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**From our Pastor**

Beloved,

Have you ever wished for a new start to life? Often, as we come to the end of one year and the beginning of a new year, we become reflective about life and the things we have experienced. We all sometimes wish that we could start over, wipe out the past, begin with a clean slate, or get a second chance. There are several reasons why.

Life on the earthly plane is disappointing. Regardless of who we are, or how much we have, life viewed only from the financial and material level always fails to meet our expectations. After the gifts are unwrapped and the Christmas tree dismantled, there is often a feeling that it didn't measure up to our expectations. Nothing in this life does. We are people always craving more.

Life on the earthly plane is incomplete. There is a reason that ultimately, on this earth, things never completely satisfy us. This life is incomplete. Our best life is not now, it is later, in heaven with Jesus. If your best life is now, then you are not be a Christian. C.S. Lewis said it best: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

Life on the earthly plane is sinful. As human beings, we long to rise above the downward tug of our natures, but repeatedly we fall. We want to fly, but our wings are broken. The apostle Paul puts it like this, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Life on the earthly plane can be changed. This is the good news for a new year! A new beginning is possible for all of us! Paul tells us, "There, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corin. 5:17)  
God's salvation provides a new start for us where we are.

**Starting fresh,**

***Pastor Russell***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
The church office will  
be closed January 1  
and re-open  
Friday, January 2.**

**WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE  
January 18-21, 2009  
The conference will be the  
study of Exodus. Dr. Rick Byar-  
geon will lead the January  
study.**

Women's Bible Study begins  
January 11, 2009  
This 10-week Beth Moore Study,  
*Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman*  
will be offered Sundays at 4:30 p.m  
facilitated by Christie Spieker & Latia Murray or  
7:15 p.m. facilitated  
by Rhonda Roper  
The cost for the class is \$16.

***The Lottie Moon Post Office  
has closed for the season.***

Please check the table near  
the S.S. office for any cards  
that may have been "sent" to you.



To date we have received  
\$27,007.17 for our Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering.

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

**By Baptism**



Jeremy Kinder  
Rt 4, Box 184  
Sayre, OK

Sara Miel  
1401 Sherry  
Court



Merlin  
Clodfelter

**By Letter**

Lee French  
HC66 Box 28  
Foss, OK



**Doc's Notes**



**Live Embers**

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

**'09 Spring "Music" Schedule**

You are invited to be part of our 2009 Music Ministry. Please mark your calendar for the following days:

1. Wednesday, Jan. 7th – Adult choir.
2. Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>:
  - 1) Youth bells & choir – regular time.
  - 2) Adult bells – 7:00 p.m. New members welcome!
3. Wednesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:
  - 1) Graded Choirs begin – regular schedule.

**Adult Choir**

YOU are invited to join the adult choir on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. We will begin Easter music soon and plans are being made to combine with FBC Weather and Clinton for a July concert. Come and experience the fellowship and music!

**Merry Christmas**

Grandoc and Nonna Ware would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Blessings.... Doc and Donna Ware.

**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**

Laura Barber-Jay/Sandra McClure

**1 year olds:**

Ashley Laufer/Karistin Young

**2 year olds:**

Wendell & Shellean Dunn

**3 year olds:**

Sheila Sutton/Jenny Kauk

**4 year olds:**

Kelli Freeman/Julie Glasscock



**Weekly Report**

December 28, 2008

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	234
Youth.....	47
Children.....	68
Preschool.....	58
Fellowship.....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>415</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	5
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>420</b>
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:.....	1390

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$55,626.70
Above.....	\$27,368.70
Bldg Received.....	\$1,838.50

**And the Lord Added...**

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

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	36
By Statement.....	2
By Baptism.....	24
Total.....	62

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$1,469,416.00
Received.....	\$1,699,030.42
Above.....	\$229,614.42
Building Received...	\$231,451.39
Balance on Note.....	\$172,439.02

**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**



**Gym Hours:**

Jan 5	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jan 6	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jan 7	5:00-9:00 p.m.
Jan 8	6:00-8:00 p.m.



**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



**Coming Events**

Jan 4	8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast/Disaster Relief Meeting
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
	4:00 p.m. ESL
	6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Jan 5	9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conference Room
	6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Outreach Team C
Jan 6	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
Jan 7	5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
	5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, Adult 6
	6:00 p.m. AWANA; Youth Teachers Mtg, Youth Room
	6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Jan 8	Noon Live Embers, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. S.I.S., Parlor

**LOOK INSIDE FOR THE JANUARY CALENDAR!!!**