

## Pastor's Heart

It's funny that we should have to be reminded to do the things that are best for us, to be intentional about things that make life better and our ministry successful – but we do! This morning, the Lord will remind us of one of the more important aspects of attitude in the holidays and throughout the year. It is a word of the Lord found consistently throughout the scriptures. It is a word of the Lord for you.

This is the season of Advent, the celebration of the Lord's entrance into the realm of humanity. It is a time of celebration and commitment. Indeed the Lord did not merely come, He is coming again. Though you had little input in His first coming, the scriptures reveal that you have a great deal to do with the timing of His second coming. Listen this morning for this truth revealed.

It is the time of year that we emphasize our part in the worldwide proclamation of God's Good News. If you are new to this Baptist emphasis, you will want to know that it dates back to a Missionary to China named Lottie Moon. She wrote during the Christmas season to her supporting churches requesting help in reaching the Chinese peoples. Those letters became the impetus for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Mission.

This offering, which should be above your tithe, is sent directly for support of international missions and missionaries. It is part of our Women's Missionary Union and makes up a huge part of Southern Baptist mission efforts. This year's goal at First Baptist is \$40,000. If we are to reach that goal in these economic times, it will take sacrifice from all of us.

Pray about your part in reaching the goal. Last year, as you heard last week, we met our goal. Then our WMU, RAs and GAs gave over and above that for the purpose of translating the Bible into the language of the Bhutanese peoples. Wow! I don't think we can comprehend the impact of such giving until we see the results in heaven.

Why do I emphasize that this is an offering beyond your tithe? Because we do not want to harm the ministry of the Lord at home, while extending it across the seas. Both are essential to an obedient church. Let's make this last month of 2009 a faithful one in stewardship.

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Randy

You are invited to

### Good News: Jesus Is Born!

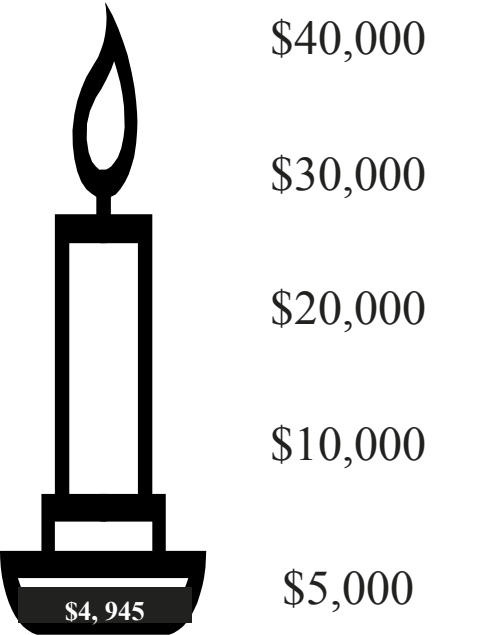
Sunday, December 13  
at 6:00 p.m.

*This delightful concert of Christmas carols will feature adult and youth choirs, handbells, and the church orchestra.*




## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

For International Missions  
Church Goal: \$40,000



**Church staff**  
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*  
 Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*  
 Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music*  
 Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*  
 Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*  
 Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*  
 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



## MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009  
10:00 A.M.

*Worship/Children: For your comfort and that of others, children is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 232. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.*

*\*If you are able, please stand as indicated.  
Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in The Baptist Hymnal.*

### WE CELEBRATE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms  
 \*Prelude "Joy to the World!" Handel/Ashford  
 Carol Title, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist  
 Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Songs of Assurance "Emmanuel" McGee  
 "Jesus, Name above All Names" Hearn

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent Jernigan and Curfman Family

Responsive Reading including Isaiah 9:2, 6

Scripture in Song "For a Child Will Be Born" Bailey  
 Young Musicians Older Children's Choir  
 Glenda Nelms, director

\*Carol of Praise 94 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE  
 \*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

### WE HEAR THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

Message in Testimony "Emmanuel" Stevens  
 Happy Tones Senior Adult Choir  
 Dave Carlson, soloist  
 Carol Title, director and Grace Rennell, pianist

Sermon "The Prophet Speaks of Advent" Dr. Adkisson  
 Zechariah 9:9-10

\*Commitment Hymn "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Townend  
**WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**

Emphasis of the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions  
 Offerory Prayer Chris Wilson

Worship with Tithes and Offerings  
 Offerory Music "Joy Had Dawned" arr. Wagner  
 Praise Ringers Adult Handbell Team  
 Todd Arnold, director  
 \*Presentation of Offering  
 \*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH  
 Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

### WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Promotional Moment for Christmas Musical and Tasting Party  
 \*Benediction Dr. Adkisson  
 \*Departing Chorus "As We Go" Johnson  
 \*Postlude Instrumentalists

### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms  
 Prelude "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" French Carol  
 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Hopkins  
 First Baptist String Ensemble

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson  
 \*Carol of Praise 96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO  
 Instrumental Meditation "Noel Nouvelet" arr. Rutter  
 Heart Strings Harp Ensemble  
 Pat Butler, director

\*Hymn of Praise "Joy Has Dawned" Getty/Townend  
 Theme Interpretation "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Barlow Girl  
 Luminesce Creative Arts Team  
 Shannan Bradley and Kristy McCloud, directors

Sermon Dr. Adkisson  
 \*Commitment Hymn "Come, Just As You Are" Sabolick  
 Offerory Prayer Randall Ramsey

