

NEWSLETTER

December 2011

The Messenger



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The Pastor's Corner

Submitted by Leonard Markham



The month of December in the church is about missions and music. During the month of December, we will be promoting our Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions. Every dollar given for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is used to support our Southern Baptist missionaries who are serving in most of the countries around the world.

When I think of Christmas at First Baptist Church, or any other Southern Baptist Church, I automatically think of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. A native Virginian, Lottie Moon was appointed as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary on July 7, 1873; she sailed to China on September 1 of that year. For 39 years she labored chiefly in Tengchow and in P'ingtu. At first, residents of the area distrusted her, calling her names such as "devil woman." Lottie responded by baking tea-cake cookies. The smell of the cookies began attracting many children; soon her concern for them and their families earned her the name of the "Cookie Lady." She was a leader among missionaries: She was among the first to suggest the idea of a furlough. Her influence inspired the formation of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), and ultimately it led to WMU's establishment of the offering that bears her name. One hundred percent of this offering goes to support and mobilize spreading the "Good News" to all nations.

In her greatest act of empathy for the Chinese, as local Christians were facing famine due to floods and war, she stopped eating, giving instead her meager resources to others. On Dec. 24, 1912, she raised her fists together in fond Chinese greeting and met her Savior. She sacrificed her life, and yet, as Jenny Rogers, International Mission Board missionary to Japan writes, "Lottie Moon's China' really isn't Lottie Moon's. It's God's. All God's. She, like any obedient believer, was simply a tool in the Master's hands, scattering the seed for harvest. She just took the step of faith." I wonder who else will follow. Who will follow with the gift of prayers for International Missions? Who will follow by praying about going on a mission trip? Who will follow by giving sacrificially for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering?

During the month of December, our worship experiences will be filled with beautiful Christmas music. I hope you will plan to attend all of these special worship experiences in December:

December 4, 6:00 PM, Children's Christmas Musical

December 11, 6:00 PM, Our Combined Choirs' Christmas Musical

December 18, 6:00 PM, Deacon Ordination Service for Terry Dunaway

December 24, 5:00 PM, Christmas Eve Communion Service

December 25, 10:30 AM, Christmas Day Worship Service

December is an excellent time to invite your unchurched friends to attend your Sunday School Christmas parties and special worship services. Your love and concern and invitation might just lead to another person discovering the true meaning of Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you at all of these worship opportunities. It is a joy to serve as your Pastor.

Church News...

Brotherhood...

Submitted by Al Ott

Our next Brotherhood Breakfast will be on Saturday December 10th. Our guest speaker is scheduled to be our own Dr. Leonard Markham. Join us for a pancake breakfast. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the special message that will be given. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family, all ages are welcome and encouraged. Thank you to all those who gave their time to rake, blow and bag leaves this month. We also want to thank those that gave monetary donations as well as non-perishables for our Thanksgiving baskets.

Ever wonder why people tend to be givers at this time of year? Why not all year long? Did Jesus not say "Whenever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me?" Did he mean just at Thanksgiving and Christmas? You know how good it feels when someone calls to tell you they were thinking of you? Well maybe today is the day you should extend yourself just a little bit. I guarantee you will feel just as blessed as the person you are blessing. Everyday there is a spiritual war going on, you may not realize it as such but the closer you walk with God the more Satan is trying to upset your life. Come and join us and learn how to fight the good fight and put on the full armor of God for your protection.

We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of Director of the Brotherhood. If you think you might feel God leading you in this direction, please speak to one of the officers: Larry Kringel 387-0423, Ken Roland 456-8591, Chuck Lohman 200-6635 or Bob Garipey 707-9426.

Don't forget; mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 and bring your friends.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Al, Bob and the Brothers 3

New Policies & Procedures Manual!

The Policy & Procedure manual is complete and there is a copy in the library for anyone who wants to review it. Our thanks to the Policy & Procedures team who worked so diligently for many months to complete this important order of business and to the office staff for assisting in the assembling/distribution of the documents. **ALL FORMS** have been revised—if you have any old forms—please toss them and get new forms in the boxes outside of the church office.



