

December 2008

The Searchlight



Dear Church Family,

The Psalmist declared, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!" This season of celebration should find us with that same heart of praise and thanksgiving. A Savior has been born: He is Christ the King!

On Sunday November 30th - we begin our week of prayer for International Missions. During the month of December we will receive the "***Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions***" This offering is used in it's entirety for the support and ministries of our 5,318 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in 137 countries around the world. Last year, our Southern Baptist missionaries saw over 609,000 people follow Christ in baptism, and they helped start over 25,000 new churches!

This is our opportunity to have a direct part in their ministries seeing thousands of people come to Christ. Please look for special offering envelopes in the pews and ask God how HE would have you participate in this vital offering for missions this year.

On This Very Night – Our Celebration Choir and drama team will present this unique and gripping Christmas story on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14. This is a great occasion to invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and associates to share in the true meaning of the Christmas season with you. Please pray for God to bless and use this presentation to His glory and to introduce others to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

There are many great opportunity for you and your family to enhance your celebration of Jesus' birth here at Main Street this year. Our **church-wide "Christmas Caroling"** will take place on Wednesday night, December 17. It is a wonderful occasion for you and your family to share the love of the Lord Jesus in homes and care facilities around the NRV along with others in your church family. Afterwards, we will meet back at the church for a snack supper and hot chocolate. Don't miss it!

I trust that you are prayerfully considering the financing proposal for building our first building on the Peppers Ferry Property. Please take every opportunity to attend the very important meetings that have been scheduled over the next several weeks. These are critical days, and we must trust God to help us know and do His will!

My family and I feel blessed beyond words to be serving the Lord alongside of you in this incredible place of ministry. We wish for all of you a special awareness of Jesus' love and presence during these joyous days. We love you!

Devotedly,


Music Notes from Pastor Craig





ON THIS VERY NIGHT


Our Celebration Choir will present the Christmas musical, ON THIS VERY NIGHT, on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 pm each night. Regarding the musical, its creator, Karla Worley, says,

“This Christmas, stand in the shoes of those who first heard the news that Christ was coming, that they were chosen to be part of delivering and witnessing and receiving the Good News. How would you respond? How do you respond to this truth right now? God is among us. Everything’s changed.”

Prior to the musical our Handbell Choir will present some wonderful music of the Christmas season. During the musical Pastor Tim will narrate between songs to help us all catch the message of the real meaning of Christmas. Bring family and friends to this Christmas celebration that is sure to touch each of our hearts in a unique way.



Welcome New Members!

- David Bratton
- Gene and Linda Malinowski
- Rush and Beth Sutherland
- Taylor and Reagan Sellers
- Larry Reynolds
- Marshall Kornegay
- Matthew Christian

Upcoming Dates for the Relocation Financial Plan

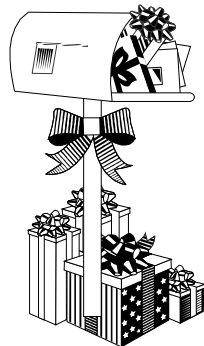
December 4 at 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall / Question and Answer Time with the Finance and MPC Committees

December 7
Church Discussion Question and Answer at 7:00 pm

December 14
Affirmation of the Relocation Financial Plan

Senior Men’s Luncheon
WHAT: Fellowship and Bible Study
WHO: Retired and Senior Adult Men
WHERE: MSBC Fellowship Hall
WHEN: 12:00 noon ‘til 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 18
WHY: Enjoy sandwich and soup luncheon with dessert for \$2.00 AND Bible Study led by Ed Bucy

Legacy Builders for Men
 All men are invited to Legacy Builders on Thursday evenings, December 4 and 18, at 7:00 pm in the Modular Building. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.



Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office

Place your cards and donations in the mailbox in the main hallway beginning December 1st.