Musical Offering "The Little Drummer Boy" arr. Allen  
 Heart Strings with Nathan Nelms, percussionist

\*Closing Prayer Dr. Adkisson  
 \*Postlude Instrumentalists



## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Jim Viar - Chief Deacon  
Richard Newman  
Wade Raines  
John Zhu  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Dimas Aranda

### Wednesday Dinner - 12/09

Soup and salad, cornbread and crackers, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 12/09

5:00 p.m. - Brenda & Jim Boyington, Cassandra & Richard Newman

5:45 p.m. - Donnie King, Jean Downey, Stella Dukes, Marta Sliger

### Extended Session - 12/06

Bed Babies - Holly Turbeville, Jenny Kinser

Creepers/Toddlers - Stefanie & Brian Smith

2's - Ken Peterson, Kim Groves

3's - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

## Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$13,691.58
Difference from Goal	-\$15,047.07
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,422.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$16,113.58
Budget Goal to Date	\$632,250.38
Budget Gifts to Date	\$600,158.74
Difference from Goal	-\$32,091.64
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$562,553.52
Increase from Prior Year	\$37,605.22
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$16,881.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,736,916.48

## Sunday School Attendance

### November 29, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	56
Children	57
Youth	44
Adults	313
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>



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# Full participation needed for Tasting Party

By Linda Sharpe

The much anticipated event is almost upon us. Jonathan has stepped up music rehearsals, the stringed instruments are getting tuned, the recipe books are being pulled from the back of the kitchen shelves and everyone is enjoying playing dress up. The annual Christmas Musical/Victorian Tasting Party is scheduled for December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

There are some changes this year. The Hospitality Committee will take on the entire decorating job. No individual class tables or decorating competition will be in place this year. The church family just needs to bring the goodies, the finger foods, the secret fruitcake recipe, healthy options or just store bought cookies if time is limited. I cannot stress enough the importance of bringing plenty of treats to share.



We want 100 % participation. Mass invitations have been sent across the community, and we are certainly hoping you are planning to gather your own family in order to participate in this wonderful worship experience of Christmas. It will take our entire church

family to ensure the success of this event.

The theme of the Tasting Party will be Victorian or the setting of Charles Dickens Village. It will provide the atmosphere of an Old Fashioned Good Time. Dress the part if you want to join in the fun. Come as you are if that suits your style more. We will have both the FLC (Dickens Towne Square) and the Fellowship Hall (The Victorian Gathering Room) to help alleviate the crowds. Both areas will have live music, food, drink and some special effects thrown in.

Children and those families needing to sit will find ample table and chairs in the Gathering Room. As in the past, the Town Square will be standing room only but arranged in a way to have a comfortable flow of people. Do not let the crowds of the past prevent you from coming this year. We have addressed those issues and measures have been taken to correct those concerns. This is THE event of the season, and you and your family will not want to miss it.

Call me at 931-738-3845 with questions or for opportunities to help serve. On behalf of the Hospitality Committee, we look forward to sharing Christmas with each of you.

## Parent-Child Dedication

First Baptist will have a time of Parent-Child Dedication during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 13. Families need to be registered to participate in this special time of worship. During this time, parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Call the church office or place this form in the offering plate to register your family by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

**Parent/Child Dedication Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Service \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Bulletin Board



### COLLEGE

#### College Christmas Lunch

TODAY from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall



### YOUTH

#### Youth Tree Trimming Fellowship

TONIGHT from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

All youth and leaders are invited to decorate the youth departments for Christmas and enjoy holiday "goodies." Everyone is asked to bring something to eat and an ornament for the trees.



### MISSIONS

#### Trip to Trinidad

March 6-13

Spaces are still available for this mission trip. If you are interested talk to Bill Stone or Steve Farris by December 13. A \$100 deposit is due immediately. This trip may be canceled if we don't have enough people to make a team.



### OUTREACH

#### Put feet on your faith: Join an outreach team

Outreach

Sunday, December 13 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Meet in the conference room.



### CHILDREN

#### Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 18

6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & FLC

This is for children ages 3-6th grade. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 13. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC. **Volunteers are needed.** Call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

## Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due TODAY. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please place \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up (after Christmas Eve service) \_\_\_\_ Take to shut in

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Dec. 6

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
4:00 P.M. Handbells  
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies  
Children's Bible Drill  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
7:00 P.M. YAC Tree Trim Party

### Monday, Dec. 7

4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices  
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble  
6:00 P.M. Deacon Christmas Party @ Newmans'

### Tuesday, Dec. 8

8:45 A.M. MDO  
4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

3:00 P.M. Open Gym  
3:30 P.M. Study Hall  
5:00 P.M. Supper line opens  
Youth Choir  
Children's Choirs  
Youth on Mission

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir  
Children's Missions  
Yth Bible Study/Worship

7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Dec. 10

9:30 A.M. CBS  
10:15 A.M. Happy Tones to NHC  
4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices

6:00 P.M. Music Rehearsal

### Friday, Dec. 11

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
6:00 P.M. Music Rehearsal

### Saturday, Dec. 12

3:30 P.M. Happy Travelers to Grand Ole Opry

### Sunday, Dec. 13

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
11:30 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch  
4:30 P.M. Orchestra  
5:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Reh.  
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies  
Children's Bible Drill  
Yth. Choir Reh.  
6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical  
7:00 P.M. Tasting Party

**Snow Line: 526-4685. Look for the published snow policy in next week's Chronicles.**