Stewardship/Finance Committee....

Submitted by Roger Fleming Chairman Stewardship/Finance Committee

The Stewardship/Finance Committee sincerely wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support through out the Operating Budget process.

This year's budget process was a change and a challenge. The Stewardship/Finance Committee wants to thank Reggie McDonough for his expertise putting this process together. The Church Team Leaders were responsible for putting together the budget requests for their units on their respective teams. Their cooperation and support was greatly appreciated.

As all of you know we are in a new church building program. Any church that goes through this process has many challenges, we're no different.

The Stewardship/Finance Committee gave the church Team Leaders as much information as we thought was necessary for them to put a budget together. The Committee along with Mary Box our Treasurer, Ken Roland our Asst. Treasurer and Reggie McDonough our Associate Pastor spent a lot of hours analyzing our expenses and income for the last few years. A budget target was identified \$459,000.

On November 16th the proposed 2012 Operating Budget was reviewed with a special called Business meeting. November 20th a ballot vote was taken, 95 percent of members voted in favor of approving the 2012 Operating Budget.

The Stewardship/Finance Committee wants to thank FFFBC congregation for their generosity and support of our church ministry year after year.

Church News...

Participation in the Missions Budget is Growing

Giving to missions through the church's Missions Budget is growing. In October, 2008 the church adopted a new way to support local, state, North American and foreign missions. It is called the Missions Budget and is separate from the church's Operating Budget. The Missions Budget includes local missions/ministries (Bread of Life and Plateau Pregnancy), Southern Baptist Convention missions agencies (the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, and World Hunger) and Tennessee Baptist Convention mission ministries (the Golden State Offering Mission Offering, the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes).

These are not new concerns of our church. These missions/ministries were previously supported through special offerings and designations. The new Missions Budget, separate from the Operating Budget, puts the ministries together in a unified approach that enables us to give throughout the year. Contributions given to the Missions Budget are distributed monthly to these entities according to a table of percentages adopted by the church annually. You can contribute to the Missions Budget by including it in your regular envelope and indicating the amount you want to contribute on the "missions" line.

The Missions Budget annual goal has been \$42,700 since its inception. We have yet to reach this goal but the participation has been growing as church members learn how the Missions Budget approach works. Eventually our missions giving will exceed what we had been giving through special offerings. For example, in just ten months the amount going to the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions has been \$4,520.72, a worthy amount. And, the amount given for the overall Missions Budget for the ten months of 2011 has been \$17,727.70. By the end of the year we could reach our annual goal for the first time. What a great day this would be.

Persons can still designate funds directly to any one of the items in the Missions Budget. Designated amounts will be sent directly to the specified missions/ministry entity. Be sure to label the designation clearly.

Bettye Lunn (707-7103), the Missions/Ministry Team leader will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

2012 Deacons

Recently four(4) men were elected for a 3-year term to our Deacon Board: Jim Box; Terry Dunaway; J.C. Horner; Bill White. They replace Dan Brook, Dave LaFerney and Chuck Lohman who have faithfully served our church families. We thank them for their dedication to this position. Following is a complete list of our Deacons effective January 2012:

Randy Andersen; Jim Botbyl; Jim Box; Ed Dowdy; Terry Dunaway; Chuck Ely; Roger Fleming; J.C. Horner; Denver Hoskins; Larry Kringel; Jeremy McElroy; Ben Ogletree; Bob Watson; Bill White.

Being a Deacon involves a serious commitment to the church. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for each and every individual serving in this capacity. Early next year, you will be receiving a letter from the Deacon who is assigned to serve your family.

Chuck Ely, 2011 Deacon Chairman

Church News...

3X3 Dinner Christmas Party

Submitted by Christine Boggio



Don't forget the 3X3 Group "Sweets & Treats" Christmas Party, December 4, 2011, 2-4 pm at the home of Joe and Christina Boggio, 18 Milnor Circle. If you haven't been naughty, you may see Santa! Call 707-9275 if you have any questions.

