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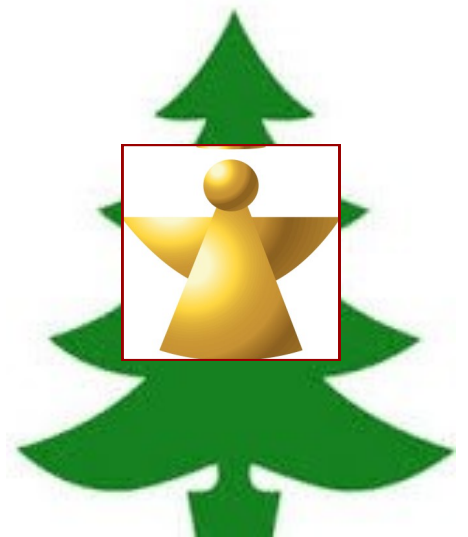
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GIVE to reach **ALL** peoples
Our church goal: **\$2,777**



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an international missions offering which supports Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 59 percent of International Mission Board's total income, and every penny you give to the offering goes directly to support missionaries. As Southern Baptists provide more resources, greater numbers of missionaries can be sent.

As of March 2014, it costs an average of \$50,800 a year to support an individual missionary. This support includes housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement and more.



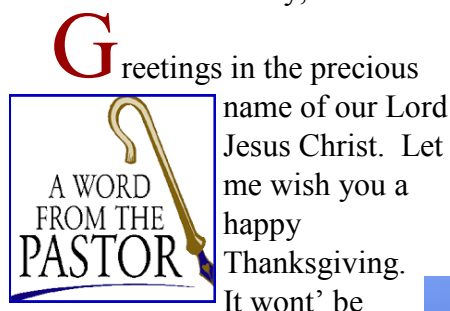
Adopt a child from our church family

The Women on Mission are sponsoring "Adopt a Family for Christmas" again this year. We're adopting 8 children (3 families). The Charlestown Crossing community has asked to participate as they did last year. They'll be adopting 4 of the 8 children as well as collect food for all 3 families.

Here's how it works. Angel tags, with wishes and/or clothing items for the children are placed on a Christmas tree. You may select an angel tag(s) of wishes you promise to fulfill. Purchase and wrap the item(s); place the gift tag(s) (bottom portion of angel tag) on the wrapped gift(s) and place the same under the Christmas tree (rear of the sanctuary). ALL gifts are due by Sunday, December 22.



Dear church family,



reetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me wish you a happy Thanksgiving. It won't be

long until I can say Merry Christmas. At the moment we are in the middle of Operation Christmas Child's collection week. Hundreds of boxes are coming in each day. It is so wonderful to see all of the churches and loving Christian people working together across our land to do such an act of love. God bless you all.

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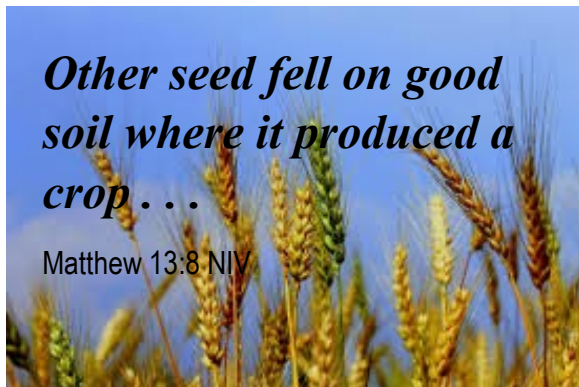
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We have completed our community outreach that I was telling you about last month. After sending out 7,690 postcards to every household in our zip code, we went out and knocked on doors in our community. One

Other seed fell on good soil where it produced a crop . . .

Matthew 13:8 NIV



dozen persons were involved in that part of our outreach. We were able to distribute 310 "bags of blessing" that Saturday, October 24th! About a dozen youth helped assemble each one of the bags ahead of time, too. Over the last several weeks we've had about 20 visitors come as a result of this effort. Let's pray that many more will read the gospels of John and gospel tracts that we distributed.

