

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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where *He* is first

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.



## With Sympathy

Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Barbara Penrod in the loss of her husband, Glenn Penrod  
To the family in the loss of their loved one, Ray Schweinebraten

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sofia Jones

## KIDS KORNER

You won't want to miss the children's musical "Chris-Myth Busters" on December 15th. It has been a joy to hear the singing on Wednesday nights. They are working hard on this - thanks to Mike and all the adults involved, as well as the many children and youth participating. Come and receive a heart full of Christmas blessing! During December, the children will participate in the International Mission Study: Peru. As in the past, they will taste foods, have games and activities related to the country. Missionary, Amy Fischer, is from Kentucky, now serving in Peru. See what's she's doing to share Jesus in Peru. We will also have Candice Coles speak to the children during the month. She helped us get GAs re-started at Second. Since attending WKU, Candice has been involved in missions through the Baptist Campus Ministries. In case you did not see this in the church bulletins, Preschool/Children's Church has been suspended until January. With the holidays, a number of kids getting sick...it was felt that this would be best. One of the issues we are also dealing with is the need for two adults in each room. Please consider being a volunteer. From everyone in the Preschool/Childrens Mission/Ministry Groups - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Christ, Konnie



**TOTALLY HIS**  
HEART, HANDS, VOICE

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
Week of Prayer for International Missions  
December 1-8, 2013

SBC Goal — \$10,000.00

## What's the Message of Christmas?

What is the message of Christmas? Is it gifts and giving, shopping and spending? Is it love and joy, eating and spending time with family and friends? Is it Santas and sleighs, trees and garland? Is it a time of sacrifice and serving others who aren't as fortunate as us, or is it just another Holiday to be enjoy? Is that all it is or is it the outgrowth of something deeper?



To remember what Christmas is really all about we need to go back to the basics for a few minutes and think about how the Christmas came to be in the first place.

Christmas is about the ultimate gift – a Savior. God sent His Son to save us from our sin. Birthed in the heart of God before the world was ever created God the Father planned Christmas. His best gift for those who needed it the most. Born of a virgin without a sin nature so that He could redeem us from our sin.

Christmas is about the greatest love ever shown. He loved us before we breathed our first breath. I think the greatest desire in the heart of any person is to be loved. Not for what they might do or could do, but because of who they are. Jesus came to lay down His life for us that we might know God's love for us. And when our hearts overflow with His love then we can't help but love and bring joy to those around us.

Christmas is about enjoying the most blessed fellowship that we can know. We enjoy the times of food and fellowship with our families and friends during the holiday season, but to be adopted into His family is the ultimate fellowship. Our fellowship with family and friends here is a temporary thing, but to be a part of His family is a fellowship that will last for all eternity. And because we are accepted into His fellowship and family we can and should accept others.

Christmas is about the life giving sacrifice of Jesus. We are free to celebrate not presents or pageants, parties or programs, but the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. And because of His sacrifice we are free to serve others in whatever way we can to make a difference in their lives.

We need to see the bigger picture of Christmas. Christmas is not all about us, it's all about Him! Let's celebrate it this year for its true meaning.

— Bro. Steve

## Mike's Minutes



1. *Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD, Lord hear my voice.* 2. *Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.* 3. *If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?* 4. *But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You.* 5. *I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.* 6. *I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.* 7. *Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.* 8. *He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

**Psalm 130:1-8(NIV)**

**The end of the year fast approaches. I am uncertain what kinds of feelings and thoughts that idea prompts you, but no matter the destination of your mind as you gaze ahead to the close of 2013, let me encourage you to remember some crucial things.**

**The end of November is the start of the Advent season for many churches around the world. Advent finds its roots in liturgical traditions that are not particularly common to Baptist circles, but the richness of the intent of such traditions is worth noting in the case of Advent. In short, Advent is the time preparation for the coming of our Savior, Christ. Is that where your heart is today? Throughout this holiday season we will celebrate the birth of the greatest gift ever to walk on this planet. Let's prepare our hearts in anticipation of the birth of God's son, our only hope of freedom from sin in our incapable state and human effort. As we celebrate that hope, love, joy, and peace may our hearts echo with that of the psalmist.**

**This December may we wait with our whole beings for in our Lord is unfailing love and full redemption. We anxiously prepare for a baby born to redeem us all from sin.**

**Your brother in Christ,**

**Mike**

**P.S. Again, I want to challenge you to think about becoming a part of these special holiday services taking place at SBC. One of the beautiful things about being a Christian is that the Holy Spirit uses you to accomplish His purposes. Let's give God, His praise!**

**Sunday evening: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 6p.m.- Hanging of the Greens**  
**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 6p.m.- Children's Musical (Chris-myth Busters)**  
**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6p.m.- Sanctuary Choir Musical**  
*(Bethlehem Morning)*  
**Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 5p.m.- The Lord's Supper**



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**SECOND BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**



Thurs., Dec. 19, 2013  
6:00 P.M.

Look for more information in upcoming  
bulletins and announcements!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sun., Dec. 1—Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 1-8—Lottie Moon Week of Prayer  
for International Missions

Sun., Dec. 15—Youth Christmas Musical

Sun., Dec. 22nd—Adult Choir Musical





- 01 Suzann Coles
- 02 Ethan Spencer
- 03 Meagan Cherry, Eliot Wheat
- 04 Don Ballard, Joe Laird, Taylor Bibb
- 05 David Hopper
- 06 Kim Bird, Joey Young
- 07 Lindsey Gipson
- 09 Van Allen, Billie Simpson
- 10 Charles Tinch, Nancy Kinkade
- 11 Pat Henderson, Paige Gilliam, Taylor Wilson
- 13 Ruth Ethridge
- 14 Mike Dorris, Dustin Chestnut
- 18 Bill Owens
- 20 Faye Page, Shell Peters
- 21 Jon Blick
- 22 Virginia Wood, Cindy Offutt, Melinda Mittelstrasser, Christy Hooper, RaShawn Jones
- 23 Jeweral Hughes
- 24 Patsy Poore, Ryan Davenport
- 25 Sandy Taylor
- 26 Venita Hall, Lynette Baker, Crystal Arnold
- 27 Eleanor Tinch
- 28 Casey Wright, Noble Clark
- 29 Emily Holt
- 30 Brenda Barton, Linda Taylor, Carl Sandage
- 31 Lee Duncan



- 01 Bldg. & Grounds Comm. Mtg., 5pm  
Hanging of the Greens, 6pm
- 04 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 12 Golden Heirs to Grand Rivers, 11pm
- 15 Youth Christmas Program, 6pm
- 18 Deacons Meeting, 6pm
- 22 Adult Christmas Program, 6pm
- 24-25 Christmas Holidays – Office Closed

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news on WRUS-AM

Women's Exercise Class - Each Tues. & Thurs. 10am

GO Visitation & Meal -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm, EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



*Happy Anniversary!*

- Ricky & Dana Stoker 05
- Darrell & Vicky Bobbett 06
- Neal & Tina Hamilton 08
- Eugene & Helen Ashby 12
- Roy & Bettie Bond 12
- Michael & Christy Wright 12
- Rick & Lisa Browning 15
- Marvin & Jackie Flatt 21
- Scott & Casey Wright 22
- David & Sandra Kinser 27
- Randy & Susie Rigbsby 29
- Dan & Faye Clark 31