WMU News...

Submitted by Annette Johnson

The December special offering will aid the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. All of the money donated goes to international missions. Check out the December WMU bulletin board for more information. A special insert will be in the weekly bulletin in early December.



M & M (Monday for The Master) will have it's annual Christmas Tea on Monday, December 8 at noon. The speaker will be Joan Britton. Jean Cooley & Dorothy Weston have agreed to co-chair the M & M's in 2012. Thank you ladies for your commitment.

Monday, December 12, 11:00 am is the annual WMU Christmas Party. The cost is \$7.00; the menu is as follows: Potato soup, Chicken salad on Croissant, veggies, dessert and beverage. The luncheon is being catered by Judi DuBois & Kathy Salyer. Our speaker will be Hazel Barron, she and her husband Tom served as missionaries for 30 years in Indonesia. Please join us for this annual event. If you made hats and mittens for the children please bring them to the Christmas party for distribution.

Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 am the Piece Corps will have their annual Christmas potluck. They meet from 9 - 11 am to work on quilts. The potluck will follow. Be sure to bring your Christmas gift for your prayer partner.

ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - Noon at the Methodist church in downtown Crossville. They are in need of volunteers to help baby-sit the children who attend. If you can help please contact Judy Gant 707-0020 or Joan Britton 707-8362. They hope to start a new class in the spring and would appreciate prayers for this group.

Church News...

Our combined choirs present...

The Perfect Tree



Sunday, Dec 11th
6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate Christmas with us as we present "The Perfect Tree", a wonderful music experience of praise, adoration, and heart-felt worship. We will be reminded that the perfect tree is not the decorated one in our homes, but it was the one where Jesus gave Himself as the ultimate gift, when He bore our sins at Calvary.

Missions...

Hodges Ministry

Submitted by Pat Harris

The next mission trip to Hodges Ministries is **December 15, 16, and 17**. The Christmas season is about celebrating the birth of our Savior. Wouldn't it be great to give Jesus a birthday present by volunteering your time?

Hodges calls the Christian literature they send "love letters" from God. By helping sort and pack Christian literature we help by planting the seeds, feeding them and watering them. Thus, bringing people to Christ just as Jesus told us to do. What a wonderful present it is to all the souls we touch.

There are still a few openings. The sign up sheet for the December trip is on the downstairs bulletin board.

For more information contact Pat Harris 707-0539.



Missions...

Plateau Pregnancy...

By Paul Forsythe

Monday evening, Nov. 11, 2011 will be remembered for a long time as a truly blessed evening by many people. . God provided a perfect autumn day for all the preparation that was needing to be done by many volunteers and staff from Plateau Pregnancy Center for a “well done” banquet.

As we entered the large room we were gifted by the sight of many well decorated tables; with a candle glowing on each table. All very well color coordinated to catch your eye, a welcome sight to say the least. Some of the “extras” I saw, heard and felt, were the welcome sound of people getting to know one another as well as laughter was a plenty. Laughter is so good for us, and truly we don’t normally get enough of it.

Welcome, prayer and now the food, WOW! Food was served buffet style, with three well stocked serving lines. We moved back to our tables with delicious chicken and all the trimmings of a well prepared banquet, including pie and coffee. Beautiful guitar music was provided by Tony Zarolla, as we ate.

Mistress of ceremonies, CEO Sheri Nichols, with baby in arms welcomed us and introduced “our miracle baby”, little Katarina. Born at 24 weeks and weighing only a little over one pound. This perfectly formed bundle of joy was so precious and totally reminded us why we were here. What a GOD gift!. Today she is 3 months and 5 lbs and is adorable.

Michael Kelly was introduced to us and was so talented, gifted and entertaining. We all enjoyed him so much.

While watching a video from an ultra sound of a well formed baby in various weeks of development, Howard sang the song “You are so Beautiful, To Me. This totally touched me. It was so revealing as to what God does.

