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WHO'S MISSING? WHOSE MISSION?

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal - \$175 million
First Baptist Church Goal - \$8000
Received - \$1,100.45

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

The 2009 theme is "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?" More than 1.5 billion people are missing out on the opportunity to hear the Gospel. They are living in pockets of lostness, hidden behind cultural, physical, political and language barriers to a Gospel witness. Yet God calls every church and every believer to be on mission with Him to break down the barriers.

For the first time in several years, IMB is not focusing on a particular region but instead on heavy concentrations of lostness across the globe. Many of the world's people missing from God's family live in these pockets of lostness where barriers to the Gospel keep them from hearing. More information on the pockets and barriers is available on our "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?" Web site.



*...begins this Sunday,
November 29*
"Prepare the way of the Lord."
Join us for worship in great expectation!!!

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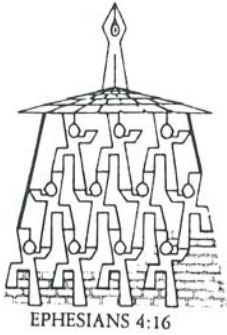
REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 am Library open
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Library open
6:00 pm Evening Worship
Youth Worship
7:00 pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday

5:30 pm Supper Line Opens
6:00 pm Library open
Children's Choirs
LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Young Professionals
6:45 pm Children's Mission
Groups
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival. Traditionally, it's a time to give thanks to God for the harvest and express gratitude. The date and location of the first Thanksgiving is a topic of modest contention. The earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is

now Saint Augustine, FL. The traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621. The Plymouth celebration occurred early in history of the original thirteen colonies that became the United States. This celebration became an important part of the American myth by the 1800s.

However, long before this good tradition began, the scriptures gave many reasons for thanksgiving. Here are a few for your Thanksgiving week:

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."—*Psalm 9:1*

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"—*Psalm 50:23*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.—*Psalm 92:1*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!"—*Psalm 97:12*

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"
Psalm 100:4

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!"
Psalm 105:1-2

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."—*Philippians 4:6*.

God bless you! Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 29, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "Too Early to Think About Christmas?"
John 1:1-14

PM 5th Sunday Night Fellowship Supper
Pastor's Forum



I want to encourage all our music groups to be faithful in rehearsal attendance as December is officially "breathing down our necks"! Each week's meeting is important as we prepare to celebrate that most holy of seasons.

FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

By popular demand, we will once again enjoy this special tradition. Sunday, December 20 at 6 p.m. is the date You are invited to share a song, play an instrument, or tell a special Christmas story. If you are interested in taking part, or need some help picking out that special song or reading, let me know. This has always been a great time of celebration. Plan to join and take part. (Rumor has it that Jody is planning a musical offering. Bill? Time will tell!)

5th Sunday Night Supper



and First Family Forum

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:30 p.m. Burris Hall

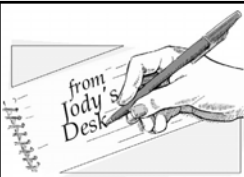
Bring your favorite covered dishes and join us for a great time of fellowship around the tables.

Following the dinner, we will have a

FIRST FAMILY FORUM

A forum is simply a public dialogue involving audience discussion. This will be a unique time to share any topic on your heart with the pastor in an informal setting and discuss plans and dreams for the future of First Baptist Church. We hope you will join us for this special time together.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK
Lounette Summer (birthday is December 1)
1114 K Avenue
Cayce, SC 29033
794-3063



First Family Forum is Sunday

This week I want to encourage you all to be present for our First Family Forum. I really look forward to these because they are about

YOU! We will be wrapping up our Discipleship emphasis with some real important questions for you. Your church staff enjoys serving the Lord and the body of Christ here. We are praying for your inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Together, we are discovering the plans God has for our church, our community, and our own personal lives. Childcare will be provided so all of our parents can attend. Don't miss out on some good Baptist home cooking and great Christian "koinonia".



Lighthouse Student Ministries

Sunday, December 13 Lunch-4pm

This is the new plan for us to meet and distribute blankets and food to the area's homeless. We will be going to the Riverwalk. Please bring enough money for a fast food lunch. Pray, pray, pray! We want to share the gospel with folks along with meeting their immediate physical need.

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 16 6 - 9 p.m.

Olive Garden Restaurant

The end of year event is coming up! You will only need \$5.00 for your supper. Please bring a wrapped present (no more than \$10 value) for our Bad Santa game. Remember, this is the **ONLY event ALL year that I ask you to dress up for!** Ties for the guys, girls you have more options for looking nice. Dress to impress! We had a great year and are looking forward to celebrating it together.

Jody

Café Connection



The Cafe' Connection Christmas party will be December 15th from 6:30 - until, at the home of Allison Fowler. Bring

a favorite finger food or dessert! Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor for more information.



Hope Bridge Angel Tree

Each year we are asked to make Christmas a little brighter for some of the special youth and adults at Hope Bridge, an Adult Day Care for the mentally challenged. Wish lists are avail-

able today outside the chapel area. Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 20. This ministry is sponsored by our Youth Department.

In Loving Memory

Ethel (Doll) Crapps

June 4, 1922 - November 18 2009



West Columbia Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 4 6:30 p.m.
West Columbia City Hall
Dr. Bill Drees will be bringing the Christmas message. Our Sanctuary Choir will also be participating.

Mayor Bobby Horton invites you to join us for a great program and the reception that will follow.



The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend our heartfelt love and Christian sympathy to the family of Doll Crapps.

Best Wishes



to the Newlyweds

CONGRATULATIONS to...

Michelle Austin and R.H. Delaney who were married on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Frances Frye and William Branham who were married on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

"I was in prison and you came to visit me"... Jesus

Matthew 25:36

Prison Kit Delivery at Broad River Correction Institute

Tuesday, December 8 Departing at 4:45 pm
All men eighteen years and older are invited to join us in this mission opportunity to share the love of Christ as we deliver Christmas packets. **If you are interested, please have your name and SC drivers license number turned into the church office by Sunday, November 29.**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
November 29-December 5**

Sunday, November 29

- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:30 p.m. 5th Sunday Night Supper
and First Family Forum
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Tuesday, December 1

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. **ESTHER** Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Friday, December 4

- 5:45 p.m. Choir meets at City Hall
- 6:30 p.m. West Columbia Christmas
Tree Lighting

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

November 22, 2009

HEALTH MINISTRY

Dawn Kimura

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carol McKay, Debra Shepherd

Twos and Threes

Debra Williams, Debra Shepherd

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dave Simpson

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Kati Gauden

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building

Legare Gunter

Front Lower Level

Boyd & Azalee Anderson

SOUND

James Franks

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall

Deadline for reservations and
cancellations is noon Monday.



December 2

BBQ Sandwich
Baked Beans, Slaw
Rolls & Dessert

Adults (10 & up) \$5.00

Children (5-9) \$3.00

Children 4 & under FREE

Reservations are necessary.

Forms are available at sanctuary entrances
and in registration booklets.

Deadline to sign up or cancel
reservations is noon on Monday.

"TEST ME IN THIS"



**November Stewardship
Emphasis**

As you pray for our church this week, please remember to include the "Family Ministry Teams" proposed in last week's Tie-Binder. We believe this effort would substantially improve unity within our church body. Please consider joining us and contact me at 796-3238 for more information.

In the Spirit,
Allan Murray

Hospital Update

as of Monday, November 23

Palmetto Baptist Hospital

Alice Ray

Pray every day for First Baptist Church!