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

DECEMBER 6, 2009

OPPORTUNITIES

December 6 - 12, 2009

Deacon on Call: Ricky Ford

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6:

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Children's
Christmas Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
(WBIP-AM 1400)
2:30 p.m. NEMCC Christmas Choral
Concert (FBC Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5:30 p.m. Lottie Moon Walk-a-Thon,
Mom's in Touch
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship
Hanging of the Green
(WBVV-FM 99.3)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 8:

- 8:00 a.m. Ladies Handbells
9:30 a.m. WOM Sunshine Servants (home
of Elizabeth Curlee)
2:00 p.m. WOM Rosalie Hunt Group,
G.R.O.W.
6:30 p.m. G.R.O.W.

Wednesday, December 9:

- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs Caroling
and Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Wednesday YT, College
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, Adult
Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10:

- 12:00 noon JoyMakers Luncheon
3:15 p.m. Young Musicians Handbells

Friday, December 11:

- 8:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship
Service Broadcast (Cable 16,
www.ubntv.org)

Saturday, December 12:

- 8:00 a.m. Rebekkah Sunday School Class
Christmas Breakfast (CLC Kitchen)
11:00 a.m. 1st/2nd Grade Sunday School
Class Christmas Party (CLC)
TBA Berea Sunday School Class
Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"WHO'S MISSING? WHOSE MISSION?"

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

False religions, political oppressions, multiple languages, harsh living conditions, and religious persecution are some of the barriers to sharing Christ with unreached people groups. Still, that doesn't override the Great Commission that Scripture gives to all those who follow Him.

Southern Baptists must continue to support missionaries throughout the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to pray for and reach out to these pockets of lostness so that everyone has an opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Learning More About God

By: Dr. Lynn Jones

In our worship service on Sunday morning before Thanksgiving, we gave special emphasis to thanking God for our blessings. And one of the blessings for which we were thankful was the baptism of John Charles Cobb. He had family members from all over who came for his baptism. It was a special day as he demonstrated his commitment to Christ by his baptism.

I was not sure that we would pull it off. Back in October, John Charles made his profession of faith at the end of our morning worship service. After the benediction, our people came by to greet him and his family and to let him know how proud they were of him. When the final person had come through the line, I said to Jimmy and Carrie, "When would you like for us to have the baptism?" John Charles was standing listening to this, and evidently the thought of his being baptized made him a little nervous. As we discussed the matter, he tapped me on the leg to interrupt. I looked down at him and he said, "Could I wait to be baptized until I know more about God?"

Now what is your response going to be to a question like that? I sensed that he might be a little nervous about facing something like baptism, but how could you be critical of a boy who wants to know more about God? So, I responded, "Of course we can wait until you know more about God." We didn't say exactly how much he had to know, but we agreed to wait a little, and I made a renewed commitment to try to teach him as much about God as I possibly could.

You have to admire a boy who

wants to know more about God. When you really think about it, there is so much about God that we need to know, and our knowledge of Him is awfully small. One of the things that all of us ought to have as we begin the journey of the Christian life is a hunger to know more about Him.

Unfortunately, sometimes we have little of that hunger. Too often we suffer from spiritual anorexia—a loss of appetite for God. As a result of this spiritual anorexia, we have learned precious little about Him.

Edwin Ray Teale told about a cousin of his who once made a resolution to read the *Encyclopedia Britannica* from end to end. Unfortunately, he did not follow through on this resolution. In fact, he only got through the "D" volume. Always after that, Teale said, his cousin was amazingly learned in conversation, as long as the topic under discussion began with the letters A, B, C, or D.

Unfortunately, our knowledge of God is often partial and incomplete. What we need is to develop a fresh hunger to know more about Him.

By Thanksgiving, John Charles was ready to go with his baptism. It was a wonderful experience. I'm not sure exactly how much he knows about God, but he knows enough to be saved. And he has begun an exciting journey that will last all of his life—a journey of discovery on the road to learning more about God.