Beth McDonald presented facts from “Project Truth”. In 2011 over 5,900 students, from 15 schools learned facts of life about abstinence, personal care and personal testimonies from the volunteers of Plateau Pregnancy; that are allowed in forums at the schools. These facts alone were astonishing information to most of us attending.

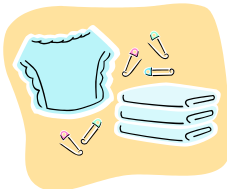
Plateau Pregnancy contributes, through many volunteers and your financial help, to the community. To people that need help with items they can not afford, such as diapers, wipes, clothes, etc., plus much information on taking care of their baby, personal care, mental health, acceptance and God’s love!

Michael Kelly closed out the evening with more stories, songs and laughter. Many people provided a beautiful evening for many. Thanks so much, and Blessings to All. This was a thank you and fund raising banquet. If you would like to send a contribution, please send to:

Plateau Pregnancy Services, P.O. Box 1295, Crossville, TN 38557

Peavine Care Center...

Submitted by Pat Harris



Diapers!!!

The PCC is now located in the Crossville Heating and Cooling building on Peavine Road.

They distribute groceries, some paper products, diapers and cleaning supplies to pre-qualified, poverty level, people one day a week. The people the center serves are residents along the Peavine corridor. Their goal is to provide food for the body and the soul.

The PCC gets food from Second Harvest at twelve cents on a dollar, but they cannot get certain items so are asking for donations of the following:

Adult diapers, baby diapers,, paper towels, boxes of tissues, toilet paper, Household cleaners

A box is in the hallway at the bottom of the stairs for donations.

Any questions, call Pat Harris 707-0539 or Kathy Salyer 459-2244



Toilet Tissue!!!

Children & Youth Corner...

Kid of the Month - December 2011

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Name: Megan McDonald

Birthday: August 4, 2000

Where do you go to school? Crab Orchard

What grade are you in? Fifth

What is your favorite food? Macaroni & Cheese

What is your favorite color? Black

What do you want to be when you grow up? Teacher

What do you thank God for? Home, Food & Family



PRESCHOOLERS...

Submitted by Joan Brining

During November, the *Preschool Sunday School Classes* have been learning about thanksgiving. God's Word tells us that we are to be thankful to God for everything.

Our children practiced "giving" this past month by filling four shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. The preschoolers understood that the boxes would be given to children in other countries to show that God cares for them and loves them.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the 9:00 am Preschool Class listened to the story of the first thanksgiving when people left England to travel to the new land because they could not worship God. The children learned of the hardships the people endured and how the Indians brought food to the starving settlers. The settlers, on the first Thanksgiving, gave thanks to God for bringing them to the new land. The 10:30 am Preschool Class made a "thankful poster" to help illustrate the numerous things about which we are to be grateful.

Youth ...

Submitted by Katie Blaylock

During the month of November, we collected cans for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We had a friendly competition between the Junior Youth and the Senior Youth. It was a narrow victory but the Junior Youth won by 8 cans. The final tally was Junior Youth 40 and Senior Youth 32. We also helped put the baskets together and deliver them. We worked with the Brotherhood to complete this. Thanks to all who helped us. We have a full month of activities in December. We will have two service projects. The first being the Christmas on the Mountain wrapping party help in Crossville on December 10. Our second service project will be on December 16th. We will be helping Dane Bryant's Sunday School class with their class Christmas party. All youth workers need to be at the church by 5:30 that night. We are also having our Youth Christmas Party after church on December 18th. It will be at Christian Academy of the Cumberlands on Braun Street in Crossville. All parents and youth workers are invited also. We will have lots of games, food, and presents. If you would like to attend we would love to have you, just let me know so we will have enough food. Again thanks to all who support the youth group in all they do.



Children & Youth Corner...

Children's Praise Crew Presents...

