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God's Christmas Gift

The tag: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

The wrapping: "And this shall be a sign unto to you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12)

The trimmings: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:13, 14)

The contents: "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."
(Galatians 4:4, 5)

**May the joy of Christmas be yours
as we celebrate together the
greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ the Son of God.**

Winter Bible Study

Kick-off Rally Wednesday, January 25, at Smithton at 6:30 pm



**COMPLACENCY
EXPOSED**

A Study of the Book of Malachi

February 1, 8, 15, 22

CALENDAR

December

- 3 Sedalia Christmas Parade - 10:00 am
- Dec 4-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions - Lottie Moon Offering
- 5 Adult Bible Study & Music - 10:00 am
Pastor/Staff Lunch @ Best Western - noon
- 9 Associational Coordination Team - 9:00 am
Pastor/Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner, East Sedalia @ 6:30 pm
- 12 MBC Executive Board Meeting, Jefferson City
- 13 Maplewood Association, 7:00 pm
- 15 NEWS items due
- 22 Label NEWS
- 24-31 Christmas Holiday (Observed Holidays)
Mission Office closed
- 25 Celebrating the Greatest Gift - Jesus Christ

**All meetings at Mission Office
unless otherwise indicated**

Birthdays

- Randy McDaris.....December 6
Associate Pastor Youth & Activities - FBC, Sedalia
- Missionary Kid Noelle Inman.....December 10
- Efrain Baeza.....December 20
Pastor - Primera Iglesia Hispana
- Missionary Kid Glory Inman.....December 22

The Apostle Paul instructed the church to pray for leaders:

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

In this passage, there is a clear calling for Christians to pray for kings and all people in high positions. Notice that Paul doesn't qualify his statement with “if only those leaders are [fill in the blank].” That means we pray for our President and all governing officials regardless of their political ideology or conviction.

Receipts from our churches

Church	October 2016	YTD
Antioch	367.53	1922.88
Bethlehem	309.73	3463.01
Bethany	250.00	2500.00
Broadway .....	.00	1539.84
Calvary	618.71	5709.99
Camp Branch	444.93	5287.03
East Sedalia	107.11	1569.85
Emmet Avenue	100.00	1000.00
FBC, Sedalia.....	1707.68	17389.55
Flat Creek	511.64	5787.32
Green Ridge .....	.00	750.00
Hopewell	421.97	4326.69
Houstonia, FBC	105.60	2184.70
Hughesville	36.36	506.66
Katy Park	1615.35	9474.27
Lamine	302.44	3024.93
LaMonte .....	.00	523.31
Memorial .....	.00	1115.00
Mt. Herman .....	.00	2250.00
New Hope .....	.00	4483.17
Olive Branch	140.78	1414.96
Primera Iglesia Hispana	50.00	260.00
Providence	150.00	600.00
Smithton .....	.00	225.00
Syracuse	200.00	1000.00
Vision	93.93	1311.27

Checking - October 2016

Beginning Balance.....	\$13,076.46
Undesignated receipts.....	7,533.76
Other receipts.....	182.18
Less Expenditures.....	(8,300.40)
Ending Balance.....	\$12,492.00

Reserve Fund - October 2016

Beginning Balance.....	\$17,302.77
Interest earned.....	.73
Ending Balance.....	\$17,303.50

Mission Trip Fund - October 2016

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,146.17
Receipts.....	.00
Less Expenditures.....	.00
Ending Balance.....	\$ 1,146.17

Designated Funds - October 2016

Balance.....	\$ 7,772.90
Receipt.....	1,029.00
Expenditures.....	(825.00)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 7,976.90

2016 required monthly receipts-----	\$ 8,644.92
October undesignated receipts	7,533.76
Amount above or (below) to meet budget	(\$1,111.16)

Pastors Fellowship



The Pastors Fellowship will meet on Monday, December 5, at **noon** at Best Western State Fair Inn.

“NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES”

Bethlehem: On October 20, John Comfort held our First Responders Fellowship Meeting. Close to 60 were present. They met next at Camp Branch Baptist Church on November 15th. 56 were present and was led by John Cline. The next date for First Responders Fellowship will be December 1, at Bethlehem Baptist at 6:30 pm. Life Line Band will provide the praise and worship music. All First responders and military, family, and all who support are welcome to attend. On November 2, Jason Kindle led “Field Of Faith” at the high school football field. A group of 14 took a day trip to Branson to see “Moses” at the Sight and Sound Theatre. We collected foods for three Thanksgiving baskets that will be given to families in our local area. We have one new member to our Bethlehem family. Upcoming events are: December 11 will be our Christmas Cantata during our 10:30 service and December 18 will be our children's program "Christmas Hang-ups." Coffee and cookies will be served following. All are welcome to come and watch our wonderful children.

Broadway: We are beginning our fourth quarter of church-wide study in Answers in Genesis Sunday School curriculum. On November 27, we decorated the church for Christmas. Each Sunday in Advent we will light candles representing promise, light, love, and hope. Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and Lord's Supper will be at 6:30 and the Christmas Day service at 10:00. December 4 is our annual Holiday Dinner after church. We expect to welcome three new members by letter of transfer this month.

East Sedalia: A long-time member, Miss Beulah Peoples, has moved to the Baptist Home at Chillicothe, Missouri. Please keep her in your prayers as she becomes familiar with her new home. She will be greatly missed at East Sedalia Baptist Church. Our Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 16 with a large attendance and delicious food prepared by the kitchen committee. The guest speaker was Tracy Guppy, Director of Sagrada Scholarship Bible Camp. He gave a wonderful presentation of the many great things for children at SSBC. Mrs. Ruth Godwin volunteers at the camp each summer. We had a total of 42 Operation Christmas Child boxes delivered to New Hope Baptist Church on November 20. Our Pastor Search Committee is diligently working, and covets your prayers.

Flat Creek: Cookies were provided to the jail ministry twice in October. One hundred twenty two shoeboxes were filled for Operational Christmas Child. The evening of November 20 was a time of learning about mission work in Norway after a time of soup and sandwich fellowship.

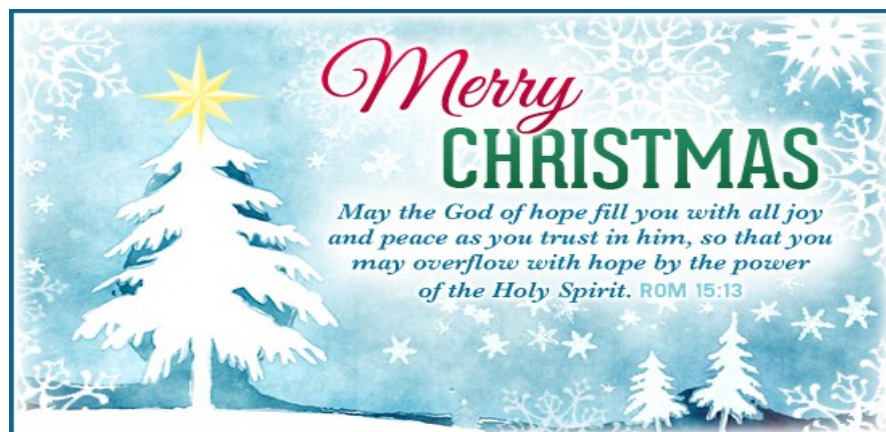
Katy Park: The Ladies Bible Study had a Game and Fellowship Night on November 8. We held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Shriners' Hall on November 20. We collected/packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Lamine: We had a wonderful Harvest Dinner with fellowship and “Singspiration.” We had a good time at the hayride and enjoyed the hot dogs and toasted marshmallows. Ladies of Lamine (L.O.L.) packed shoe boxes and prepared for the “Hanging of the Green,” which was November 20. Advent Season will began November 27. It is a busy time of year with Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and preparing for Christmas. Be thankful for what we have, able to attend, be involved, and to spread the meaning of these holidays. Be thankful this Thanksgiving Season and Merry Christmas.

