

First Facts

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The Celebration Choir presents



there is a
BETHLEHEM
A Christmas Journey of Faith
**December 18th
at 10:30 AM**
CREATED BY
DAVE CLARK & TOBY WOOD
ARRANGED BY
BARTY HAMBY
ORCHESTRATED BY
STEVE MAULDIN



100% of your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas.



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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$175 million
Week of Prayer for International Missions, December 9-17, 2011
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Knowing God & Making Him Known



Shepherd's Notes

Well glory! I've been reading this year through Andrew Murray's Devotional, *God's Best Secrets*. My reading the other day took me back to the familiar words of Paul in Gal. 2:20, "The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loves me and gave His

life for me." Murray commented, "Jesus' own words to His disciples best explain this. Even as the Father dwelt in Him, and worked in Him, so our Lord dwells in us and works in and through us. The Son expressed the Father; we are to express Christ. The Father worked in the Son and Christ works in us and enables us to carry on His work. This is His gift to us. The only attitude that becomes us is one of trust and assurance that He loved me and gave Himself for me. He and I are eternally and inseparably one – He lives in me!"

Constance and I certainly look forward to spending this Christmas season with you as our first Christmas together. We have come to love you all and it is a blessing to share in the mystery and majesty of our Lord's birth with you.

Be praying for our choir as they present our **Christmas musical on Dec. 18**. They have worked long and hard and I know it will be a blessing. Then, that evening, Donnie Richmond will be sharing a mini-concert with us before the preaching of the Word.

We'll be having a **winter warm-up on Jan. 29** as we enjoy a Southern gospel concert that evening and then go to the fellowship hall for a chili supper. Please plan to bring your own special chili or the "fixins" that go with chili. It will be a good time of fellowship as we warm up from the cold January days.

God bless you all. I pray for every one of you a Jesus-filled Christmas!

Bro. Dale

Pastor Dale Ellenburg

Preschool & Children's Ministry



PLEASE NOTE

We will not have Awana on Dec. 21st or 28th due to the Christmas holiday break! We will meet back again on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 2012.

Merry Christmas!



December Calendar for Awana

- 7th** Theme Night: Flashlight Night! (Bring your flashlight to club!)
Council Time: Jesus is the Light of the World
- 14th** Theme Night: Dress like a Christmas gift!
Council Time: Jesus is the BEST gift!
Canned Food Drive Reward Night
Happy Birthday Jesus Party!!!
*Pizza Party for T&T kids and leaders!



Guest Singer

*Mini-concert with
Gospel Singer
Donny Richmond
on Dec. 18th
at 6pm before
Pastor Dale
preaches the Word.*

*Please pray for our
active deacons serving in 2012*

Tommy Adams	Chuck McCown
Jeff Brackins	Mayford Ownby
Paul Clabo	Michael Smelcer
Danny Dorminey	Joe Stewart
Alan McCarter	Craig Trentham

Winter Warm Up



January 29th

Southern gospel concert in the evening and with a chili supper following the concert.

Please plan to bring your own special chili or the "fixins" that go with chili.

Welcome New Members



Tyler, Jeff & Kandis joined in September.



Pastor Dale baptized Gracie Byxbe on Nov. 27th

Gracie is pictured with her parents Jeff & Kandis Byxbe & older brother Tyler Tyrone. Gracie's grandparents are Tommy & Gale Adams and Diane Byxbe.

Cards of welcome may be sent to the Byxbe's at:
1446 Providence Rd
Sevierville TN 37876

Kendyl Chambers on mission to Haiti Dec. 9th - 13th



Prayer Request

Please pray for Kendyl. This is her first international mission trip. She will be working with one specific orphanage sponsored by OneVision International. Kendyl and her team will get to deliver Christmas presents to the orphans from their sponsors, bring them a Christmas tree, help them decorate and make ornaments for their tree, and even decorate cookies with them. But most of all, they will get to share the love of Christ through serving. Kendyl cannot wait to get there. Kendyl is the daughter of Lloyd & Rheta Chambers and the granddaughter of Alliene McInturff. Kendyl is a Senior at Pigeon Forge High School.

Contribution Notice



To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2011 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Contribution statements are generally mailed out the third week of January. All contributions for **2011** must be handed in or postmarked **by Dec. 31st**. If you have questions regarding your contributions, please call Katie Trotter at 453-4647 ext. 22. If you do not currently receive offering envelopes, but would like to receive them, please call the church office at 453-4647.

New Baby

Congratulations to Johnny & Courtney Clabo
Porras on the birth of their son
Lucas Lynn Porras
born on November 13th

Brian & Michelle Clabo, Grandparents
Paul & Judy Clabo, Great Grandparents

Congratulations

Employment Anniversaries

Michael Fowler January 1st • 9 years

Thank You Received

Church Family, Bro. Dale & Staff

What a blessing & honor it is to us to be a part of the body of Christ that meets at FBCPF! We are so blessed to call you our brothers & sisters in Christ. You are a church that truly wants to allow Christ to be Lord of your lives! We love you, pray for you, and are so, so thankful for allowing & helping us do what God has called us to do, which is to serve our Lord & Savior in Kenya!

Be Blessed Family. God loves you & so do we!
Don & Paula Nichols, T.H.E.M. Ministries

Thank You received from the Chambers Family: Mike, Melissa, Chad & Ginny

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers.
Your thoughtfulness mean so much.

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Tithes & Offerings Report

Amount Received for Budget

November 6	\$11,317.00
November 13	\$ 9,157.00
November 20	\$ 9,943.00
November 27	\$10,370.75

BUDGET TOTAL \$40,787.75

Designated Receipts \$3,076.53

Average received per week for budget \$10,196.94



DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- Barbara Bargo family in the death of her brother & her niece - Bobby & Darlene Coley, Westmoreland, TN
- Patsy Whaley family in the death of her sister - Toni Reese

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones this year. The absence of a loved one is often magnified during the Christmas holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From: Don & Paula Nichols, The Chambers Family

Cards and letters that are received in the church office are placed on the bulletin board outside the worship center.

FIRST FACT INFORMATION

Deadline for items for the First Facts Newsletter is the last Thursday of each month. Holidays or special events may change the deadline date.

The Newsletter can be picked up at each exit of the church or viewed online at www.fbcpf.org