

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for



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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Each year when we receive the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, my mind always goes back to a Baptist by the name of William Carey.

Carey was a bivocational pastor who repaired shoes to supplement his small income. In 1786 he spoke to a Pastor's association about the need to be obedient to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). He asked if the command to teach all nations was not binding on all succeeding pastors to the end of the world. Would you believe that William Carey was severely rebuked by his fellow pastors? One pastor told Carey, "Young man, when God desires to save the heathen, he will save them without your help or mine!"

Fortunately, Carey would not take no for an answer. Missionary zeal continued to burn deeply within his heart. He addressed the association again in 1792. His fiery message and zeal for obedience caught on, and within six months the world's first missionary society was organized. William Carey became the father of the modern missionary movement. One famous line from his sermon was, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." The obedience of one man to the Great Commission has led to salvation for untold millions of souls.

What can we do? We can pray for our missionaries. We can give more to missions so more people can go. We can go as God may lead. Those who do not go must pray and give for those who do go. Our Lottie Moon goal is \$32,000.00. Isaiah 9:2 tells us, "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them." Let us give generously that they may hear of Jesus' light and love!

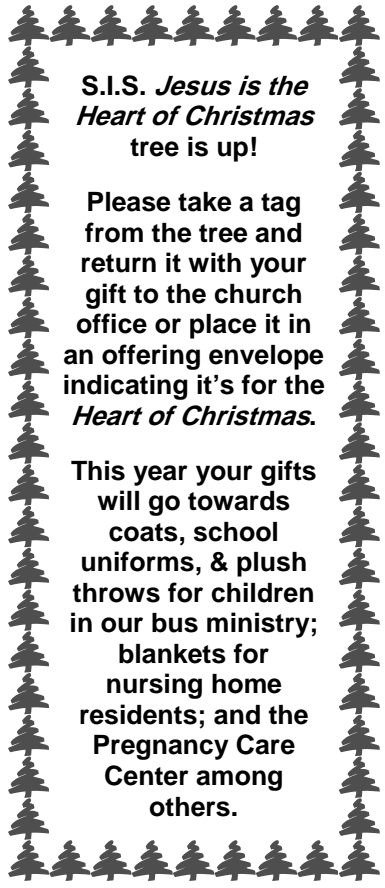
Pastor Russell

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
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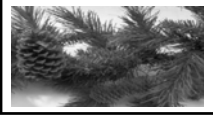


S.I.S. *Jesus is the Heart of Christmas* tree is up!

Please take a tag from the tree and return it with your gift to the church office or place it in an offering envelope indicating it's for the *Heart of Christmas*.

This year your gifts will go towards coats, school uniforms, & plush throws for children in our bus ministry; blankets for nursing home residents; and the Pregnancy Care Center among others.

Join us for the Hanging of the Green featuring *Christian Davis* in Concert Sunday, December 6 6:00 p.m.



Join us Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 pm for this GriefShare event. This is one 40 minute session and will meet in Adult 3.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
 GRIEF SHARE

Because you have played such an important part in their lives please join us for a

50th Wedding Anniversary

in honor of
Hayden and Jane Austin
 on December 5, 2009
 at 3:00 p.m.

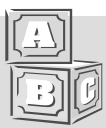
First Baptist Church
 Fellowship Hall
 Elk City, Oklahoma

Wee School Openings!!!

One available spot in the 1-year-old class as well as the 3-year-old class.

Contact Katy Womack (225-7951) to enroll.


Wee School Substitute Teachers are needed. Contact Katy.



ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE

Gym Hours:

Dec 7	Closed
Dec 8	6:00-8:00 pm
Dec 9	5:00-9:00 pm
Dec 10	4:00-8:00 pm




The final Olan Mills Photography date is

Monday, December 7.
 You may sign up at church Sunday or by calling Cindy at 225-7951.

Doc's Notes



“Christian Davis” In Concert!

Christian Davis will be featured in both services this Sunday, Dec. 6. Christian began singing professionally in 1998 and has appeared with the following groups: resident Bass Vocalist for Dr. Jerry Falwell’s old Time Gospel Hour Quartet, 2001 Horizon Individual Nominee by the Singing News Magazine, appeared on Dr. James Dobson’s “Focus on the Family”, guest soloist on several Dr. Bailey Smith Crusades and Studio Vocalist for Bill Gaither’s Homecoming Video Series.

Toys for “old Mexico” [deadline – Dec. 18th]
 The Sanchez family will be leaving for Mexico on Friday, Dec. 19th. They are asking that our church family help out with the following items: Sweaters or jackets sizes small and medium for 38 youth boys and girls; toys for 16 Preschool children under age 5, and toys for 63 children ages 5-12. Smaller/compact toys are the easiest for them to transport.

Combined Christmas Program [Dec. 13, 6 p.m.]
 CHILDREN, YOUTH and ADULT choirs have “1” more rehearsal before our program. Everyone needed at rehearsals! Invite your family to come!

Doc

Coming Events

- Dec 6 8:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast, FH
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. ESL; Fin Peace Univ, AD4
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green
- Nov 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Offering
- Dec 7 9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conf Rm
- 3:00-9:30 p.m. Olan Mills Photography
- 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team C & A
- Dec 8 6:45 a.m. Men’s Prayer Meeting, FH
- 6:00 p.m. Adult 1 Christmas Party, FH
- Dec 9 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. Weds Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teacher’s Mtg, AD6
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA; ESL; Youth Teach Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship, Regenerate The Island
- Dec 10 6:30 p.m. S.I.S., Adult 4
- Dec 11 6:30 p.m. Adult 3 Christmas Party, FH

Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Sara Cloud/Lori Cloud
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
David & Wanda Thompson
- 2 year olds:**
Jennifer Rainey/Jacinda King
- 3 year olds:**
Josh & Christi Thomas
- 4 year olds:**
Sheila Sutton/Jenny Kauk



Weekly Report

November 29, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	243
Youth.....	66
Children.....	77
Preschool.....	58
Fellowship.....	10
Total	454
Hispanic Mission.....	32
Total *incl. mission.....	486
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:	1430

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$22,786.56
Below.....	\$6,593.44
Bldg Received.....	\$7,349.11

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.....	16
Total.....	24

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$1,380,860.00
Received.....	\$1,403,626.80
Above.....	\$22,766.80
Bldg Rec'd To Date.	\$122,235.25