

WMU Christmas Card "Mailbox"

The Woman's Missionary Union is once again sponsoring the Christmas card delivery system for us. The system is designed to deliver Christmas cards to the active members and worshippers at Bethany Baptist only. The money you save on postage should be donated to our missions offering. Just drop your Christmas cards in our mailbox in the sanctuary and your donations in the offering plates. December 13 is the deadline to use this system.

Children's Choir Christmas Musical

The children will present "It's a Wonder-full Life" on Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. This is the program that will help remind us how God's gift of Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Without God's gift life would not be wonder-full. There will be a reception at the conclusion of the musical.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Our annual Christmas Eve worship service is on Thursday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. It will be a marvelous time of music, scripture, meditation, and celebration. Bring your Christmas guests with you as we celebrate together the gift of the Christ child.

CBF Missions & Ministries Guide

The new year-long guide to CBF missions and ministries are available in the back windows in the sanctuary and the table near the side entrance. Please take a guide and regularly lift up your prayers for our missionaries in the coming year.

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BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Dec 2009

Celebrating Our Past With Gratitude, Looking To The Future With Purpose

Ben's Pen

A national survey reveals that 65% of American Christians have never read the entire New Testament. 40% of Christians cannot even name the gospels. Is Bethany Baptist out of the ordinary? The deacons and I have a challenge for each of you. Listen to the New Testament in 40 days. Make it your new year's resolution to listen to the New Testament to kick off 2010. We want the Bethany family to listen to the New Testament between January 3 and February 11. We



will provide you the resource. How many of you listen to the radio, TV, or recorded music or books on a daily basis? If you will commit 28 minutes a day for 40 days you will hear the whole New Testament. We profess and promote the importance of the Bible. We claim it is central to our faith. How important is it to you? We have the New Testament on an MP3 disc just for you. I understand the MP3 technology may be new to you, but we have the answer to that as well. I will be demonstrating how easily you can hear God's Word in just a few minutes a day. The New Testament will be presented for you in a Biblical translation you are comfortable with. I will be sharing more details during December. Faith comes by hearing. Will you commit 28 minutes of your day to listen to God's Word in 2010?

Susan, Elizabeth, William, Caroline, Jonathan, and I invite you to our house on Saturday, December 19. We will have an open house just for you between 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. just for you. We live at 9808 Poplar Forest Road in Lee's Hill South. We will provide a map with directions to any of you who would like one. I hope to see all of you in church in December and would hope that you can visit us that Saturday.

December Missions Emphasis

December marks our annual emphasis on missions giving. This year you are encouraged to give the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and/or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering. There are specially marked envelopes for both offerings in each pew rack and other places around the church. There is also information on the offerings and their use on the education building board. Our church's goal is \$1500. 100% of our gifts will go to support our missionaries around the world.

No CIA In December

The children's missions program Children In Action (CIA), which normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, will not be meeting in December. Meetings will resume on January 6th, 2010.

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December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	3 Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5 Spotsylvania Christmas Parade 2:00 PM
6 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	7 Men's Ministry Supper Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Combined Nov-Dec Business Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Choir To BGHCC 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM	10 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12 Caroline County/ Bowling Green Christmas Parade 5:00 PM
13 Sun. School 10:00 AM; Worship (with Adult Choir Cantata) 11:00 AM Children's Christmas Musical 5:30 PM	14	15 WMU Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	17	18	19 Christmas Open House @ Pastor's Home 4:00-7:00 PM
20 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 PM Church Office Closed	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed	26
27 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM	28	29	30	31		
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December Birthdays:

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| 1 - Janice Hockaday | 17 - Tommy Roland |
| 6 - Sue Acors | 19 - Mark Marshall |
| 12 - Polly Proffitt | 22 - Ruth Edenton |
| 14 - Stephen Morris | 22 - Zachary Newman |
| 15 - Beverly Gilbert | 29 - Nancy Montgomery |
| 15 - Maggie Steckler | 31 - Loretta Smith |

December Anniversaries

~None~

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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| Scarlett Blanton | Ruth Edenton |
| Ruby Bullock | Evelyn Gatewood |
| Brenda Cannon | Pearl Haislop |
| Bobby Camahan | Grayson Satterwhite |
| Ella Carroll | Buckie Tate |
| Nell Durrett | |

Deacons:

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| Al Baker | (804) 448-3345 |
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Deacon of the Month: December

Matt Faulconer 540-582-6820

Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

November '09 Weekly Average Income: \$1,599.40
 Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,288.90

Your gifts in support of the missions and ministries of Bethany Baptist Church are sincerely appreciated.

The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for Jesus Christ with people who live in our community by sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.