

FOREIGN MISSION GOAL - \$13,000

Keith Jones often stops in at the small shop across the street from his home in a North African city. Keith always tries to share gospel truths with the shop owner, practicing the language of the country. Keith is recognized by the shop owner as a "person of God." The shop owner had been used to hearing spiritual leaders in the mosque, who spoke in a language he could not understand. He said of Keith, "You come and talk to us about God and you're doing it in our own language." It was as if, for the first time, he realized that God could speak his own language, too. Keith and his wife are completing a translation of the New Testament into the language of this area. Let's help Keith and other missionaries who are trying to reach people for Christ through our prayers and offerings during this Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

DEVOTIONS AT THE MAPLES

We are in need of five individuals or couples to help with the devotion ministry at The Maples in Honea Path. If you would like to help, please contact Randy Fagg at the church, 338-7776 or at home 338-9492 before January 1st. It only takes 30 minutes on Thursdays and you would only have to give a devotion three or four times in the entire year. Thanks for your support for this wonderful ministry.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our church family welcomes Terry & Patsy Chitwood into our congregation. Terry & Patsy joined by letter on Sunday, December 13. We look forward to the days ahead as we worship and serve together.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Financial Office will post all contributions received by December 31st in the 2009 financial year. In addition, any gifts postmarked on or before December 31st will be included in this fiscal year.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-13-09)	\$ 11,036.00
Year To Date Requirements	\$ 595,181.50
Year To Date Receipts	\$ 533,223.18
Found Faithful Commitment Cards	\$ 522,425.30
Found Faithful Weekly Receipts	\$ 1,879.00
Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts	\$ 109,102.36
Found Faithful Total Receipts	\$ 465,537.45
Christmas Mission Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Christmas Mission Receipts	\$ 11,747.50



"They rejoiced with exceeding great joy!"

Thank you, Music Makers II, Young Musicians, Children's Handchimes and Children's Handbells for the wonderful program of music last Sunday night. You were fantastic! I know that your parents thoroughly enjoyed your ringing, singing and drama. I especially want to thank all of the leaders - Andrea Burriss, Polly Gilreath, Paula Blake and Johanna Rice, as well all of those volunteers who help with our children's music ministry. May you have a very merry Christmas and a great holiday vacation. I'll see you in January.

P.S. Mission groups will meet January 6 & 20. Choirs will meet January 13 and 27. Chimes and Bells will meet every Wednesday beginning January 6.



Are you ready to get rid of your Jingle Jiggle?

The Group Fitness Ministry would like to invite you to a special workout session on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. We will offer three 30-minute sessions from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. You can choose to take 1, 2, or all 3 classes! This is a great opportunity for new participants to try out the various classes. All ages and fitness levels are encouraged to attend! Everyone will also be able to register for the Spring Semester classes that morning. (If you are new, we do ask that you bring 1-2 sets of dumbbells with you.) Space is limited to the first 20 participants, so call the church to sign up! If you have any questions, call Amy Wurst at 392-1023.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 20

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Conference Room
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. "Songs of the Season" by Sanctuary Choir
11:00 a.m. Live WEPC 88.5
4:00 p.m. Basic Life Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Basic Life Worship
No Vespers tonight.
6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Youth Girls to Mall of GA
9:30 a.m. Youth Guys Shooting Event

Wednesday, December 23

No church activities

Church Office closed December 24 & 25 for holidays.

YOUTH DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 20th – Youth Christmas Party at 6 pm in Youth Building. Dinner will be provided. Bring a white elephant gift of \$5 or less.

Dec. 21st – Girls Shopping trip to Mall of GA. Meet at the church at 8 am, return around 5 pm. Bring money for lunch and your friends to shop.

Dec. 21st – Guys Shooting Event. Meet at the church at 9:30 am and caravan to Matt Lusk's home. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10.00. Bring your friends!!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

AM Service *"Songs of the Season"* Sanctuary Choir
Offertory Prayer Bart Boatwright
Counting Committee Mary Lou Newman, Linda Locke
 & Gale Pruitt
Ushers Tom Byers, Matt Lusk & Jack Marshall
(Group 4 Ushers will serve at the Christmas Eve Service)
Audio Visual Doug Key, Harold McDowell
 & Johnny Lee Smith

Deacon Greeters for December:
 Randy Fagg Zelma Finley
 Bart Boatwright Hank Clinkscales

Extended Session For Sunday, December 20, 2009

Birth to 24 mths: Jeremy & Elizabeth Stone
 Tanya & Katie Williamson
2's & 3's John & Beth Roe
 Mary Margaret McCollum
4's & 5's Jay & Sadie Ellen Blake

Children's Message: Michelle McCollum

PRAYER CONCERNS

AAMC
Frances Ellison – 492 (Ken Heller, deacon)

SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Cookie Ivester and Bonnie Bannister in the loss of their mother, Azilee Hanks. **Please note that we misspelled the name of Wynette Singleton's father in the Bell Tower last week. The corrected name is Winford Young. Please accept our apologies in this matter.

OUR MILITARY ADDRESSES

Please submit an address of your loved one in the service if you would like to have it listed.

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Songs of the Season
**Presented by
The Sanctuary Choir
Sunday – 11:00 am**
and



Candlelight Communion
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm