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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Peter Marshall (1902-1949) served as the Chaplain of the United States Senate in D.C. More than one source remembers that the gallery would be packed with people who wanted to hear Peter Marshall pray. Then after the prayer was over, people emptied the gallery as the Senators would go about making the legislation of the land. I want to share with you one of the prayers of Peter Marshall during the Christmas season:

"O Lord Jesus, we thank you for the joys of this season, for the divine love that was shed abroad among men when you did first come as a little child. But may we not think of your coming as a distant event that took place once and has never been repeated. May we know that you are still here walking among us, by our sides, whispering over our shoulders, tugging at our sleeves, smiling upon us when we need encouragement and help.

We thank you for your spirit that moves at this season the hearts of men: to be kindly and thoughtful—where before they were careless and indifferent, to be generous—where before they lived in selfishness, to be gentle—where before they had been rough and unmindful of the weak, to express their love—where before it had been taken for granted and assumed.

We are learning, O Lord, so slowly—life's true values. Surely Christmas would teach us the unforgettable lesson of the things that matter most—the ties that bind the structure of the family upon which our country and all the world rests; the love that we have for one another which binds your whole creation to your footstool, your throne. We are learning slowly, but, O God, we thank you that we are learning. So may Christmas linger with us, even as you are beside us the whole year. Amen.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Russell

Baptist Faith & Message
Study continues
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
in Adult 4



The Heavens are Telling
will be presented
by the Choirs of the
First Baptist Church
Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The Lottie Moon Post Office is open.



You may "deliver" your church family Christmas cards here and donate the postage saved to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



GO TELL
the story of Jesus

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 30 - DEC. 7, 2008

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**
National Goal: \$170 million
Our Goal: \$28,000

HEART OF CHRISTMAS

The tree is up!!! This year each heart has a dollar amount on it. Please return the heart in your offering envelope or to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 17. Part of the donations will go toward gifts for children involved in our Church & Hispanic ministries.



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

By Baptism



Emma Wood
322 Mary

By Letter



Katy Scherler
220 Ridgecrest, Apt B-29

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

Dec 15	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Dec 16	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Dec 17	5:00-9:00 p.m.
Dec 18	6:00-8:00 p.m.

Coming Events

- Dec 14 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. ESL
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Handbells/Choir; *Disciple's Prayerlife*
- 5:00 p.m. Baptist Faith & Message Study, AD4
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Program
- Dec 15 6:30 p.m. CARE Outreach Teams R & E
- Dec 16 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- Dec 17 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals - Make Reservations!!!
- 5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Meeting, Conf Room
- 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teacher's Meeting, AD6
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA Christmas Party; ESL; Youth Teacher's Meeting; DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate Christmas Party; The Island Christmas Party



Doc's Notes



Dec. 14th schedule:

1. Adult and Youth choirs – meet 10:25 a.m. “Sing We Now”
2. Christmas program: Parents, Our Christmas program is THIS Sunday evening, Dec. 14. ALL 4 yr. old – 6th grade choirs will meet in their choir rooms at 5 p.m. The adult and youth choirs will also meet in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be “on time” so the choirs will have time to rehearse. The children, youth and adult choirs have worked hard on preparing music for this years program “The Heavens are Telling”.
3. Christmas vacation: The Graded Choirs will not meet on Wednesday evenings Dec. 17, 24 or 31. Youth Choir will begin Sunday Jan. 11th and Graded Choirs will begin Wed. Jan 14th.

Mark your calendars for these “concerts”:

1. Dec. 14 – FBC Music Ministry Christmas program, 6:00 p.m.
2. ALL FBC “Caroling” – Sunday evening, Dec. 21st, 6:00 p.m.

“TOYS” – Old Mexico for Christmas

The Sanchez family will be visiting family in Mexico and have asked for TOYS to take to children as a mission project in December. ALL toys will be needed by Dec. 15th. Goal – 100 toys for boys and girls!

Live Embers Lynton Street will be our featured guest Thursday, January 8. I look forward to seeing you there and bring a friend.

Sanctuary Christmas Decorations

I would like to thank the following people for helping decorate the sanctuary: Sylvia Sanchez, Nellie Miraglio, Lynn Kennemer, Leon & Wanda Hall, Cleta Coffey, Helen Chester, Roger Green and Tom McConnell.

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Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Jane Thomas/Trish Carter
- 1 year olds:**
Nathan & Amanda Friesen
- 2 year olds:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 3 year olds:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 4 year olds:**
Mark & Abby Benton



Weekly Report

December 7, 2008

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	284
Youth.....	61
Children.....	87
Preschool.....	58
Fellowship.....	27
Total.....	516
Hispanic Mission.....	27
Total *incl. mission.....	543
New S.S. Members.....	5
Enrollment:.....	1384

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$31,006.20
Above.....	\$2,748.20
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$1,696.50
Below.....	\$1,765.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter.....	1
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	2
Professions of Faith.....	1

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	35
By Statement.....	2
By Baptism.....	20
Total.....	57

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$1,384,642.00
Received.....	\$1,579,027.93
Above.....	\$194,385.93
Building Need.....	\$169,638.00
Building Received...	\$220,768.39
Balance on Note.....	\$202,439.02