God promises that His word "will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Jesus says when we share the gospel with people it is like sowing seeds. Some seed falls on the road, or in the weeds or in rocky ground and bears no fruit. But some seeds will fall on good ground. They will grow and produce much fruit, some 30, 60 or 100-fold (Matthew 13:1-23). The Psalmist says, "He who goes out weeping,

carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6). These verses, and others like them, give us great encouragement.

Concurrently with these efforts I have been preaching a special series of sermons on things we need to know about the future. Pray that God will bless all of these endeavors. One of the messages on Israel sparked some interest in a trip to the Holy Land. Would you like to go?! Right now I am putting together a group to go May 24-June 3rd on 11 day tour. If you would like to go along let me know. The cost is \$4,145.00 from BWI airport. Rev. David Hall, former pastor for 25 years of Oak Grove Baptist Church, is hosting this tour. On Sunday evening, November 29th @ 6pm he is coming to show us some pictures of the various sites in Israel that we will be visiting. I hope some of you may be able to go along.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



2014 Lottie Moon Offering report:

- ◆ **1.75 million** people heard a gospel witness
- ◆ **275,000** became new believers
- ◆ **14,000** new churches and **4,000** new groups were formed

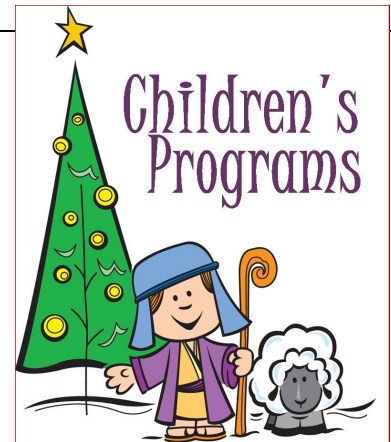


birthdays

- 1 Wendy Clough
- Ellen VanSice
- 3 Ronald Johnson
- Jason Weicksel
- 4 Dave VanSice
- 7 Olivia Blades
- 8 Evelyn Neaves
- 9 Darrell Hamilton
- Ken Hodanics, Jr.
- Grace Shores
- 10 Eden Marvel
- 12 Kevin Gill
- 14 Joshua Baez
- Peggy Clough
- 15 Rebecca Bibey
- 16 Carol Loving
- Blake Milburn
- Violet Osborne
- 18 Mararita Jackson
- Samantha Johnston
- 19 David Naggie
- Ashley Sexton
- 20 David Arthur, Jr.
- Wayne Lannen
- 21 Sylvia Hobson
- 23 Joseph Clemons
- 24 Bessie Finnefrock
- 25 Stephanie Roman
- 26 Richard Meekins
- 27 Katie Ayers
- Dean Finnefrock
- Tina Gibson
- Sharon Hodanics
- Melissa (Perry) Lannen
- Robert Roman
- Angela Whitmore
- 28 Donald Boan
- Craig Hudler
- Eric Jackson
- Kayla Lewis
- Kelly Meekins
- 29 John David Hamilton
- 30 Vicki Chestnut
- 31 Karen Brown