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| 01 | James Lollar |
| | Nancy Veith |
| 02 | Kerri Merrill |
| | Randy Smith |
| | Andrew Young |
| 03 | Jeanie Davis |
| | Connor Dobbins |
| | Dixie Smith |
| 04 | Bob Barbatti |
| | Jason Christian |
| | Melissa Wyers |
| 05 | Bethany Bratton |
| | Norma Carroll |
| | Mark Johnson |
| 06 | Heather Pence |
| 07 | Jerry Beasley |
| | Lelia Beasley |
| 08 | Amber Boyd |
| | Caleb Brumfield |
| | Troy Dickson |
| 09 | Mary Ann Eanes |
| | Gabe Turbyfill |
| | Gary Wolford |
| 10 | Angela Combs |
| | Ryan Day |
| | Lee Higgins |
| | Rick Leary |
| | Merci Quinones |
| 11 | Jeffrey Kark |
| | Jeremy Toler |
| 12 | Julian Bond |
| 13 | Maury Howell |
| | Elinor Williams |
| 14 | Laurie Cumby |
| | Robert O'Brien |
| | Madeline Reynolds |
| 15 | Terri Melson |
| | Cheryl Roebuck |
| | Holly Snyder |
| 16 | Haley Davis |
| | Angie Gallimore |
| | Sophie Stites |
| | Mike Tuck |
| | Bob Turner |
| 18 | Rusty Hudhall |
| | Chuck Long |
| | Richard McClanahan |
| | Jennie Tilley |
| | Dave Widgeon |
| 19 | Kathleen Carden |
| 20 | Joe Curtis |
| 22 | Brett Buckner |
| 24 | Ryan Bowyer |
| 25 | Danny Smith |
| 26 | Wendy McClanahan |
| | Bethany Melson |
| 27 | Gary Long |
| 28 | Elizabeth Tuck |
| 29 | Bobby Davis |
| | Ashley Jones |
| 30 | Julie Bean |
| | Tammy Lollar |
| 31 | Susan Dalton |
| | Marshall Kornegay |

Children's Ministry

Awana Clubs

December 3 - Board Game Night
December 10 - Christmas Party
 Door Prize Night
December 17 - No Awana Clubs /
 Christmas Caroling at 6:00 pm
December 24, 31 - No Awana Clubs
 Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
January 7 - Awana Begins!

Preschool Help Needed

Preschool helpers are needed for the Christmas cantata, especially Saturday, December 12, and for the Christmas Eve service. Contact Pastor Dave if you can help.



The 6th season of Upward Basketball is about to begin at Main Street! Our 90 teams are in place and children

should be hearing from their coaches soon. Practices begin the week of December 1.

Begin to pray now to see where God can use you in Upward. We will need scorekeepers, referees, concession workers, devotion speakers, clean up and set up people, etc. If you can help contact Lee Higgins for more information.

Art From the Heart is Coming Soon!

Art from the Heart, the children's arts festival, is looking for talented church members who would be willing to share their talents with our children. It is our desire to show our children that all gifts and talents come from the Lord and can be used for His glory. The 2009 festival will begin in mid-March. If you would be willing to lead a class on Sunday evening or are interested in more information, please contact Lee Higgins (633-0080, leehig@earthlink.net or lhiggins@msbc.org) or Pastor Craig (382-2160, chughes@msbc.org).



December 3 - Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Salad Bar, Rolls, Marbled Brownies
 JUST FOR KIDS: Hamburger & Mashed Potatoes

December 10 - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, Coconut Cake
 JUST FOR KIDS: Corn Dogs, Applesauce

December 17 - Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese or Peanut Butter Sandwich, Cookies with Hot Cider or Hot Chocolate
 JUST FOR KIDS: Chicken Noodle Soup

Special Congratulations

Our church family rejoices with T. J., Beth, Ryan, Sophie, Mya, and Justin Stites on the birth of their new baby boy, Jason.



Wednesday, December 17
6:00 pm

Join us for a fun evening of Christmas Caroling in our community. A soup and sandwich supper will be served when we return to the church.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ALL YOUTH GRADES 7-12



*Visitors are
 always
 welcome!*

November 26 / Happy Thanksgiving!
 No Crossroads

December 3
 Travel to Liberty University
 for Campus Church

December 10
 Youth Christmas Party in
 the Youth House

December 17
 Church Christmas Caroling
 (Meet at MSBC)

December 24
 Christmas Eve Service Only

December 31
 New Year's Eve Party
 8:00 pm - 12:30 am Jan. 1

January 8, 2009
 Winter Jam '09
 Roanoke Civic Center

**Join us on
 Christmas Eve,
 December 24,
 at 6:00 pm.
 as we come together
 to worship the King!**



*"For unto you is born
 this day in the city of
 David a Savior
 which is
 Christ the Lord."
 Luke 2:11*

