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During the Christmas season, perhaps more than at any other time of the year, our emotions are stirred in some special ways. The grandeur of the Christmas story, the glitter of the tinsel and lights, the greeting cards from our friends and loved ones, the carols, the gifts, the array of Christmas goodies, and the excitement in the eyes of the children are just a few of the ingredients that combine to make Christmas a most emotional time of the year!



Christmas brings a sense of wonder. The shepherds experiencing the host of angels and the announcement that “a Savior is born” caused them to wonder. Luke tells us that after the shepherds saw Jesus “the made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child, and all who heard it *wondered* at what the shepherds told them.” It is no wonder that the shepherds wondered, for their silent night had been split with the glorious presence of God. The Christmas story still causes us to wonder.

Christmas is a time of love. There is no other season when we feel warmer toward our fellow man, when we are more sympathetic toward other’s need, when we are more expressive of our love than in the Christmas season. We realize that God shared His love with us by sending Jesus into the world. As we reflect on His great love, we should in turn express our love to others.

Christmas is a time of joy. “Joys to the world, the Lord is come.” How vividly that song expresses our emotions at Christmas time. This joy is rooted in a living, personal relationship with Jesus. When we realize the significance of what happened on that special night long ago, we should feel joy.

Christmas is also a time of sadness. This sadness sometimes comes because of the demands of the season. The pressure to get gifts, the hectic pace of the activities, and other pressures at this time often are more than some people can handle, therefore sadness sets in. Most often, the sadness of the season is caused by the fact that this will be the first Christmas without a loved one. However, a rediscovery of the true meaning of Christmas will dispel much of the sadness. For if Christmas means anything, it is the realization that not even death can eternally separate us from those we love in Christ. This is true because the little baby did not stay in a manger, but grew into a man who went to the cross to die for our sins and was resurrected the third day and is ascended back into heaven and is coming for us one day. He came to give us life and the promise of eternal life. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas with love!

Church Library News

December - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jesus Christ Is Born

As Christians, we know that Jesus was born for us so that we will have eternal life. Who are we that God would do this for us? We are His children and He wants the best for us - so His Son was born. Jesus is with us through happiness and pain, so talk to Him daily so we can be aware of Him all day every day. The more we talk to Him, the more we know Him and He becomes part of us. We are never alone.

We pray that you and your families and friends have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Here are a few books about God's amazing grace from our Library...

For Children:

On Christmas Morning by Jane Belk Moncure. This is a pictorial book for small children about the birth of Jesus.

The Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado. This is a welcome reminder the God has a special place for those who feel left out. It teaches children not only how to be a friend to those who are different, but also how to stand the trials of being the one who is left out.

The Christmas Story by Igloo Books. This is a wonderful picture book that vividly and lovingly re-tells the story of the nativity. Follow a little dove as he sees the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary, watches Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem and greets Baby Jesus in the manger.

For Adults:

This Christmas Night by Billy & Ruth Graham. Christmas is when our minds go back to that lowly manger in Bethlehem and we hear beyond the noise of our materialistic world the soft flutter of angels wings. We see tenderness of a mother with her firstborn Son...we feel the softness of a Baby.

Christmas Stories for the Heart by Alice Gray. Curlt up by the fire and warm your heart and soul this holiday season with these wonderful stories. Tender & uplifting, this collections will greatly renew your faith, hope and love for the Christmas season.

Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

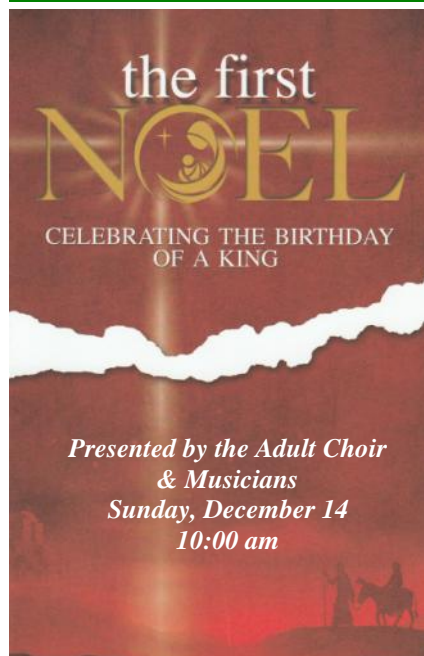
December Birthdays

2	Grant Terrillion
3	Jeff Oakes
	Cutler Capley
6	Lee Brock
	Ashleigh Duncan
8	Doug Williams
	Phillip Pullen
11	Sharon Burkhalter
	Jon Andre
20	Vivienne Okma
21	Prentice Moore
	Katie Welch
22	Ruth Fultz
	Michelle Eash
	Kendall Wright
26	Ann Johnson
27	Tyler Wright
	Tom Holloway
31	Deric Keltner
	Vickie Anderson
	Valinda Albert

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



Worship Quote of the Month



In Acts Chapter 6 we see an example of what the early church was doing to reach out and help those in need. They were distributing food to the orphans and widows.

During the Christmas Cantata on December 14th, we will be collecting canned food items to donate to those in need.

Come hear great music, AND do your part to help those in need.

Bro. Nick, Minister of Music

*Christmas
Cantata*





No Room at the Inn

The Church in Action



Family

Connection

There will be no Family Connection this month. Details coming soon regarding the January gathering.



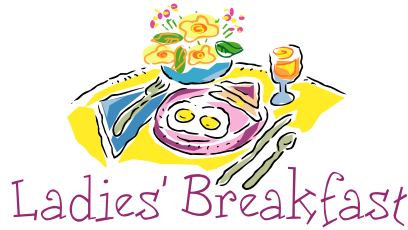
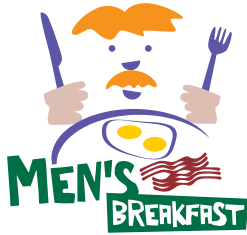
Mark your Calendars...

Saturday, December 6, 12 Noon, Gene Legg's Sunday School Class Christmas Lunch at Legends

Friday, December 12, 6-7:30 pm, Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 10 am-Noon, WOW Sunday School Class Brunch

Saturday, December 13, 6:30 pm, Masterworks Sunday School Class Party at the Eash's home



There will be no Men's or Ladies' Breakfasts this month. Watch for their return in January.

**Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, December 10
10:15 a.m.**

**Everyone is welcome
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)**



It is the end of the year, and your box of Offering Envelopes may be running low. Please call or [email](#) the church office if you need offering envelopes. In trying to be good stewards of our resources, we have many boxes

of unused envelopes that we want to use before we order more. A new box will be prepared & labeled for you and placed on the tall table in the church lobby. Thank you!

****Reminder:** We are also at that time of year when you may want to make contributions to the church to count on Tax Year 2014. Please be sure that your contributions are turned in to the church or postmarked by December 31st in order to be included on your contributions statement. Thank you.

Future Growth Funding
\$148,986.37 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$368,927.78 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist
Foundation.



It's that time of year once again!

**The First Baptist Church
Christmas Post Office
is now open for business!**

Please place your Christmas Cards to church members in the folders marked with the first letter of the recipient's last name. The cards will be delivered until Sunday, January 4th. Place the money you would have spend on postage in the donation jar. All monies collected will benefit **Future Growth Funding**.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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ONE SACRED EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NOV. 30 - DEC. 7

FBCSH Goal: \$2,014.00