

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

Dr. Russell Duck, Pastor
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From our Pastor

Beloved,

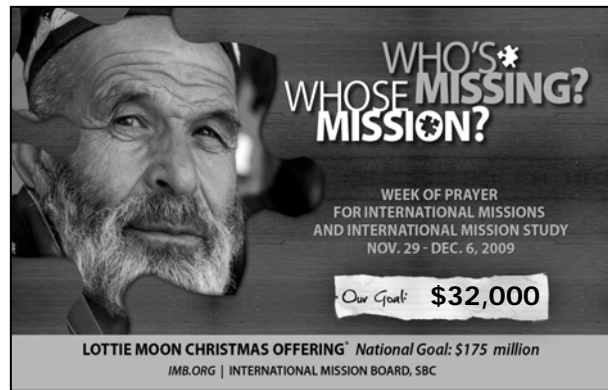
Choir Christmas Program: I appreciate the wonderful job the Music Ministry did last Sunday night. I love the music of this season and we were tremendously blessed by all of our choirs and musicians. I want to say a special thank you to Doc Ware (who, by the way, completed 18 years with our church this month) for compiling and directing the program this year. He always does a great job and this year was no exception.

Christian Counseling transition: For the last seven years or so, Sandra Reneau has driven out to Elk City from Moore, Oklahoma every Wednesday and provided Christian counseling services. Sandra has recently informed me of her desire to resign from this position. Sandra and I have been working together to find another counselor who would be willing to drive to our church and provide counseling. I have been in the process of interviewing prospective counselors and will make the information available to the church family when the process is complete. I hope to have someone in place by the first of the year. Please keep this in your prayers. There is a great need for Christian counseling in our geographical area by people who are qualified (things such as Christian commitment, educational credentials, experience, and licensed by the state).

Christmas reflection: We read in 1 John 4:14 "We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." John Stott writes of this verse that it is a straightforward statement about Christmas in which four nouns stand out:

The word "world" is John's term for godless society, which is displeasing to God and under his just judgment. The word "Savior" indicates that the world needs salvation. The word "Son" is the Savior we need. His death is the only ground on which God can forgive our sins. The word "Father" reminds us of who sent the son to be the world's Savior. In giving his son, he was giving himself. See you Sunday as we celebrate the Son coming as the Savior of the world.

Pastor Russell



WHO'S WHOSE MISSING? MISSION?

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 29 - DEC. 6, 2009

Our Goal: **\$32,000**

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING National Goal: \$175 million
I.M.B.ORG | INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, SBC

Giving CREDIT for 2009 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Individual wanting year-end contributions to the Church included in their giving contribution statements for the year 2009 need to turn in those contributions to the Church no later than noon Thursday, December 31. IRS rules further specify that contributions, which are mailed, must be postmarked by December 31, in order to be considered deductible for the year 2009. Contact the Church Accountant if you have any questions.

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.





S.I.S. Jesus is the Heart of Christmas tree is up & more tags have been added!

Thanks for your generosity!

Lord's Supper Service

Sunday, December 20

6:00 p.m.



ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE



Gym Hours:

Dec 21	4:00-8:00 pm
Dec 22	4:00-8:00 pm
Dec 23	Closed
Dec 24	Closed

THANK YOU'S
Received from the following:

Susan Grabeal

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



THANK YOU

I would like to thank our choir directors, teachers, custodians, Rick Wheeler and entire sound crew for a their "collective" part in making our Christmas program a success. A special "THANK YOU" to each member of our Graded / Youth & Adult choirs for your attendance and participation in last nights program. Bell Choirs – your were a blessing. You are loved and appreciated!

2010 Choir schedules:

Choirs Begin	Date
1. All Graded & Adult Choirs	Wed., Jan. 6 th
2. Youth – Bells & Choir	Sun., Jan. 10 th

THIS coming new year would be a great time for YOU and YOUR FAMILY to be part of the music ministry at FBC. Plans are being made for Easter, spring program and July 4th.

A Christmas WISH!

Donna and I would like to extend our love and appreciation to our FBC family! May this Christmas and New Year bring "special" blessings to your family and our extended FBC family! Love ya'll....Doc and Donna Ware

Coming Events

Dec 20	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
	3:00 p.m. Elkwood
	4:00 p.m. ESL; Fin Peace Univ, AD4
	5:30 p.m. Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Lord's Supper Service
Dec 22	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
Dec 23	Noon Church Office Closes
	No Wednesday Activities or Services
Dec 24-25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
	Church Office Closed



Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Helen Chester/Delilah Weatherly
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
Shari Coon /Courtney McHenry
- 2 year olds:**
Steve & Cathy Hooper
- 3 year olds:**
Vicki Callaway/Tammy Allison
- 4 year olds:**
Coy & Jennifer Jacks



Weekly Report

December 13, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	282
Youth.....	81
Children.....	96
Preschool.....	71
Fellowship.....	30
Total	560
Hispanic Mission.....	25
Total *incl. mission.....	585
New S.S. Members.....	3
Enrollment:	1433

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$26,031.25
Below.....	\$3,348.75
Bldg Received.....	\$508.50

And the Lord Added...

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

Year to Date

Additions	
By Letter.....	7
By Statement	1
By Baptism.....	18
Total.....	26

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$1,439,620.00
Received.....	\$1,487,979.87
Above.....	\$48,359.87
Bldg Rec'd To Date.	\$126,030.25