

FOREIGN MISSION GOAL - \$13,000

In northern India, Moses, at 17 years of age, suffered from debilitating arthritis. As an Orthodox Hindu, he petitioned many gods seeking help. As his condition worsened, he began to lose hope. One day a stranger handed him a gospel tract, and Moses began to read about the Great Physician. He started attending church and soon put his faith in Jesus Christ. Fifteen days later, his arthritis was gone. Years later, as a successful businessman, Moses journeyed with his wife and children to a remote Himalayan village in northern India to share the gospel. Christians in India are persecuted...many times they are killed or chased into the surrounding jungles. Despite the hardships they faced, Moses continued his work. Today he works alongside some of our missionaries, who are supported by our mission offerings. Remember to pray for people like Moses and our missionaries who serve in these areas, where it is hard to be a Christian. They need your support!

NOTE TO OUR CHILDREN

There will be a Christmas movie for the children this Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. We will have popcorn and cokes for a snack. They will be sent to their choir room at the proper time in order to be prepared for their musical. While the children are at the movie, you are invited to BASIC LIFE. Fellowship begins at 4:00 pm with worship following at 4:30 pm. If you have not experienced this yet, this could be your chance. It is a wonderful experience.

WE NEED SHOE BOXES!!!

Don't forget...the Children's Sunday School Department needs average size shoe boxes for a project in January. Please bring your extra shoe boxes to the office for our children to use.

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 (12-06-09)	\$ 11,766.00
Year To Date Requirements	\$ 583,277.87
Year To Date Receipts	\$ 522,187.68
Found Faithful Commitment Cards	\$ 522,425.30
Found Faithful Weekly Receipts	\$ 1,057.00
Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts	\$ 107,223.36
Found Faithful Total Receipts	\$ 463,658.45
Christmas Mission Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Christmas Mission Receipts	\$ 8,393.50



A great big "thank you" is due to all who participated in our Hanging of the Green Service last Sunday night. The Live Wire Choir and the Master's Ringers, along with our young readers were wonderful! We appreciate all of our children and adults who helped carry wreaths and flowers, and who also decorated the Chrismon Trees. A very special thanks to our Flower Committee for making our sanctuary such a beautiful place to worship during this season.

REMINDERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

- Master's Ringers meet at 9:30 am.
- Children's Chimes and Handbells meet at 5:00 pm.
- Children's Choirs meet at 5:30 pm.

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. Call or email Nick to sign up.

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!! Call or email Nick to sign up.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 13

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Conference Room
9:30 a.m. The Master's Ringers
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Live WEPC 88.5
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Movie/FLC
4:00 p.m. Basic Life Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Basic Life Worship
5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells & Chimes
5:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. "One Starry Night"

Monday, December 14

8:30 a.m. WEE School
7:00 p.m. WMU Grp #6/Sue King, hostess

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 a.m. WEE School
7:00 p.m. BES/BMS Music Program in sanctuary

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 a.m. WEE School
5:00 p.m. Church Wide Caroling & Pizza
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 17

8:30 a.m. WEE School
4:00 p.m. AM Service Broadcast/Channel 15

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. WEE School



**For children, youth
and adults...
Wed. December 16th
5:00 PM
Followed by Pizza for
everyone!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

AM Service "Whatever Happened to Christmas" T. Dale Lynch
Offertory Prayer Randy Fagg
Counting Committee Thomas Burriss, Lynne Chandler
Zelma Finley & Jane Green
Ushers Frank Gravina, Steve Bryant & Russell Blackston
(These ushers will also serve Sunday night, December 13)
Audio Visual Dan Harvell & Greg Tysl
Deacon Greeters for December:
Randy Fagg Zelma Finley
Bart Boatwright Hank Clinkscales

Extended Session For Sunday, December 13, 2009

Birth to 24 mths: Dale & Tara Gunnells
Kathy Hawkins
2's & 3's Russ & Amber Finley
4's & 5's Travis & Shannon Thomas

Children's Message: Laurie Ashley

PRAYER CONCERNS

Currently, we have no one in the hospital that we are aware of. During the Christmas season, be sure to remember those who are recovering at home or who need a card, call or some type of remembrance over the holiday season.

SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Wynette Singleton in the loss of her father, Winfred Young.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

First Baptist Church welcomes John & Glenda Hunter to our congregation. The Hunters joined our church on December 2 and come by transfer of letter. We look forward to the many days of worship and service that we will enjoy together.

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CHRISTMAS FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING

This year we are remembering our loved ones by giving to Christmas Foreign Missions Offering. Choose the envelope for the mission offering you are giving in the pew rack. Please fill out the form below and turn into the office no later than December 13th. Place the form in the envelope with your missions offering. A booklet of these gifts will be given out on December 20th.

Name _____
Phone # _____
In honor of _____
In memory of _____
Total Given \$ _____
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering _____
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The Bell Tower

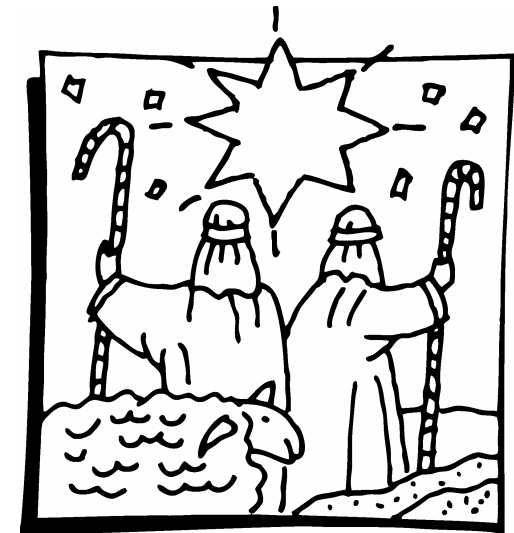
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"One Starry Night"



Presented by
1st - 5th Grade Children's Choirs,
Children's Handchimes and Handbells
December 13, 2009
6:00 PM

