



The Forerunner

NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Merry Christmas from :
The Twilbeck's &
The Dye's

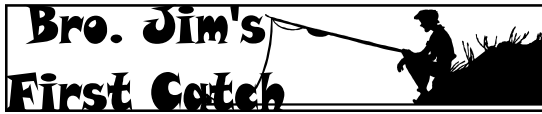


Western District Open House



Friday, December 9th, 12 noon - 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come by and visit the
Ministry Center !



As followers of Jesus Christ we are His Heart, Hands and Voice to reach our lost dying world. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering theme this year is "His Heart, Hands and Voice." We must ask ourselves are we being obedient to what our Lord has called us to? Are we doing all we can to reach our Lost world ? Part of what we do to reach our world is give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Having just returned from the International Mission field I have seen first hand how our Lottie Moon dollars are being used. And I have seen how our Missionaries have had to cut back because of limited funds. The great thing about who we are as Southern Baptist is that our missionaries don't have to continually come back to the churches in the states begging for support. And 100% of what we gives goes directly to the field to support the work of our missionaries. So as you think of giving Christmas gifts this year, what gift will you give to our Lord to support our missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? I hope it will be your best gift yet. Also I ask you to pray for our IMB missionaries, especially for those working amongst the Wolof people of W Africa. Also pray as we consider how God wants our Association to support the work in Dakar.

I would like to personally invite all of you to our Christmas Open House Dec 9 from 12 noon to 6 pm. Mary and Colleen have decorated the office and we are looking forward to having you as our guest for this special day. It will be a come and go, so even if you have a busy day we hope you will stop by for us to personally wish you a Merry Christmas.

Please keep our mission team that will be traveling to Walker, LA on January 1 - 7 in your prayers. We have approximately 25 people from our WDBA and about 30 people from Kingston ,TN who are going to help frame a new building for Victory Baptist Church. We will be

working with the same group of Louisiana Baptist Builders that we worked with this summer.

January 12 Richard Skidmore with Guidestone and TBC will be with us at 6 pm to discuss all the new tax laws and how they relate to your churches. Pastors if you would like to personally meet with Richard to discuss your retirement account please let us know and we will see if we can set up a time for you. Every Pastor, church treasurer and a deacon should attend this meeting.

Let me ask you to pray about to important events we have coming up in 2012. On March 24 we will have an "On The Go" Festival on Downtown Court square in Paris. We want every church to have a booth and to encourage their members to attend this event. This is an opportunity for us to touch our community outside of the church. Secondly on Sunday night May 20 at 6 pm Bobby Welch will be in our association to help us celebrate what God is doing Evangelistically in our churches. Maplewood has graciously agreed to host this event. Bobby is the author of Faith and is currently serving with our TBC.

On behalf of Mary and her family, my family and me - let me wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. I pray that you will experience the birth of Jesus in a new and refreshing way this year. This year my oldest son Travis is giving us one of the best gifts ever, he is graduating from Mississippi College on Dec 16. Please pray for him as he begins a new career in Jackson, MS area. The WDBA ministry center will be closed Dec 21 - Jan 3. If you will need anything please do not hesitate to call my cellphone. It has been overwhelming to me to see how you have filled out my life verse of Phil 1:9. Your love has abounded in many ways this past year, I pray it does as we look ahead to a New Year. Be looking for my new life verse in 2012.

Bro. Jim << In Him



Sunday School
Fred Shackelford, Director



As I write this I am sitting in my recliner at home. The Christmas tree is lit up behind me to my right. Stockings are hung on the entertainment center in front of me. Manger scenes are scattered about and other Christmas adornments prove to anyone still questioning what time of year it is.

Preparations have been made.

As a Sunday School/Small Group leader, you know about preparation. You prepare your lesson every week. If your group meets in your home, you prepare for that. You clean the house, get together any food that you'll be serving, and maybe put coffee on. If you meet at church, you arrive early to your classroom week after week to pray, make sure the chairs are arranged just so, take a final look at the lesson and just... prepare. You know about preparation.

Let me ask you this: Are you prepared for Christmas? Don't misunderstand. I'm not asking whether your shopping is done or if your tree is up or if your stockings are hung. I'm not concerned about that (unless, of course, you're buying for me. In that case, get busy! J). No, I'm not asking about any of those things. What I'm wondering is whether you are spiritually prepared.

Too often, we don't think about preparing in this way. We want to prepare for the things that will be seen, the things that will be noticed (and the things that will be critiqued if we don't prepare). But when it comes to those things that will not be noticed, well, that's a different story.

It's easy to be distracted at Christmas, especially when you serve in a leadership role. There are events to attend, people to see, shut-ins to visit. It's busy, and it's okay to be busy, but in your busyness, you must not lose sight of the purpose

of the busyness. This time of year is about Jesus, just as every time of year is about Jesus. The difference is, this time of year is a time when a LOT of people are thinking about Jesus. It's a huge opportunity to share, to witness, and to lead people to Jesus. But in order to do that, we can't just dive in. If we do that, we'll sink into that sea of distractions. No, before we go there, before the first holiday party, before the first Christmas-themed lesson, before the first Christmas cantata, get your heart right. Get your mind right.

Prepare.

And as you prepare, from my family to yours, have an amazing Christmas.



Do you need or know someone who needs any type of Biblical Counseling?

Contact: **Wayne Smith at 731-642-2191**
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LIVING NATIVITY

The Youth of Cottage Grove Baptist Church will be staging a living Nativity Scene with singing on

Sunday December 11 from 5:00pm until 7:00 pm. and
December 12, from 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.

Bring your friends and come by!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR
General Fund Balance:

November 2011
December 2011

Disbursements: \$11703.26
\$19503.57

	GENERAL Fund	GIFTS YR to Date	SUPPLIES Other & Don	ROSALIE PHELPS	Disbursements	\$ Amount
Berkley	\$ 85.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 65.00		Admin. Expenses	\$ 1,914.31
Berkeley	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,320.00			Assoc. Ministries	\$ 424.50
Big Sandy, 1st	\$ 242.19	\$ 2,151.98			Misc. Expense	\$ 1,312.00
Birds Creek	\$ 231.48	\$ 2,307.82			Office Maintenance	\$ 1,591.25
Buchanan	\$ 71.13	\$ 927.98			Payroll Expenses	\$ 5,115.52
Central Point	\$ 152.50	\$ 2,283.15			Provision of Programs	\$ 345.66
Coonage Grove	\$ 284.44	\$ 3,435.99			UT Martin	\$ 1,000.00
Fairview	\$ 151.00	\$ 2,072.00			Total Disbursements	\$ 11,703.26
Faxon	\$ 120.57	\$ 533.21				
Friendship	\$ -	\$ 1,144.78				
Henry	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00				
Jones Chapel	\$ 289.00	\$ 2,505.00				
Massfield	\$ 147.82	\$ 1,723.70				
Maplewood	\$ 1,094.45	\$ 9,275.85				
McDavid Grove	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00				
McRae's Chapel	\$ 154.93	\$ -				
Mt. Sinai	\$ 139.00	\$ 2,132.00				
New Bethel	\$ -	\$ 420.00				
New Harmony	\$ 700.00	\$ 7,700.00				
New Hope	\$ -	\$ 900.00				
North Fork	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00				
Oak Grove	\$ -	\$ -				
Oak Hill	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00				
Paris, 1st	\$ 4,824.81	\$ 23,707.78				
Polar Pleasure	\$ 815.25	\$ 9,147.38				
Purveyer	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00				
Ramble Creek	\$ 273.91	\$ 1,514.05				
Russwood	\$ -	\$ -				
Shady Grove	\$ 94.00	\$ 801.00				
Spring Creek	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00				
Springhill	\$ 1,159.19	\$ 5,795.00				
Springville	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,731.00				
Temple	\$ 189.02	\$ 1,095.39				
Union Friendship	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,532.55			Account For	\$ 31,711.11
Waco Paris	\$ 309.09	\$ 1,875.24			Disbursements	\$ 11,703.26
					Bal. General Account	\$ 20,007.55
					Disaster Relief	\$ 504.28
					GENERAL FUND BAL.	\$ 19,503.57
DCM Salary Supplement			\$ 1,126.00			
Misc.			\$ 448.00			
Totals	\$ 12,241.08	\$ 94,035.90	\$ 1,546.00	\$ -		
Total Rec. (Gen. Fund)	\$ 13,897.98					
Rec. & Bal. (Gen Fund)	\$ 31,711.11					

CHURCH

BETHLEHEM: Surprise Birthday Party for Pastor Oct 7. Hayride and Trunk or Treat Oct 30. Prepared 140 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thanksgiving dinner Nov 20 with Renaissance Quartet Singing. Pounding for pastor on Nov 20 for pastor appreciation. Dec 18 Christmas Cantata.

Kevin Gallimore, pastor.

BIRDS CREEK: Homecoming held Oct. 23. Steve Gallimore brought the message and special music was by One Faith from Camden. Fellowship meal was afterwards. Oct. 30 held Trunk or Treat for the children before church service. Nov. 2 we voted to call Blair Chadwick as Minister of Music. He will begin service with us Dec. 4th. On Nov. 5th 11 youth and children went to the Memphis Zoo. Nov. 9th Young at Heart traveled to Murray to eat at the Sirloin Stockade. We collected and put together 118 OPC boxes. Nov. 20 Kenny Evans, Christian evangelist and entertainer, from Country Tonight Theater in Pigeon Forge was our guest for the evening and presented us with a concert.