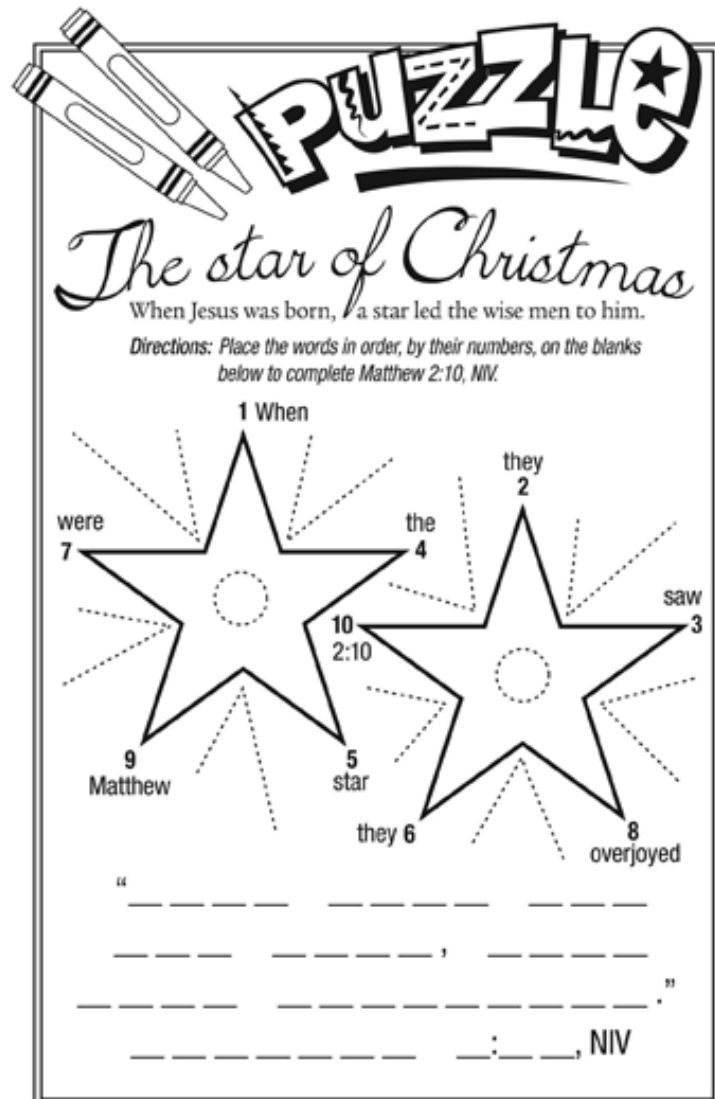
anniversaries

- 5 Gregory & Danita Walker
- 6 Dorsey & Jane Brandenburg (45th)
- 9 Brad & Jessica Holland
- 10 Larry & Linda Thornton
- 11 Duane & Faye Combs
- Craig & Audrey Hammond
- 18 Timothy & Amanda Smith
- 21 Mike & Cheryl Marvel
- 29 Andy & Jess Wagner



**Jesus Loves Me
Childcare Center**
Sun Dec 6, 6pm

Children/Youth
Sun Dec 20, 10:30am



Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV



birthdays

- 1 Dorcas Deaver
- 2 Don Lawrence
Asia Lewis
- 4 Ed Evans
Ben Hokuf
- 5 Rosetta (Ewing) Barnes
Amanda Hobson
- 9 Michele (Chesnet) Beck
Sarah Cain
Amber Rhoades
Stacie Marie Rhoades
- 11 Sandy Jackson
- 12 Brad Holland
- 13 Melissa Deaver
Aaron Simpkins
Mike Strohecker
- 14 Wanda Hollerman
Folashade Johnson-Aremu
Jess Wagner
- 15 Abigail Hilaman
S.J. Hall, Jr.
- 17 Carl Davis
- 20 Sophie Hodanics
Tony Murray
- 21 Harold Harris, Jr.
- 22 Devon Short
- 23 Dwane (Tony) Taylor
- 25 Allen Chesnet
- 26 Edna Barbacano
Vickie Henry
Kayla Willis
- 27 Valerie Glace
Scot Morrill
- 28 Linda Gocolinski
- 29 Adam Marvel
Cecil Walsh, Jr.
- 30 Anna Poe
Judy Wahlgren
- 31 Brian Bare
Judy Veasey

anniversaries

- 7 Peter, Sr. & Theresa Keyes
- 8 Dave & Ellen VanSice
- 10 Darrell & Connie Hamilton
- 13 Andre' & Judy Wahlgren
- 15 Carl & Deb Davis
- 16 Duke & Joy Grant
- 22 Andrew & Mararita Jackson (1st)
- 27 Raymond & Edna Barbacano



January events

- 3 Communion Day/Needy Fund Offering
- 5 SBA Pastors' Fellowship, HERE, 10:30a
- 8-10 Youth to reBOOT, Skycroft
- 10 Pastor Dan MOHLER will be preaching
- 13 Church Council, 11a
- 14 Business Mtg (after Prayer)
- 17 **Lamplighter** articles for FEB are due
- 26 Worship CMTE Mtg, 11a
- 31 **Baptist Men's Day/ Special Music by NEVER TOO LATE**
with a **MEAL** prepared by our men—**Men are to prepare a main dish, salad, and/or dessert or drink.**
- 31 Deacons' Mtg, 7:30pm.