Memorial: On November 12, we hosted a Deer Hunters Breakfast with over 50 coming to eat. October 29 was our Fall Festival with a hay ride of over 60 people attending. Seth Ream was the illusionist.

Mt Herman: We finished a 5 week Bible Study, “Be the Message” each Sunday morning with a Carry-In Dinner following morning worship. We had our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner November 20.

Providence: Fall is well on its way, and Christmas is looming; we just know that God has it ALL covered. From our Fall Festival Celebration of family and kids to the last of the holidays. We are blessed. On October 19, nineteen people attended the Papaw's Pumpkin Patch with lunch before hand. The ladies held their inaugural organization meeting for Women's Fellowship. We Thank HIM for all His blessed care and concern for us. What a mighty God. What glorious blessings He grants us. Merry Christmas to all of you!



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is not in the presents,
but in *His* presence

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is an opportunity for churches to come together in focused, specific prayer for the work of missionaries they send to proclaim the glory of God to the nations. It is also a time to reflect on giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions that supports them.

December 4-10 is the Week of Prayer. The offering goal for MBC is \$4 million. The national goal is \$155 million. We encourage you to pray about setting a challenging goal for your church.

You can order online (offering envelopes, poster, prayer guide bulletin inserts) at www.mobaptist.org/wmu or email sparis@mobaptist.org to place your order. Call Sharon Paris 1-800-736-6227, extension 324. For more information see the website www.imb.org/main/lottie-moon.



Lottie Moon – China (1840-1912)



- ❖ Raised near Roanoke, VA
- ❖ Appointed first single female missionary by SBC
- ❖ Spent 40 years in China as teacher to children and evangelist to women
- ❖ Challenged SBC women to form their own missionary organization for support and promotion of missions
- ❖ Encouraged an annual Christmas offering for foreign missions in 1888 (an offering later took her name)
- ❖ Her approach was different: "It is comparatively easy to give oneself to mission work ... but it is not easy to give oneself to an alien people. Yet the latter is much better and truer work than the former."
- ❖ She advocated regular furloughs
- ❖ During a national famine she succumbed to malnutrition, dying en route to the US for health reasons.





January 16—Executive Board Meeting at
7:00 pm

January 25—Winter Bible Study Kick-off Rally
at 6:30 pm Smithton

February 1, 8, 15, 22—Winter Bible Study

February 23-25—MO Baptist Convention 2017
Great Commission Conference, Ridgecrest Bible
Church, Springfield

March 3-4—Women's Retreat, Warsaw

March 16—West Central Association Pastor's
Conference

March 18—Fellowship Association Preaching
Conference @ Cross Timbers Baptist Church

June 12-16 —Kids Kamp at Heit's Point

Project Parachute



On November 17, 24 gift boxes were packed for shipment by 19 volunteers.

Thank you for your help by providing homemade cookies, candy and crafts!

Adult Bible Study and Music

Monday, December 5, is our next Adult Bible Study and Music at Calvary Baptist Church, 1015 W. 16th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Judy Boatman (Flat Creek) will lead the Bible Study. Sharon Klein (Calvary) will lead the music. Judy King (Calvary) will play the piano.

There will be a Carry-In Luncheon: chicken strips, bread, drink, and table service will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, a vegetable dish or a dessert to feed six people.

Invite a friend to attend with you.

Announcement

The months of January and February the Bible Study and Music are cancelled. It will resume on March 6.