Craig Peevyhouse, pastor.

CENTRAL POINT: Oct 30th, visited Olive Branch Methodist Church for Fifth Sun Night Singing. After the singing, we enjoyed a fellowship meal of finger foods. Nov 9th, we had our Wed night services at Arbor Place in Puryear. Nov 12th, we had our Thanksgiving Supper.

Jimmy Allison, Interim.

JONES CHAPEL: 3 members by letter. 4 members by profession of faith. Held baptismal service Nov 13. AWANA Thanksgiving dinner Nov 9. Held joint service with Shady Grove Nov 16. Observed Lord's Supper. Filled 15 boxes for OPC. Christmas Dinner Dec 11. Cantata and children presenting Mary Had a Little Lamb Dec 25. Holding Candlelight service Dec 24 at 6 pm.

Mitch Fiscus, pastor.

MANSFIELD: Held Fall Festival and hayride on 4th. Made Christmas donation to Shop with a Cop. 13th enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner. 20th Family honored Earl & Erlene Williams on their 50th anniversary. Bro. Gerry Gallimore, Zack Carper, William Ellis & Bro. Jim Twilbeck filled the pulpit for the month.

MAPLEWOOD: Had 4 new additions by letter. Participated in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Both Sweet Monday ladies and ReWired Men's groups held meetings. Young at Heart Senior Adult Ministry held Lunch & More. Took group to Hunting-

don to see "A Christmas Carol". Honored our Senior Adults with a potluck meal and special service. Youth sponsored a chili/soup dinner for our MMM (Mission Meal of the Month).

Corey Cain, pastor.

OAK HILL: Observed Pastor Appreciation. Gave gifts to Bro. Otis and Ms. Ann. WMU provided snacks for HCMC. Went to see the movie "Courageous". Attended Annual Associational Meeting. Made 56 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Family night with fellowship and movie. Youth and Young at Heart went to Casting Crowns Concert. Enjoyed our Thanksgiving Meal and Program.

Otis Hinton, pastor.

POINT PLEASANT: Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat for an evangelistic out reach. Nov. 5 Soup/Chili Lunch and Coat Giveaway. Nov. 6 Christopher Hines brought the morning message and Paul Setlech brought the Evening message. Nov. 12 Super Seniors to the Dixie Theater in Huntington to see "A Christmas Carol" and Lunch at the Mallard. Nov. 14-16 Bro. Larry and Christopher Hines attended the TBC in Hendersonville. Nov. 16 Bro. Garry Zook led Bible Study. Nov. 19 Thanksgiving baskets were passed out. Nov. 20 Thanksgiving meal was served after our morning worship service. One Hundred Forty-one (141) filled shoeboxes were Delivered to FBC. Honored Minnie Bess Williams with a special saluted.

Larry Dukes, pastor.

PURYEAR: 2 additions by letter. Revival was held November 6-9 with Dr. Steven Nelson from Gallatin, Tn as our evangelist. Several decisions made. Lord's Supper observed on Oct 23rd. Fall Festival was held on Oct 31st. Young at Heart's annual Thanksgiving meal Nov 8th. Gaylon and Gail Morris were our special guests and brought our special music. Super Church for Kid's missions project for Oct was making and filling backpacks with school supplies, these will be carried in Dec to kids in Appalachia. WMU is collecting food for the annual Christmas boxes to be delivered in Dec.

Mike Rhodes, pastor.

SPRING CREEK: Baby dedication was held for Aaliyah Haymon. Two were saved and one rededication. One baptism. Puppet show was held from Adventureland Puppet Ministry from Illinois. Larry Eddings preached am and pm services on Oct. 30. Adults had monthly meal with all adults in attendance. Bonfire was held with Chris Mooney playing music. Several older youth and several adults gave their testimonies.

Grant Ostrom, pastor.



Woman's Missionary Union
Pat Nanney, Director

2010-1012 WATCHWORD

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.....Hebrews 12:1-2NIV

I know this is a very busy time of the year for all of us but if you have not already observed a church wide observance of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering I would like to remind you of a quick and easy plan. It starts with the DVD that your church received from the International Mission Board a couple of months ago and if you have a TV that will play a DVD you can share as much with your church as you would like. There are four DVDs that you can choose from. The one for the Pastor or the one for the missions leader are great for a church wide observance. The title is "His Heart - His Hands - His Voice."