Come see *Alone Yet Not Alone*

Sun Dec 27, 6pm

Dr. James Dobson, family talk, best-selling author comments, "This inspirational story is sure to get to your heart and elevate your spirit."

"I loved it! The story is gripping, photography stunning and message so wonderfully reassuring," says Max Lucado, best-selling author, writer and pastor.

Seeking religious freedom in America, a devout Christian family from Germany settles in the peaceful Pennsylvania colony—only to find themselves caught in the crossfire of the French and Indian War.

Following a merciless raid on their settlement, daughters, Barbara and Regina Leninger are abducted, separated, then raised by their Delaware captors in the harsh Ohio wilderness. Now, only their devotion to each other and faith in the Lord can lead them through their darkest hours and back to freedom in this inspirational story based on actual events.



December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOV 29 59th Anniversary of FBCNE 6p HOLY LAND SLIDES— Presented by Rev. David HALL	NOV 30	1 10:30a SBA Pastors'... Mtg, N Harford Bapt	Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Nov. 29-Dec. 6)		4	5 12noon Leave for trip to hear Messiah , LBC (stop for dinner)
6 Special Business Mtgs (after am worship services) to VOTE on proposed 2016 BUDGET 6p Jesus Loves Me Childcare CTR's Christmas Program	7	8	9 Bus Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	10	11	12 1p Women on Mission Christmas Party , Sylvia Hobson's home
13 7p Breath of Heaven Cantata @ N E United Methodist Church (presented by joint choirs)	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:30a Children's/Youth Christmas Program	21	22 11a Worship Cmte Mtg	23 NO pm services	24  6p CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	25 	26
27 6p Alone Yet Not Alone DVD Showing 7:30p Deacons' Mtg	28	29	30	31		
DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS HIS WONDERFUL WORKS AMONG ALL PEOPLES—Psalm 96:3 (Lottie Moon Theme Verse)						

MERRY CHRISTMAS & BLESS YOU & YOURS!

Dr. Stephen D. HOKUF

Pastor

Dan MOHLER

Pastor

Kathy GRAY

Ministry Assistant

Rick & Lisa SANDERS

Custodians

Sandy JACKSON

Director,

Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center

ALL Ladies Invited!

Women on Mission

Christmas Party

Sat, Dec. 12, 1pm

@ Sylvia Hobson's home

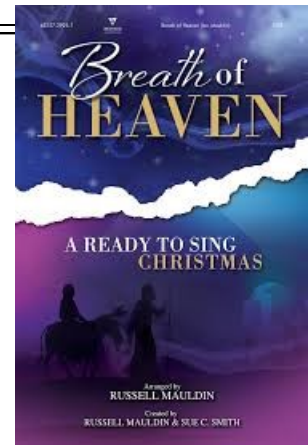
Please bring a dish and cookies to exchange.



CANTATA Breath of Heaven

Presented by choirs of:
First Baptist Church of North East
and
North East United Methodist Church
(NEUMC)

Sun Dec 13, 7pm
@ NEUMC



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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:30a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly—begins @ 9:30a on 11/1/15)
9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs)
7:30p Deacons' Mtg. (usually last Sun of month)

Monday

5:30p Praise & Worship Team Practice

Tuesday

11a Worship Cmte Mtg. (4th Tues, monthly)

Wednesday

6:30-8p **Kids' Klub** (for grades 2-6)
6:30-8p **Prayer/Bible Stdy**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10a Choir Practice
11a Ladies' Prayer Time

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 11/15/15 (46 wks):
\$3,606.

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437.**

PTL! As of 11/15/15 we are
over budget: **\$7,793.**

Audio/Visual Fund Received to
date: **\$3,965.** Still Needed:
\$455.



**State Missions
Offering**

Received: **\$941.** GOAL:
\$750.

Average morning worship
attendance 10/18/15-11/15/15
91.