effort. What a celebration!

**Merry Christmas!**

## No Youth Choir Rehearsal

No rehearsal on Sunday, December 20, 27, and January 3.  
Rehearsals will resume Sunday, January 10.

Thanks.

## *Christmas by Candlelight*

Sunday, December 20

6:30 p.m.

Carols, Readings, and the Lord's Supper  
Dress casually and bring the family.

# EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Imagine being told that your paycheck would be reduced by 20%??

For our IMB missionaries, a 20% cut is a REALITY! In 2007, Southern Baptists gave \$150.4 million to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, but in 2008, giving dropped to \$141.3 million. This year, why not step out in faith and do something sacrificial—give 20% more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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**Mission Kids, Moms in Touch, and Children's Bible Drill**  
will resume Sunday, January 3, 2010.

**G.R.O.W.**  
will resume Tuesday, January 5, 2010

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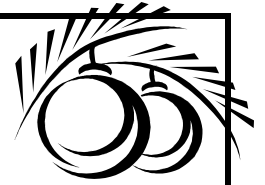
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**Web page**

[www.fbcbooneville.com](http://www.fbcbooneville.com)

# YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner**  
Wednesday, December 30th



See Joey for more details!

**Our Newsletter is Now Being E-mailed!**

We have begun e-mailing the weekly newsletter,  
The Booneville Baptist. If you would like to receive the newsletter  
by e-mail, please notify the church office.

**Church Office Closings**

The church office will be closed December 24 through 25, and  
December 31 through January 1. There will be no newsletter for the  
following two weeks, due to the Christmas holidays.

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**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING**

**“WHO’S MISSING?  
WHOSE MISSION?”**

**National Goal: \$175 million  
Our Goal: \$23,000.00**

**Given-to-Date:  
\$9,544.04**

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