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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 Jeff Green in the loss of his father, David Green.
To Jerry Holloway in the loss of his brother, Garnett Holloway.



KIDS KORNER

Are you ready for a Christmas blessing? If so, our children's choir will present their Christmas musical Sunday night, December 13th. Plans are also in the works for them to sing at the nursing home on December 9th. Nine children have registered for the International Mission Study:Indonesia to be held December 5, with Brenda Jicka our guest speaker. Missions & music are the heart of our children's missions/ministry at Second Baptist. One of the principles is to participate in the work of the church. Throughout the year we offer many opportunities to do just that...in August, they are recognized for their work and accomplishments. It is never too late for a child to join us and, there are no dues! (how many groups say that?) One of the strongest aspects of missions education is putting others before self. Putting it in a Mission Friends concept: Jesus-Others-Yourself. In a self-centered society, this is huge!

With the Christmas season, it would be a great time for us to put this concept to work. When you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, make this a family gift. Let the children know that this offering helps missionaries share Jesus with people around the world. Give them opportunities to give an offering. Know that 100% of the offering goes to support missionaries. Give generously! 600-800 missionary families are having to leave the mission field due to lack of funding. The prayer is that nationals will continue the work in their countries, and that doors of opportunity will be open for the returning missionaries. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, spend time with family and friends, may we be "cheerful givers" with our offerings to reach the world for Christ!

In Christ, Konnie



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bro. Michael Duff
Terri Duff
Danny Harris
Evelyn Yell

2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6

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**Merry Christmas
From Pastor Michael & Terri**

“She gave birth to her firstborn son”

“While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her first born son.” Luke 2:6-7

Dr. Randall Bush, Professor at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee has published a children’s story for Christmas called Gabriel’s Magic Ornament. The book contains all of the “magic” of Christmas for Children, but it also has a message about Christmas. What is so interesting about the book is that it was reviewed by a prominent National Librarians Association, and the review complained that the book was too Christian. May I ask a question? How can a book about Christmas be too Christian? We have come to a strange place in our culture that people have forgotten the association between our largest merchandizing festival and God.

Christmas preparation now begins in the craft stores in September. Christmas has become a normal topic of conversation as the football scores or the stock market. In the market place, toys compete to become the hottest item of the year. Television specials compete for the largest audience. Santa, Rudolph, Frosty and the Grinch compete for the most heartwarming story. Is there room for Jesus in this cultural zoo? My friends, we can no longer assume that people understand the Christmas story. Mary, The Baby, The Manger, The Angels, The Shepherds, and The Wise Men all make up one beautiful Drama, But what does it really mean?

What Does It All Mean?

The Christmas Story describes the God who loves people regardless of the cost. The God who gave us His Son. The God who knew we were a sinful people, a people that was lost, a people wandering in the darkness, but God loved us so much that He gave us His Son even to the death on the Cross. The Christmas story describes the God who entered the world to reconcile us to Himself.

This Christmas Season, let me remind you that some will listen politely to the Christmas story. Some will think it is just another pretty story and they may accept the angel choir. But, what they will miss unless we explain it, is that the Christmas story means everything. It is the story of how God loves us so much that He sent His Son into the world so that we might be saved.

Second Baptist Church, Pray that your pastor will be faithful in sharing the Christmas Story this year in a way that even the smallest of children will understand there is more to Christmas than toys, food and a pretty program.
She Gave Birth to her firstborn and His name is Jesus!

Have a Merry Christmas!
We Love You!
Pastor Michael & Terri



Choir Loft

Reflections! The Christmas season

will mean many different things to every one of us. But we must never forget the reason we have Christmas is to remember the Great Gift God gave to the world. We are going to be busy shopping, visiting, and preparing meals, but let’s not be too busy to give God first place in our Christmas holiday.

Some special service dates to remember!

Saturday, **December 5th**, will be a Christmas outing for our Worship Choir members to enjoy. We will be driving to Bowling Green to eat at Ryan’s, and then over to Rich Pond Baptist Church to attend the musical, “A Time for Christmas.” The bus will be leaving the church at 4:30 P.M.. It is always a great time to be together outside the choir loft.

Tuesday evening, **December 8th**, will be our Christmas evening at Creekwood Nursing Home. Our Children’s Choir will be in charge of the program. A special treat is in store for them. Hope to see you there, too!

Sunday evening, **December 13th**, the Children’s Choir, under the direction of Crystal Jones, will be presenting their musical entitled, “Christmas is Jesus.” Today, Christmas can mean a lot of things: the North Pole, family traditions, candy canes, and presents, to name a few.

However, it all falls short when compared to the true miracle that happened in Bethlehem so many years ago. At its core, Christmas is quite simply ... Jesus. Come out and enjoy this powerful Christmas musical.

You will also want to mark your calendars for Sunday evening, **December 20th**. This is when the Worship Choir will be presenting their Christmas musical entitled, “The First Noel.” We will be celebrating the birthday of a King through classic carols, hymns, and favorite Christmas songs of the season! Thank you to the members of the choir for your hard work in preparing this beautiful music. Our Worship Choir invites you and your family to come and share this great worship experience.

One last reminder! Our services throughout December will be aired on WRUS Radio. Please invite your family and friends to listen in or to come to one or more of these special services. Christmas is a great time to share the gospel. Let me encourage you to invite a lost friend to come also. I know! You’ve invited them on other occasions. But you just never know, they may say yes this time! It’s Christmas! A time to celebrate! Jesus! He is the reason (the only reason) for the season!

Christ is Christmas
Bro. Mike



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UPCOMING EVENT



NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:00 P.M.**



- 01 Suzann Coles
- 02 Terri Duff, Ethan Spencer
- 03 Meagan Cherry
- 04 Don Ballard, Joe Laird
- 05 David Hopper
- 06 Kim Bird, Joey Young
- 07 Lindsey Gipson
- 09 Van Allen, Billie Simpson
- 10 Charles Tinch, Nancy Kinkade
- 11 Pat Thomas, Paige Gilliam, Taylor Wilson
- 13 Ruth Ethridge
- 14 Mike Dorris, Dustin Chestnut
- 18 Bill Owens
- 20 Shell Peters, Leslie Harper
- 21 Jon Blick
- 22 Virginia Wood, Cindy Offutt, Christy Hooper, RaShawn Jones, Nick Taylor
- 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, Zachary Stafford
- 30 Brenda Barton, Carl Sandage
- 31 Lee Duncan

DECEMBER

- 06 Bldg. & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 07 BWOM Meeting, at church, 6pm – Prayer Pal gift exchange/bring finger foods
- 08 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 09 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Neighborhood Christmas Dinner, 6pm
- 22 Golden Heirs to Nashville, 3pm
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
- 30 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

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

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

Brotherhood – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



- Ricky & Dana Stoker 05
- Rob & Connie Gilliam 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
- Randy & Susie Rigsby 23
- Ken & Debbie Knight 24