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From our Pastor

Beloved,

I really enjoyed our Christmas music program last Sunday night. It was truly a great blessing. I love all the great music of this special season as we remind ourselves of the great truth that our Lord became flesh and entered this world to be our Savior. I want to say thank you to Doc Ware for putting all of it together. I am also thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers in the music ministry. There is no doubt that music is a universal language. What makes it even more special is when it is sung to the glory of God as it was last Sunday night. God bless you musicians!

I hope you will continue to pray for our missionaries throughout the month of December and also give a generous gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Your gifts will help support over 5,100 international missionaries serving in many countries around the world. In 2006 your gifts enabled our missionaries to start 23,486 new churches around the world who then baptized 475,072 people. Remember that 100% of your gifts to Lottie Moon go directly to the mission field. No administrative costs are taken out of this offering.

This coming Sunday, December 23rd, Paul Box will be our pulpit guest. I have great respect for Paul and Pattye Box. They have been faithful servants of the Lord for many years. God greatly used them in our church during the interim period before I became your Pastor. I know you will look forward to seeing them this Sunday. I also know they will look forward to seeing you once again.

I want you to know what a joy it is to be your Pastor. It is hard to believe this is our 7th Christmas together as Pastor and people. Each year gets better and better. It is a joy to serve the Lord together with you here in Elk City. Jone and I love Elk City and we love our church family. I am looking forward to a great 2008!

With love and affection,

Pastor Russell



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!!!

Russell, Danny, Doc, Ryan, Ann, Colene, Cindy, Susan, Patti, Krista, Judy, Roger, Tom, Mary & Jeff

Thanks for the goodies & gifts you shared with us during this Christmas season!



All-Church Caroling
Sunday, December 23
6:00 pm Evening Worship
6:30 pm All-Church Caroling

All S.S. Departments encouraged to participate. We'll read the Christmas Story, sing a few Christmas carols and give a gift to each homebound member.



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.

TELL ME!
the story of Jesus

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal: \$165 Million

Our Church Goal: \$30,000.00

Rec'd to Date: \$11, 871.69

Applications are being accepted for the position of part-time Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. Applications are available at the church office.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE

Open Gym Hours:

Dec - 27 Noon-5:00 p.m.
Jan 2 Noon-4:30 p.m.
Jan 3 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Dec - 24,25,26,28 *Gym Closed

THANK-YOU'S

Have been received from:

Hubert & Lois Loch

Look for them on the bulletin board near the elevator.

Doc's Notes



CHARTER "Refund" details:

Our show in Branson and "Adventure" in OKC haven't been able to communicate [without electricity]. FBC will be in touch with everyone who paid for the Branson trip in the very near future. We should hear details by the end of the week. Thank you for understanding.

2008 LIVE Embers

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

2008 Choir "Beginning DATES"

I'd like to thank our directors, teachers & choir members for a beautiful program last night. Please mark these dates as we prepare for 2008 "SPRING" music programs:

1. Jan. 6 - PIZZA. ALL youth choir/bells members meet at 4:30 p.m. [FBC] to leave for pizza hut.
2. Jan. 9 - Young Musicians and Adult Choir rehearsals
3. Jan. 13 - Graded Choir & Youth Bells/Choir rehearsals

JOIN a CHOIR this SPRING and enjoy the fellowship and "new" music.

2008 N.E. Foliage trip

Have you sent your deposit? Please read all the materials that we mailed to you send the health forms to FBC Elk City @ Doc. "17" people have already sent deposits in for this trip. WE need 45 to go on this GREAT trip!

ALL Church "Caroling"

Sunday evening, December 23. Please call you class and talk this up because many of our church family will be planning Christmas gathering during this weekend. Invite your family to join you S.S. class. You WILL be BLESSED!

Doc

Coming Events

- Dec 23 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
4:00 p.m. ESL, Adult 7
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
6:30 p.m. All-Church Caroling
Dec 24-25 Church Office Closed - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**
Dec 26 No Wednesday Activities

NO MESSENGER WILL BE PRINTED DECEMBER 25TH.

They will return January 3, 2008.

Extended Session:

Babies:

Glenda Ivins/Wanda Richardson

1 year olds:

Steve & Cathy Hooper

2 year olds:

Janet Cromer/Jamie Shockley

3 year olds:

Mark & Abby Benton

4 year olds:

Michael & Katy Womack



Weekly Report

December 16, 2007

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults	280
Youth.....	63
Children.....	91
Preschool.....	77
Fellowship.....	26
Spanish Church.....	11
Total.....	548
New S.S. Members.....	4
Enrollment.....	1330

The People Gave...

Budget Needs	\$25,340.00
Received.....	\$38,320.65
Above.....	\$12,980.65
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$2,863.75
Below.....	\$598.25

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.....	\$1,267,000.00
Received.....	\$1,387,978.69
Above.....	\$120,978.69
Building Need.....	\$173,100.00
Building Received....	\$182,716.26
Balance on Note....	\$145,762.88