11th Annual Women's Retreat

REFLECTING CHRIST IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Karen Jordan—Speaker

DATES: 2017	
MARCH 3rd (Friday)	6:30 PM-8:00 PM
MARCH 4 TH (Saturday)	9:00 AM-2:30 PM

PLACE: CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
MOTEL: PARKFIELD INN, WARSAW, MO
COST: \$62.50 PER PERSON (2 PER ROOM)
\$42.50 PER PERSON (4 PER ROOM)
\$23.50 CONFERENCE ONLY

Room Reservations due by Feb. 16, 2017
Call HBA office @ 660-826-2070 for reservations

2017 Great Commission Conference

Join us in Springfield February 23-25, 2017, for the Great Commission Conference. Formerly known as the MBC Evangelism Conference, the 2017 GCC is an expanded multi-generation event to equip and encourage Missouri Baptists in all facets of gospel ministry. It is designed for pastors, church staff leaders, students, campus missionaries, and anyone else seeking encouragement and equipping for The Mission!

Theme: Transform

Where: Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Springfield

When: February 23-25, 2017

What: Biblical preaching and teaching, and corporate worship; training / equipping; networking/relationship-building; story sharing; celebration of God's work among us to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

Cost: There is no cost to participate. The registration fee is provided by your faithful giving to Missouri missions through the Cooperative Program.

Contact Matt Kearns at 800-736-6227 Ext 328 or email mkearns@mobaptist.org for any questions.

REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITES

Church and Event	Date	Time
BETHANY: Sedalia Christmas Parade	December 3	10:00 am
Old Fashion Christmas Worship and Get-Together	December 4	6:00 pm
Christmas Hymn Sing	December 18	6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24	5:00 pm
Christmas Day Service (no Sunday School or evening activities)	December 25	10:30 am
BETHLEHEM: Christmas Cantata	December 11	10:30 am
Children's Program, "Christmas Hang-Ups" and refreshments to follow.	December 18	7:00 pm
BROADWAY: Annual Holiday Dinner	December 4	After am service
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service & Lord's Supper	December 24	6:30 pm
Christmas Day service	December 25	10:00 am
CALVARY: Music and Drama	December 11	6:00 pm
Caroling, Christmas Party for Jesus	December 18	5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	5:00 pm
EAST SEDALIA: Children's Christmas Celebration	December 18	10:30 am
No Sunday School - Special Christmas Service	December 25	9:15 am
EMMET AVENUE: Christmas play	December 18	10:30 am
FBC, SEDALIA: "Almost There" choir Christmas musical	December 11	10:45 am
Church-wide Caroling	December 21	6:00 pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve Lord's Supper	December 24	5:30 pm
FLAT CREEK: "Hanging of the Green" & Holiday Carry-In Meal following service	December 4	10:30 am
Children's Program & fellowship following	December 18	6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	7:00 pm
HUGHESVILLE: Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner	December 11	After am service
Christmas Program	December 18	10:30 am
KATY PARK: Sedalia Christmas Parade	December 3	10:00 am
Christmas Caroling at Fairview Nursing Home	December 14	6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	6:30 pm
LAMINE: Christmas Caroling	December 4	1:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	6:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship (No Sunday School)	December 25	9:30 am
MEMORIAL: Children's Christmas Program	December 18	10:00 am
MT HERMAN: Light meal & Christmas Program	December 18	6:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Service—no Sunday School	December 25	10:00 am
NEW HOPE: Christmas Family Gathering-Fellowship	December 11	6:00 pm
Youth Christmas Caroling	December 21	6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24	6:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship Service (note earlier time and NO Sunday School)	December 25	10:00 am
PROVIDENCE: Annual Christmas Program	December 18	9:00 am
Candlelight Service	December 24	6:00 pm
SMITHTON: Adult Christmas party	December 3	4:00 pm
Christmas Celebration	December 25	10:40 am
SYRACUSE: Christmas Program (Music)	December 18	6:30 pm
VISION: Angel Tree (Christmas Family Adoption) Forest Avenue Women's Shelter	December 24	11:00 am