Chris-myth Busters



Ethan has a new brother, Michael. Only Michael's not a cute little bundle of joy. He's a pretty big kid . . . adopted . . . and a bit of an annoying trivia buff. When Michael starts busting some myths about Christmas to Ethan's friends, it causes quite a stir. Ethan, Lily and Abby begin to wonder: Were there more or less than three Wise Men? Was Jesus really born on December 25th? And what about the angels . . . did they sing or not? What . . . no inn-keeper? After reading the biblical account of the birth of Jesus, Lily and Abby are still confused. Through it all, Michael learns that even though some facts about the very first Christmas might not be clear, the truth about why Jesus came is everywhere in Scripture.

Please join us **Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m.** as the Praise Crew presents **Chris-myth Busters**, a Christmas musical discovering the truth in Christmas.



This year's TeamKID theme is Character Challenge, which focuses on character traits that God wants children to develop. Each week's meeting focuses on a different trait that helps children develop Christian character.

In the first 12 weeks we have learned that we are to strive to: *Be Righteous, Be Honest, Be Caring, Be accountable, Be Prayerful, Be Knowledgeable, Be Self-Controlled, Be Bold, Be Hopeful, Be Diligent, Be Obedient, and Be a Steward.*



We learned through the examples of Proverbs 31, that God wants us to be diligent. For an exercise in diligence the kids attempted to blow a marble across the room. Even though it was not as easy as it looked, no one gave up. The kids learned that God wants them to be diligent in learning about Him, Jesus, and the Bible and to be diligent about telling other people what they learn. They can please God when they do their very best at school, at home, and at church.

By studying and applying the Bible story about the first apostles, the kids learned ways to boldly tell others about Jesus. To review the "ABCs of Becoming a Christian" so they can witness to others. They also played a game called "Sticky Nose." Teams raced to see how many cotton balls they could carry across the finish line. When they got one across the line, they would say a phrase: "Admit I sin," "Believe Jesus is God's Son," or "Confess faith in Jesus."

Many thanks to the TeamKID coaches who are challenging our 4th - 6th Grade kids to develop Christian character: Hank Bartos, Kathie Smith, and Joe and Lois Ragsdale.



Each Sunday morning the 1st-3rd Grade children go to Children's Worship with Bill and Ann White and Shirley Harrison. Through the *Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills* program, the children have an opportunity to learn the books of the Bible, Bible verses and stories, and life application. A variety of fun games and activities including music, crafts, and activity pages are used to help the children learn. Some of the Bible stories we've been studying are: The Parable of the Sower, David and Goliath, and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Prayer Concerns....

Our Members....



All Prayer Requests should be directed to the office and will be forwarded to the Pastor and the Prayer Warriors each week!

Darrell Andrew	Bettye Lunn
Dick Bechtel	Doris Martin
Janice Botbyl	Jeremy McElroy
Bob Bowman	Ken McCowen
Nancy Bowman	Joan McDonough
Faye Brasfield	Jane Olson
Anne Marie Campbell	Tom Reigle
Bill Chambers	Virginia Ritondale
Penny Collins	Kathy Salyer
Shade & Barbara Cornett	Don Snow
Sandra Crabtree	Dave Stewart
Rosco Cross	Wayne Stiles
Tim & Logan Davis	Gordon Summers
Jim Evans	Shelby Tollett
Bennie Ford	Bob & Carol Warvel
Janice Greene	Val & Colleen Williams
Judy Holcombe	<u>Members in Nursing Homes</u>
JC Horner	Janet Chambers
Lydia Horner	Louise Mosley
Denver Hoskins	Edith Roaten
Aleta Hutchinson	Mary Will Rogers
Paul Leighty	Charles Wentworth
Idella Lohman	
Forest & Susanne Lovett	

OUR FAMILIES

John Boniol, Mike Boniol's father

Kaylie Blanton, Granddaughter of Betty Neumeister

Tom Cantrell, brother of Nancy Bowman

Jean Castle, Mary Higgins's Sister

Christine, Dave & Penny Collin's daughter

Karen Clark, sister of Dianne Macko

Tony DuBois, son of Richard & Judi DuBois

Katherine Eisele, sister of Mary Higgins (cancer)

