

The Connection

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*"A church in the heart of Russellville
with Russellville on its heart"*

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FOCUS: Jesus' Birthday

The beauty of the fall has come and gone; winter is arriving and that means Christmas is near. Tree decorating, gift buying & all of us making our plans. We have to hurry & get that perfect gift for someone special & figure out how we are going to make all those Christmas Day visits.

Well, let's think about that...Christmas is Jesus' birthday. So what do I need to do to make this a truly beautiful Christmas?

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15. We plan to give & not all things from the mall or online. What about asking God what He would have you do? How about providing a meal or some new clothes to a local needy family? Why not give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or \$100 to buy a goat & two chickens that will supply eggs & milk for a family in a foreign country for a year? Maybe you can't afford anything, but would like to give a pint of blood to help save a life. The best of all gifts is to give yourself completely to God. Start by attending Sunday school every Sunday. Commit your life to God fully & make a commitment in your heart to SBC.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas,

Gaylen Baugh
Sunday School Director

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." —Acts 20:35 NKJV



Wedding Anniversaries

Ricky & Dana Stoker	05
Darrell & Vicky Bobbett	06
Neal & Tina Hamilton	08
Harold & Oma McIntyre	09
Eugene & Helen Ashby	12
Roy & Bettie Bond	12
Michael & Christy Wright	12
Rick & Lisa Browning	15
Marvin & Jackie Flatt	21
Scott & Casey Wright	22
Neal & Thelma Grayson	24
David & Sandra Kinser	27
Randy & Susie Rigsby	29

There will be more information coming about the **Senior Luncheon!** It will be on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in January 2011.

If you would like to contribute for **Christmas boxes for the needy**, please contact the church office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Clifton Gibbs
Margie Gibbs
Brenda Crafton
Malene Gibbs

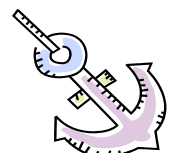
Baptism

Eliot Wheat
Dylan Offutt
Lisa Anderson
Christian Jones

KIDS Korner

All children and preschoolers are invited to attend our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party and International Mission Study: Thailand on Wednesday, December 22nd, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. There will be missions activities, crafts, and food as well as a special time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our missions groups will continue to meet during the month of December, except on Business Meeting night. If you have children visiting during the holidays, bring them on Wednesday nights. Merry Christmas from all of us in the Pre-school and Children Missions Education team.

Love in Christ,
Konnie



**2010 Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering®**
National Goal: \$175 Million



**SBC Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**
Goal:

\$7,400.00



Pastor's Ponderings

December 2010, wow, where did it come from? And how in the world did it get here so quickly? The holiday season is bearing upon us & just as quickly as it has come, it will be gone again! Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas gathering, parties, and the like, these all will have their places & will be vying for our time our *presence*. Oh, and speaking of *presents*, what will you give HIM this year? Life is so demanding, and our focus seems to be on everything but the most important item in life, JESUS.

Last week at the KBC Pastor's Conference, there was a statement that was made by several speakers in different messages. It seemed to be an unspoken theme that prevailed throughout. The statement was as follows: "If you are going to do anything for Jesus you need to do it NOW!" We all know scripture, and surely we have read Matthew 6:33, "*but seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.*"

Knowing this is what we are supposed to do and doing it are two totally different things! After 14 blessed years serving the Lord with you at Second Baptist as pastor, we have witnessed many who have already gone on to be with the Lord, others who are physically losing ground, and all of us are getting older rapidly.

So when I hear the statement that I heard last week again, "If you are going to do anything for Jesus, you need to do it NOW!", I realize that the age of the church is closing and Jesus is coming.

Will we be ready? Or will we have been so busy that we forgot to get ready like the virgins in the parable that forgot to trim their lamps and missed His coming?

I love you dear church! We must get ready now! Because there will be no second opportunity!

Think about it!

Mike's Minutes



If no one has reminded you lately, we are about to enter the Christmas season. Shocked? You shouldn't be for the old song has tried to remind us over & over again, that "*time is now fleeting, and the moments are passing.*" The years seemingly go by so much faster the older you get.

