



“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”

Don't forget to pack your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

This year we will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Project of filling and collecting shoe boxes for hurting children around the world. A list of items to pack in the shoebox is available in the church office.

Please remember to enclose a check for \$7.00 for postage.

Your gift filled boxes need to be brought to the church on **Sunday, November 16th**. (A dedication service will be held that morning.)

Community Thanksgiving Service

November 23

6:30 pm

Briarcliff United Methodist Church

Speaker, Randy Shepley

(Please bring a canned good)

MISSION: POSSIBLE
Saturday, November 1
A day of service to the Tucker Community

8:15 am - Breakfast and Gathering Prayer - Main Street Fellowship Hall

8:45 am - Depart for various projects:

?? Help Improve Gas Mileage-Leaders: Scott Sarubbi & Pete Haakmeester

?? Feed Hungry Tucker Tigers-Leader: Jeff Jones

?? Old Lantern House (Developmental Disabilities Home)

** Help with Yardwork

** Build a Fire Exit - Leader: Gene Reeves & George Black

** Interior Painting - Leader: Joe Sfameni

?? Cards and Messages for Seniors - Leader: Helen Churchwell

?? Carnival at Stanford Oaks - Leader: Angela Lovins

?? Operation Christmas Child - Leader: Kay Brett

?? Bring a Smile to a Senior Living at AHEPA - Leader: Cheryl Hall

?? Feed FBCT Volunteers - Leader: Ruth Reeves and Bethany SS Class

Interested in helping out?

Call 770.938.1688

*** Follow up report for Mission Possible will be given on November 5 at 6:15 pm in the Main Street Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER 2



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour for November 2.

Church Conference and Lunch

Sunday, November 2, 12:00 Noon

Prayer Pals Meeting - following conference for children, parents and the adult prayer pals.

First Night Nov. 19, 2008

CHURCHWIDE
Family Thanksgiving Meal
and Service
5:15

TURKEY, DRESSING, & ALL THE TRIMMINGS

Thanksgiving Love Meal Box Donation

Students in churches across the Tucker/Clarkston area are working to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in our area who may have a need. We desire to demonstrate God's love to these families. You can help in the following ways:

Option One - Purchase items from a grocery list to provide a lunch for a family. Precooking some items will be helpful. (List is available in the church office.)

Option Two - A donation to provide a box meal for a family as follows:

Family of 2 - \$35

Family of 4 - \$40

Family of 6 - \$50

Thank you for your generous support.

Students and volunteers will have a workday on Saturday November 15, and delivering them on Saturday, November 22.

The church office will be closed November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving Holidays



Holiday Season Happenings

November 30	Hanging of the Green	6:00 pm
December 4	Warehouse Day (Operation Christmas Child)	8:00 am
December 7	Lessons and Carols	6:00 pm
December 6	Children's Choir Incentive Party	10:00 am
December 13	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"	6:00 pm
December 14	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"	6:00 pm
December 17	Children's Christmas Program "Passport to Worship"	6:15 pm
December 21	Family Afternoon/Night at Home before Christmas	
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 pm
December 24	Office Closed	
December 25	Merry Christmas (Office Closed)	
December 26	Office Closed	
December 31	Office Closed at Noon	
January 1	Happy New Year (Office Closed)	
January 2	Office Closed	

Advent-Christmas Devotional Guide 2008-2009

This devotional guide is provided in the hope that it will encourage and help you as you experience and celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. It is also provided in the hope that it will enable you to grow in awareness of and celebrate your common heritage and relationship with fellow Baptists across North America and indeed across the world.

The readings extend from preparation on Thursday, November 27, 2008, for the first Sunday of Advent on November 30, 2008, to January 4, 2009, the second Sunday after Christmas day.

The Advent Devotional Guide is published by BaptistWay Press in Dallas, Texas.

Holiday Christmas Decorations

The Holiday season is upon us. If you would like to help purchase the Christmas Decorations for our church, please fill out and return this form to the church office by **November 23, 2008**. We will publish your acknowledgements of special people during the Christmas season to be shared with the church family.

Name of Donor

Amount Contributed

In Honor of

In Memory of

Congratulations to:

... Barbara Leach on the birth of a great granddaughter, Alana Jasmine Rivera, on October 9, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21¾ in. long. Parents are Desmond and April Rivera.



We have openings for flowers in the sanctuary Nov. 16 and 30. Please call Nina Bowers at 770-923-9693 if you would like to place flowers for someone you want to remember or someone you would like to honor.

STUDENTS

**It's time to begin sign-ups for two trips:
Students Winter Trip - Jan. 17-19, 2009**

Ridgecrest Conference Center

Featuring: Inman Houston, Speaker

Carlos Whittaker, Worship Leader

Cost: \$180 (\$50 deposit due by Dec. 1

Impact - June 1 - 5, 2009 at Toccoa

Hard to imagine we are thinking summer '09 in the Fall of '08. If we pre-register for Impact **NOW**, we get a significant group discount. I am asking for a \$50 deposit for this camp.

NOTE: Impact will be the only week long summer camp in '09. We will NOT be going to Super WOW, so sign up for Impact NOW! The speaker is an old friend, David Platt, and the worship leader is Aaron Keys. The cost is \$270 now; after December, it goes up to \$290.

Our Sympathy to

... Valerie Blaise in the loss of her brother-in-law, Steele Ritter, on October 13.

... Stephanie Porterfield in the loss of her aunt, Annie Pearl Watson, on October 19.

... Glenda Newell and family in the loss of her mother, Sybil Tankersley, on October 21.

Congratulations to:

... Jeannette Livingston and Dillard Medlin who were married on September 22, 2008.

... Jessica Woodson and Matt Wade who were married on October 18, 2008.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you everyone who prayed, called, sent cards, emails, visited and brought food for the family during my recent surgery and healing. You have all been wonderful examples of "family" and were there with your support and love when it was really needed. I appreciate all of you so very much.

Love,
Sam Domingo

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Sunday Financial Report

	9-28-08	10-5-08	10-12-08	10-19-08
Requirements To Date.....	584,385.75	599,370.00	614,354.25	629,338.50
Received To Date.....	497,277.80	514,848.80	525,643.80	534,759.80
Min. Finance Plan Surplus (Deficit)	(87,107.95)	(84,521.20)	(88,710.45)	(94,578.70)
Received This Week.....	8,030.00	17,571.00	10,795.00	9,116.00
Our Hope for Years to Come.....	983.00	2,850.00	212.00	356.00

“Our Hope for Years to Come” Debt Retirement
\$200,134.50
 Balance as of 9/30/08
 (This includes principle payment)

Sunday School Report

	9/28/08	10/5/08	10/12/08	10/19/08
Preschool	4	5	5	4
Children	12	6	6	7
Youth	9	13	14	12
Single Adults	14	15	17	18
Adults	99	113	112	104
Sr. Adults	54	56	54	55
Special Education	7	11	9	8
Guests	3	9	10	6
New Members	1	0	0	2
Total in Bible Study	203	228	227	216
Total in 11:00 AM	237	232	243	250

Watch for your 2009 proposed budget by mail or email the week of October 27. Proposed budget will include a full time schedule of events. Budget discussions will begin on November 2 at Church Conference.

NTO NEWS

The monthly NTO luncheon will be 11th at 11:30 am. The program will feature Jack and Peggy Snider. Join us as we enjoy fun, food and fellowship together. Cost is \$6.00.