Martie Fleming, brother of Roger Fleming

Euna Hancock & Sarah Joyce, sisters of Susanne

Lynne Hutzel, Dot & Lenny Hutzel's daughter-in-law

Teresa Jenkins, daughter of Stidhams

Pat Lund, sister of Nancy Ott

Andrew Maring, son of Janice Edwards

Beth Martin, sister of Chuck Lohman

Walter & Delores Novack, Linda Kawicki's parents

Jill & Jon Polmonteer, Ritondale's daughter & son-in-law

Harold & Frank Potter, Evelyn Phillips's brothers

Kathy Salyer's daughter & grandsons

Cindy Serecky, Ritondale's daughter

Ethan Sherrill, 2-year old son of Lizzy Sherrill

OUR MINISTRIES

BOLRM and Medical Clinic/Pastor **Ralph Reagan & Connie**,

PPS/Sheri Nichols CMA, FCA, Hodges Ministries

CHURCH STAFF and LEADERSHIP

Persecuted brothers & sisters in Christ

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Troy & Trudy Harper

Marge Brook's Nephew & Wife in N. Afghanistan

Cody Broughton, Afghanistan

Brenda Williams' nephew

Captain Mark Hamilton, NM & Master Sgt **Guy B. Hamilton**, UAE

Brenda Williams' step-grandsons

Major C.J. (Joseph) Phillips

Son of Slim & Evelyn Phillips

Sgt. Craig Putnum, in Afghanistan

Grandson of Bill & Blanche Putnam

STG2 James Lillback

Son of Esco & Ruth

Matthew Gilbert, Afghanistan

Ben Ogletree's great nephew

Pray for our Church Ministries

Adam Paul Simer, Anne Campbell's son

Ann Thames, Bob Thames's Mother

Erin Thames, Bob Thames's Daughter

Betty Vance, Sammie Cox's sister

Janey Watson, daughter-in-law of Bob Watson

Michael Williams, Brenda Williams's son

Lisa, Tony Neely's daughter

Rick – son of Earl LaGow

Jeanette, sister of Betty Witt

Please advise the office how you or your family members are doing, so we can keep our Prayer Concerns List current.



happy anniversary!

December 2011

Stephen & Elizabeth Sherrill	12/8	Arnold & Mary Higgins	12/22
Ken & Aleta Hutchinson	12/9	Lowell & Pam Freeman	12/24
Charles & Alice Ely	12/17	James & Jerri Lyerla	12/28
Dan & Marge Brook	12/18	Bill & Blanche Putnam	12/29
Richard & Joan Hartley	12/22	Paul & Kay Forsythe	12/31
Donald & Janice Clingerman	12/22		

Happy Birthday to You! December 2011



Larry Kringel	12/1
Barbara Dowdy, Paul Forsythe	12/2
Anne Louise Campbell, Vicki LaGow, Pam Gannon, Melynda McElroy, Katie Blaylock	12/4
Marilee Dufendach, Charlie Gannon	12/5
Barbara Branson	12/7
Judy Johnson	12/8
Jean Cooley	12/9
Kenny Williams	12/11
Judy Holcombe, Amy Rigney	12/12
Jim Evans, Mary Jo LaBarge	12/14
Benjamin Bryant	12/17
Rosco Cross	12/18
Helen Dargay	12/19
Milo Macko	12/20
Joan Moss	12/22
Ed Neville	12/25
Amber Howard	12/27
Matt Schmeski	12/28
Karen Daly	12/29
Joan McDonough	12/30



Other News....

BOOK REVIEW

Submitted by Joyce Gover

Recently, many of us had the privilege of seeing the film, "Courageous", a fascinating and challenging story that presented so clearly God's design for the man of the family. Also, it is no secret that this is football season! Go Bears!! Did I say that???!! Considering the above items and how they converge, I decided to review the book by Kurt and Brenda Warner, published in 2009 by Tyndale House, titled First Things First.