--Sunday's Sermons:

AM: "Keeping Missions Alive"
Acts 15:1-2, 5-10

PM: Hanging of the Green

COUNTING COMMITTEE:

J. W. Jennings, JoAnn Long,
David Jones, George Williams

USHERS:

AM

Jimmy Taylor, Edwin Reed,
Webster Cleveland, Joe Carter,
Tommy Ragan, Keith Stevens

PM

Bob Griffin, Roger Rhodes

EXTENDED SESSION:

December Coordinator

Wendy Scott (728-0025)

December 6:

Heather Matthews

Hannah Nichols

Wanda Cox

December 13:

Wendy Scott

Lisa Wright

Erik Dukes

IN SYMPATHY

Christian prayers and our sympathy are extended to the family of Mr. Toy Mayo

Vance and Louise Brown, Hazel and Ewell Brown, and Mrs. Maylene Brown and families in the death of their brother, Mr. Edwin Brown

Mrs. Jean Alexander and Mrs. Annie Pearl Waters and families in the death of their husband and brother, Mr. Bruce Alexander.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Gifts have been received by First Baptist Church in memory of Mr. Bruce Alexander Mr. Edwin Brown.

Pray for our Homebound:

Mrs. Vena Baldwin

Mrs. Peggy Williams

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| November 22, 2009 | |
| Sunday School | 260 |
| Budget | \$ 5,489.00 |
| Designated Offering | <u>1,745.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 7,234.00 |
| November 29, 2009 | |
| Sunday School | 263 |
| Budget | \$ 6,678.83 |
| Designated Offering | <u>1,035.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 7,713.83 |

JoyMakers Christmas Luncheon and Program

Thursday, December 10th
12:00 noon
in the fellowship hall

The **entire** meal will be provided. JoyMakers are not to bring food.

LuAnne Ford is in charge of the program.

Please come and bring a friend.

WOM December Meeting Dates

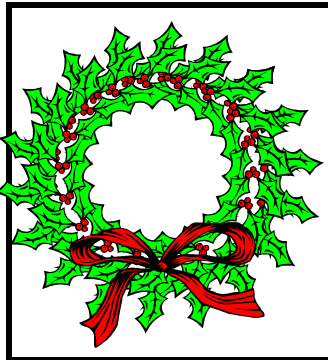
Sunshine Servants
Tuesday, December 8th
9:30 a.m.
home of Elizabeth Curlee

Rosalie Hunt Group
Tuesday, December 8th
2:00 p.m.

Helping Hands
Monday, December 14th
6:00 p.m.
Home of Danielle Jones



MUSIC NOTES



Hanging of the Green
Sunday, December 6
6:30 p.m.

Music by Youth Choir
The Christmas Story told by our
4-7 year old children.

ONLY LOVE

Adult Choir and Orchestra
Sunday, December 13

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 6
5:00 p.m.—Supper
Jane Billingsley and Angie Long
5:30 p.m.—Rehearsal

Special Dates

Sunday, December 6th—Hanging of the Green
Sunday, December 13th—Christmas Musical “Only Love” and Tasting Tea
Sunday, December 20th—Christmas by Candlelight

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Children's Christmas Breakfast
Sunday, December 6th in the Fellowship Hall
Movie: “The Legend of the Candy Cane”



Mom's in Touch

will meet Sunday, December 6th only. Then we will resume in January.



Children's Bible Drills
will resume in January.

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HANGING OF THE GREEN

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

ONLY LOVE

and Tasting Tea
Sunday, December 13th
6:30 p.m.

Lord's Supper by Candlelight

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

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The Operation
Christmas Child
Relay Center
at First Baptist was our
BEST EVER!

- 1,803 boxes logged in (up 28% from last year) Our center was 2nd in increases, right behind Pontotoc, which had a 29% increase.
- 60 volunteers (ages 7 and up helped)
- 45 of those were from FBC!
- The volunteers worked a total of 165 hours (more than 6 days long) with FBC volunteers working 135 of those hours.

Overall, our region collected 20,409 boxes (a 2% decrease). However, I am so grateful for the wonderful response we had here.

Praise the Lord!!

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