If not already, the songs of the Christmas season will soon fill our homes and sanctuary once again. These songs comprise some of the finest music known to man. Songs like "*O Come, All Ye Faithful,*" has been sung by groups all over the world in over one hundred other languages. Can you just imagine the lowly shepherds out in the fields the night of Jesus' birth hearing the angelic choir pronounce the Savior's birth?

And one of the most joyous of all Christmas hymns is "*Joy to the World.*" In this song, you don't hear much about angelic choirs or shepherds, but it does emphasize the reverent, but ecstatic joy that Christ's birth brought to mankind. For centuries, hearts yearned for God to reveal Himself personally. At last it happened as "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." We can rejoice for God's great gift, a gift that provides the means whereby sinful people might live eternally.

What about "*Away In a Manger*"? No Christmas song is more loved than this tender children's carol. One of the first Christmas songs learned in early childhood, yet the hymn appeals to the young and old alike with its simple words of love for the Lord Jesus and trust in His faithful care.

We all have our favorite Christmas songs like "*Silent Night,*" "*O Little Town of Bethlehem,*" "*Angels, From the Realms of Glory,*" "*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,*" and "*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,*" just to name a few. For many people, another Christmas season will be merely a rerun of the trivial and the sentimental. But I hope to the devoted Christian, Christmas is much more than a once a year celebration. It should be a fresh awareness that a Deliverer was sent from the portals of heaven to become personally involved in the redemption and affairs of the human race. By the listening and singing of these beautiful songs, we should be motivated to share the Good News with people who need to know there is a Savior. One that is available to meet their every need. As simple as we can share the message, we need to "*Go, Tell It On the Mountain,*" over the hills and everywhere that Jesus Christ is born and here is your God!

December 2010

November 2010

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January 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Baptist Hour- WRUS	30	1 GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm	2	3	4
5 Hanging of the Greens	6 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg- 7pm Baptist Hour- WRUS	7	8 Brotherhood-6pm Youth Committee Mtg-6:15pm Business Meeting- 7pm	9	10	11
12	13 Baptist Hour- WRUS	14 Nursing Home Visitation-7pm	15 GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm Officers & Teachers Mtg- 6:15pm GH to LifeWay Christmas Program-11am	16	17	18
19 Adult Choir Christmas Cantata- 6pm	20 Baptist Hour- WRUS	21	22 GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm	23	24 > Christmas Holidays-Office Closed	25 Christmas
26 Christmas Holidays-Office Closed <	27 Baptist Hour- WRUS	28	29 GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm Deacons Mtg- 6:15pm	30	31 New Year's Eve- Office Closed	1

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December Birthdays



Suzann Coles	01	Bill Owens	18
Lori Dunlap	01	Melvin Henderson	19
Nikki Clinard	01	Miranda Cowan	19
Ethan Spencer	02	Faye Page	20
Gail Johnson	03	Shell Peters	20
Larry Orr	03	Jon Layton Blick	21
Meagan Cherry	03	Tanner Kash	21
Eliot Wheat	03	Virginia Wood	22
Donald Ballard	04	Freddie Anderson	22
Joe Laird	04	Cindy Offutt	22
Taylor Bibb	04	RaShawn Jones	22
David Hopper	05	Jeweral Hughes	23
Kim Bird	06	Patsy Poore	24
Joey Young	06	Ryan Davenport	24
Heaton, Tracy	06	Sandy Taylor	25
Lindsey Gipson	07	Venita Hall	26
Lisa Watkins	07	Lynette Baker	26
Billie Simpson	09	Crystal Arnold	26
Charles Tinch	10	Eleanor Tinch	27
Nancy Kinkade	10	Paige Rose	27
Pat Henderson	11	Alex Dodson	27
Paige Gilliam	11	Casey Wright	28
Taylor Wilson	11	Noble Clark	28
Ruth Ethridge	13	Harold McIntyre	29
Mike Dorris	14	Brenda Barton	30
Dustin Chestnut	14	Carl Sandage	30
Ashley Hankins	15	James "Sonny" Duncan	31
Kiley Witt	16	Lee Duncan	31
Kathy Miller	17		