The book is not a snapshot of Kurt, the former quarterback for the St. Louis Rams and the Phoenix Cardinals. It is instead the story of his initial meeting with Brenda, their courtship, and the parenting skills they have developed in the process of raising seven children, including one who is handicapped. The introduction was written by their daughter, Jesse, who was seventeen at the time. Each chapter includes a perspective on the topic at hand by both Kurt and Brenda. Subject matter includes "blessings and burdens come together", "marriage rules", and "treating others better than yourself".

The book deals with setting priorities, making your parenting intentional, and individualizing it by considering the unique personalities and talents of your children. It also emphasizes the importance of modeling what you teach, along with making your spouse your priority next to the Lord. Having regular family times that include lots of laughter and the opportunity for every member to participate is highly recommended, a habit that greatly lends itself to helping maintain clear lines of communication. In addition, this book also gives us some interesting information on First Things First, the family foundation, the charitable work it does, and how each one is involved.

I would especially encourage young families and youth to take the time to read this book. It would be very helpful if husbands and wives would read it together. If any of you who are in the child-rearing years or are headed that way do take the time to read "First Things First", please contact me as I would be very interested in your response to its contents.

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Al Borsos

Missions is not an option. Missions should be kept in the forefront always as we plan our calendars, programs, and all other church activities.

We recently missed an important opportunity:

November 6-9 we had On Mission Celebration. We had 19 missionaries in our association and had an opportunity to meet them all Sunday Night at Central Baptist Church, where they all had booths and talked with all who were interested. Regretfully there were only two people from our church in attendance. It was good to see the missionaries escorted into the worship service by some of our Girls in Action from an associational church. Girls in Action is the children's auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). Those of us who like to meet with missionaries but weren't there missed a good opportunity.

The week of December 4 will be the Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Prayer is most important, and these funds will support our international missionaries.

Tennessee WMU scholarship applications must be in to the Tennessee WMU and postmarked by January 10, 2012. These educational scholarships are open to Southern Baptists who are planning to go into Christian service.

Other News....

IN THE LIBRARY

WE GIVE thanks to thee, O God; We give Thanks!

And to you all for your generous support of the Library ministry this past year. Your donations have been gratefully accepted and appreciated. It is a joy to serve you.

Mary Higgins has brought to us some new books by Francine Rivers that I know some of you ladies have been asking about. They are available now. Thank you Mary and to all who have donated books this year you know who you are. And many thanks to Bob Garipey for putting pictures on CD's for the History Department. Also thanks to Jackie Garipey and Ruby Gibson for helping Marge with the History Albums.

Changes, Changes, Changes

Unfortunately along with everything else in this world something's never change but other things do. We will have to dig a little deeper; sermon/service CD's are the same CD's but beginning in January of 2012 they will cost two dollars instead of one dollar.

The Baptist and Reflector – is available online at www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/Tennessee-Baptist-convention It will welcome you to the online issue of the Baptist and Reflector, and made possible through gifts from the Cooperative Program and subscriptions to the print edition .

If you would like to receive the print edition version, visit www.baptistandreflector.org and click on subscribe. Or the Library will keep a couple of copies that are to stay in the Library that will be available to read.

Did you know that the Library has a typewriter? Many of us use computers now. But, should you need to use one, we have one available for your use in the library.

Again the M&Ms have provided and placed in the Library a CD player along with some sermon CD's that are available to check out of the library for someone who may be homebound, in a nursing home, or sick, that would like to hear the sermons. If you would want a special CD that is not in the M&M's box, you can get a copy made from a master CD of a specific date or time made. Ask Bob Lunn he will be glad to help you.

We have some new books in the Library that you may be interested in for teachers of children. The **Holman Bible Concordance for Children and the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary for Kids** made possible from memorials given to the Library. These will be a great help in the classroom, to go along with your lessons they are being checked out and used. Please remember that they are available to all teachers and homeschoolers so when you are finished with them please return them to the library, for others to use.

For teens, we have the book Soul Surfer-by Bethany Hamilton, Sheryl Berk, Rick Bundschuh.

