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**From our Pastor**

Beloved,

One of England's most famous missionaries was David Livingstone. He was born March 19, 1813 and died on May 1, 1873 in Central Province, Zambia. He spent over half of his life serving in Africa.

When he went to Glasgow University to receive an honorary Doctorate, here is a part of what he said to the assembly, "Would you like for me to tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.' It is the word of a gentleman of the most strict and sacred honor."

The diary of his last months of life struggling through the Lake Bengweulu swamps is witness to his undimmed faith and his total commitment to his faith and to Africa. On March 19, 1873, he wrote, "Can I hope for ultimate success? So many obstacles have arisen. Let not Satan prevail over me, O my good Lord Jesus."

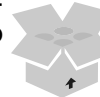
He died a few weeks later and was given a hero's funeral in Westminster Abbey. When Livingstone was found in the jungles of Africa on his knees, face in hands, cold in death, his Bible was opened to that verse upon which he had placed his finger a thousand times, Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As we remember our missionaries in this season of prayer, let us also trust in God's great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4).

**In His Grace,**

*Pastor Russell*

Elk City Ministerial Alliance needs our help preparing Christmas Baskets at St. Matthew's Catholic Church . If you can help, please come Friday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m. to help label boxes.



**TELL ME!**  
the story of Jesus

*2007 Week of Prayer for International Missions*  
December 2 - 9

*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*  
National Goal: \$165 Million  
Our Church Goal: \$30,000.00  
Rec'd to Date: \$5, 500.00



**OKLAHOMA  
BLOOD  
INSTITUTE  
BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Tuesday,  
December 18  
Noon-6:00 pm  
FBC**



*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.



**Doc's Notes**



**Christmas Program Rescheduled:**

Our program has been rescheduled for this Sunday evening, December 16. Please meet at the following time:

1. Youth Choir and Bells – 4:30 p.m.
2. All Graded Choirs – 5:00 p.m. [in choir rooms]
3. Adult Choir – 5:15 p.m. [sanctuary]

PARENTS, thank you for helping to reschedule your weekend so our children and bell choirs can perform. They have worked very hard in preparing for this program. Reminder: ALL bells players are needed! We don't have substitute players! SEE YOU THIS SUNDAY EVENING!

**CHARTER "Refunds"**

I will know all the details by Monday evening! WE are working with a great travel agency through Keith Butler w/ RECREATION Tours in OKC. Each of you will receive a note by the end of the week. WE just couldn't take the chance with the weather and possible injury to ANYONE. Thank you!

**2008 LIVE Embers**

January 10<sup>th</sup> begins our '08 Live Embers meetings with guest speaker Cynthia Trent and Jim Taylor [poet]. Now is the time to join Live Embers luncheons and activities.

PROGRAMS: Gabbi & Bryce Butcher, Susan Fuchs, Home School Choir and Bells, Elk City Jazz Choir, Ralph Chapman, Grandview Honor Choir and more!

TRIPS: Singing Churchmen in Anadarko, Falls Creek tour, tour BVRC, Musical "Texas", N.E. Fall Foliage [did you send your deposit for this trip?] Please let me know of any other place you would like to go!

**2008 Choir "Beginning Dates"**

1. Dec. 6 –PIZZA. ALL youth choir/bell members meet at 4:30 p.m. [FBC] to leave for Pizza Hut.
2. Dec. 9 – Young Musicians / Adult Choir rehearsals.
3. Dec. 13 – Graded Choir and Youth Bell rehearsals.

Join a Choir this Spring and enjoy the fellowship & new songs!

**Adult Choir**

No Adult Choir Dec. 19, 26 and Jan. 2!

*Doc*

**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**

Jane Thomas/Trish Carter

**1 year olds:**

Marisa Moran/Julie Knutson

**2 year olds:**

Larry & Amy Williams

**3 year olds:**

Shawn & Susan Carlson

**4 year olds:**

**NEED HELP!!!**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, December 16**

**5:30 pm**

**Business Meeting in the Chapel**

**6:00 pm**

**Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 23**

**6:00 pm**

**Evening Worship**

**6:30 pm**

**All-Church Caroling**

All S.S. Departments are encouraged to participate in the caroling. We will read the Christmas Story, sing a few Christmas carols and give a gift to each homebound member.

**Coming Events**

- Dec 16 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:00 p.m. ESL, Adult 7  
 5:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity; Men's Disc, Parlor  
 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting-Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. Musical Christmas Program

Dec 17 6:00 p.m. Adult 3 Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall

Dec 18 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity, FH / Breakfast

Noon OBI Blood Drive 'til 6:00 p.m., FBC, Gym

Dec 19 Noon Men's Fraternity, FH

6:00 p.m. AWANA REC. Only

6:30 p.m. Weds Worship, Regenerate

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



**Weekly Report**

December 9, 2007

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults .....	136
Youth .....	43
Children .....	44
Preschool .....	37
Total.....	260
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:.....	1329

**The People Gave...**

Budget Need .....	\$25,340.00
Received.....	\$20,118.75
Below .....	\$5,221.25
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$885.50
Below .....	\$2,576.50

**And the Lord Added...**

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

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter .....	9
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	10
Total.....	19

**Giving**

Budget Need .....	\$1,241,660.00
Received.....	\$1,349,658.04
Above .....	\$107,998.04
Building Need.....	\$169,638.00
Building Received .	\$179,852.51
Balance on Note...	\$145,762.88

**ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE**



**Open Gym Hours:**

Dec - 17	5:30-8:00 p.m.
Dec - 19	5:00-9:00 p.m.
Dec - 20	5:30-8:00 p.m.