You will find five short testimonies from Cara Simpson, Madagascar; Andy Kennedy, Amazon Brazil; Sam York, Haiti; Beth Locke, South Africa; and Colt Bonham, Tibetans. You will also find stories that just last a few minutes each so you can play one or more for your church. They include a Rio Portrait of Brazil; Tricked, Transported and Trapped, South America; Legacy of Love, Vietnam; The Road to Promise, Refuges in Europe. There is a music video and promotional art as well as downloadable resources.

You can use part or all depending on how much time you have. Finger foods or snacks served make for an enjoyable evening.

You should also have a DVD for students and one for children. These are all high quality DVDs and if you add a couple of hymns and prayer your church will have the opportunity to understand better why we need to give to International Missions.

A word to our WMU Directors: If you have not already given your leadership names, addresses and email addresses to TN WMU in Brentwood please do so as soon as possible. This way you will be sure to receive the mailings for your groups.

A leaders job is to look into the future and see the organization not as it is, but as it can be.

I hope everyone has a very merry Christ centered Christmas and a happy new year.

Blessings, Pat Nanney



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
National Goal: \$175 million
 Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011
 Our church goal:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3 Nicole Fiscus (Jones Chapel)
- 4 Thelma Hundley (New Harmony)
- 5 Cody Dye (Maplewood)
- 5 Lesa Joyner (Ramble Creek)
- 10 Sandy Loudon (McRae's Outdoorsman)
- 11 Kay Smith (Fairview)
- 26 Emily Davis (West Paris)

SPRINGVILLE: Thanksgiving/Christmas meal planned for Dec. 10th in church fellowship hall. Had 5th Sunday night singing with appreciation to Bro. Bobby as our pastor. WOM had Thanksgiving Dinner for November 22 @ 10:30 am to include Brotherhood and pastor and deacons. Made deliveries to 20 families within our community. Christmas Cantata to be Dec. 18 during 11 am service. Bro. Jimmy Chapman filled the pulpit Nov. 20th in Bro. Bobby's absence. 25 Operation Christmas Child/ Boxes were put together by the WOM and delivered to FBC Paris. Each box contained a Salvation Doll for every little boy and girl. Remembered our Veterans and saluted them by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and Christian Flag and recon each Veteran.

Bobby Sanders, Pastor.

UNION FRIENDSHIP: One person was received into the church by baptism. Pastor was given a Pastor Appreciation monetary gift in Oct. Church folks and several visitors enjoyed the Thanksgiving program and fellowship meal on the 3rd Sunday of Nov. Pastor, Board member and Spouse attended the Executive Board Banquet. **Tom Winchester**, pastor.

WEST PARIS: Wed night Bible Study Theme has been on being Thankful for all God has given us. Nov 20 evening service held at Morningside. Nov 27 HCHS Madrigals gave their annual performance.

Scotty Davis, pastor.



The Western District Baptist Association will be closed December 21 through January 3.

Merry Christmas!

IMPORTANT

Due to a virus the office computer was hit with in October, we have lost many contacts, including the Forerunner list. Please let others know who may have not received this newsletter to email us with their email to be added back on to the list. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you!

Our new email is:

wdbapt@gmail.com



White Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake

- 1-1/2 cups HONEY MAID Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 4 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. peppermint extract
- 1 cup BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream
- 4 squares BAKER'S White Chocolate, melted
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping
- 16 miniature candy canes

HEAT oven to 325 °F.

—LINE 13x9-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Mix graham crumbs, 3 Tbsp. sugar and butter; press onto bottom of pan. Bake 10 min.

—BEAT cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and extract in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Add sour cream and chocolate; mix well.

—Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust.

BAKE 40 min. or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 4 hours. Use foil handles to lift cheesecake from pan before cutting to serve. Top each piece with a dollop of COOL

—WHIP and candy cane.



R.G. Lee Class

Introduction to Expository Preaching

January 23 - March 19

Instructor: Jim Twilbeck

Cost: \$75 plus books

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December

5-9: Week of Prayer - International
Missions - Lottie Moon
9: 12 noon to 6:00 pm - Open
House at WDBA
15: Forerunner News Due
22: First Day of Winter
24: Christmas Eve
25: Christmas Day
Dec 21 thru Jan 3 - OFFICE
CLOSED

January

1: New Years Day
1-7: Mission Trip to Louisiana
3: Office Re-Open
10: W TN Pastors Conf, Union U
12: Tax Seminar, Richard Skidmore
15: Sanctity of Human Life
16: Martin Luther King Day
20: Forerunner News
29: Day of Prayer
Collecting Disaster Box Items

February

2-4: Bi-Vocational Pastors Retreat
5: Baptist Men's Day
7: W TN Minister/Wives Valentine
Banquet
12: Racial Reconciliation
13-17: Focus on WMU Week
14: Valentine's Day
17: Random Acts of Kindness Day
20: Forerunner News Due
20: President's Day
21: Executive Board, McDavid Grove