The world still needs His love.

The Life and ministry of Christ was marked by His overwhelming compassion for people. And His heart is the same today as it was then. As believers, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ and to extend His extravagant love to a broken world. Based on the book of Luke, this study examines the very heartbeat of our Savior and explores how Jesus connects with hurting people in an authentic and powerful way.

This quote comes from the Be Series Bible Commentaries by Warren W. Wiersby

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From Your Library Team

Other News...

Joyce Gover - a snapshot!!



How does one compress a lifetime that includes more years than I care to admit into a few paragraphs?! Here's my best shot!!

I was born in 1943 in Montreal, Canada – the firstborn child of three, to immigrant parents – my Dad from Northern Ireland, and my Mom from London, England. They had met in Toronto in Bible College, married, and were at the time involved in starting Baptist churches in French speaking Canada. My childhood was a relatively happy one, being blessed by parents who lived what they believed, and whose walk lined up with their talk. Mom was the wise and gracious homemaker whose ear was always opened and whose advice was low-key but timely. Dad was the fun one who played games, taught us how to skate and swim, and modeled a heart for God and people. I started playing the piano at age 4 and took lessons for about 10 years. However, since I could play by ear, I really had to discipline myself to learn to read music and to focus on the technical skills that develop good musicians.

After high school, I became a nurse with the goal of going into mission work. I had applied and was accepted at Moody Bible Institute, but instead wound up marrying the youth pastor of a church I attended in northern Ontario.

In time, four daughters were born, two in Canada, one in the U.S, and one in Papua New Guinea. Over the years I emigrated 5 times, and was blessed with a myriad of friends and experiences. My husband was a pastor and missionary who also at times had his own construction business. For approximately 16 years I was a stay-at-home Mom who was primarily involved in the local church and community affairs related to my children's activities. During that period I was mostly involved with music, and ministry to women, along with doing a huge amount of entertaining in our home. While in New Guinea, I also had a medical clinic and taught literacy in our Mission's Bible School.

After 27 years of marriage, a devastating divorce ensued. Although I continued to play the piano at church, I stepped back from the speaking, teaching and mentoring I had previously done. But God is so faithful!! In the painful days that followed, I got to know Him better than I ever had, and developed a heart for and an understanding of those who hurt. Again, God opened new doors of opportunity and a clearer understanding of what is involved in forgiveness. My favorite song during that time was "The Refiner's Fire" by Steve Green, and the scripture I clung to was 2 Corinthians 1:4 which reminded me that what I had been through did not negate my effectiveness as a Christian but provided me with greater tools for service and ministry to others.

As a Nurse involved in Oncology care, I began a support group for cancer patients and their families, where I met Phil, (who had moved to our area to be the VP of academic affair of the local Community College) and his ailing wife. She and I became good friends but also, in the process, I had a close-up view of the committed, sacrificial, and godly love he consistently gave her. Several months after she passed away we began seeing each other and the rest is history. We have now been married 13 years and counting and I consider myself blessed beyond measure.

What have I learned? Most of all, that God is there and able to implement Romans 8:28 in every situation: the lean times, the good times, the painful times, the joyful times, the times when we lose our way, and the times when we can barely see or figure out the next step. Looking back, I am thankful for all of it and find myself, even at this stage of my life, looking forward to the future and excited about having an opportunity to be a part of what God is doing here in Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church.

Member Changes:

Bill & Ann White—New phone number in Florida 239-593-1312

No more home phone in Fairfield Glade—please use their cell phone numbers

New e-mail addresses are: Bill: cupologist@gmail.com; Ann: 3teethree@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT LARGE WHITE CORNINGWARE DISH?

At the Sunday Thanksgiving dinner, I believe someone has picked up by mistake my white 9x13 oval Corningware dish with blue flowers on the side. The dish contained stuffing and had my address sticker on the side of the dish.

Your similar Corningware dish is in the church kitchen. Please leave my dish in the church kitchen and I'll pick it up when I return from Michigan. Thanks a lot.

Joan Brining