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A place to belong... a place to become.

DECEMBER 4, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES

December 4 - 10, 2011
Deacon on Call: Sterling Akers

Week of Prayer for International Missions

Sunday, December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Children's
Christmas Breakfast (CLC)
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
(WBIP-AM 1400)
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir, "Jonah" Bible
Study
5:30 p.m. Lottie Moon Walk-a-Thon
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Hanging of the Green (WBVV-FM 99.3)

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 5:

- 1:30 p.m. G.R.O.W.
6:30 p.m. G.R.O.W.

Tuesday, December 6:

- 8:00 a.m. Ladies Handbells

Wednesday, December 7:

- 6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs Christmas
Caroling, Wednesday YT, College Bible
Study (NEMCC BSU), Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8:

- 12:00 noon JoyMakers Luncheon/Program
3:15 p.m. Young Musicians Handbells
6:00 p.m. Deacon/Staff Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 9:

- 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out
8:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship
Service Broadcast (Cable 21,
www.ubntv.org)

Saturday, December 10:

- 8:00 a.m. Rebekah Sunday School Class
Christmas Breakfast (CLC Kitchen)

Visit our church website (www.fbcbooneville.com)
for upcoming events, previous editions
of the newsletter, and sermons.

CHILDREN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 4
9:45 a.m.
in the fellowship hall



Lottie Moon Walk-a-Thon

Sunday, December 4



5:30 p.m.
in the CLC

This Sunday morning, children will be asking you to sponsor them in their Lottie Moon Walk-a-Thon. Please encourage their mission efforts.

Hanging of the Green



Sunday, December 4
6:30 p.m.

The Seasons of Life

By: Dr. Lynn Jones

The NBA players and owners have reached a tentative agreement ending their strike/lockout. The first games of the delayed season will be played on Christmas day. The long offseason is over.

That's the way it is in sports. They have "seasons," periods when they play and when they don't play. The playing season is marked by frenetic activity; the offseason is marked by withdrawal, rest, and preparation.

Life is like that. There are many different kinds of seasons. These seasons are not so carefully delineated on the calendar. We have to be sensitive to pick up on their coming and going.

Sam Keene defined a wise person as "one who knows what time it is in his or her life." It's a tragedy to try to live in one season when another season has arrived. To try to do so leads to frustration and ultimately to failure in our lives.

The Bible, especially the King James translation, frequently refers to various "seasons" of life. At the end of Jesus' temptation experience, Luke recorded that "When the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season" (Luke 4:13). It was not the final temptation with which Satan would confront Jesus. Satan was simply withdrawing for a season of plotting and looking for the next possible opening in the battle.

Life has its seasons of intense temptation and seasons of relative calm. Don't be fooled by that. Don't let your guard down. Satan only occasionally withdraws for a season.

When Paul gave his testimony to the Roman governor Felix, Felix

was evidently under deep conviction, but he deferred on taking any action. He said, "When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:25). The search for a more convenient season is an ongoing one. We often put off doing the right thing until we can find a more convenient season for doing so. The tragedy is that we may put it off too long.

The writer of Hebrews praised Moses for turning his back on the privileges of living in the Egyptian court in order to take his stand with his own oppressed people. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:24-25).

Blessed is the person who sees that the pleasures of sin last just for a season. Headlines in every day's newspaper declare that the season for the pleasures of sin in the lives of many has come to a tragic end.

Paul challenged Timothy, "Preach the word; be prepared in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 2:2). It is that kind of consistency that God is looking for in our lives.

Sir Thomas More dared to incur the wrath of King Henry VIII in order to stand for what he felt was right. The title of the play that tells his story is "A Man for All Seasons." God is looking for commitment in our lives that lasts for all seasons.

--Sunday's Sermons:

AM: "Helping to Send the Missionaries" – Rom. 10:9-15

PM: Hanging of the Greens

COUNTING COMMITTEE:

J. W. Jennings, JoAnn Long,
Jerry Ivey

USHERS:

AM

Jimmy Taylor, Edwin Reed,
David Chase, Joe Carter,
Tommy Ragan, Henry Hankins

PM

Bob Griffin, David Bolen

EXTENDED SESSION:

December Coordinator:

Katie Conn (871-5652)

December 4:

Danielle Hawkins
Erik Dukes
Collin Billingsley
Olivia Cartwright

December 11:

Sue Oaks
Cheryl Ragan
Deana Reynolds
Elizabeth Akers



Pray for Our Homebound:

Mrs. Martha Miller
Mrs. Mavis Morgan

IN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy and are prayers are extended to...
Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Smith and family
in the death of his brother,
Mr. Palmer Smith

Mrs. Margaret Swindol and family in
the death of her brother,
Mr. Robert Tennison

The family of Mrs. Kathryn Houston



**Tim, Sonja, and
Matthew Stephens**
By Letter

November 27, 2011	
Sunday School	269
Budget	\$ 5,072.50
Designated Offering	<u>3,542.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,614.50


JoyMakers
Christmas Luncheon & Program
 Thursday, December 8
 12:00 noon

Invite a friend and come join the food, fun, and fellowship!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

This month marks the **10th anniversary** of **Vicky Brown** serving as our **Financial Secretary!**

We are very grateful to her for sharing her many talents with us!
 Keep up the good work, Vicky!



2083 shoeboxes!!!

That's how many boxes we collected in **ONE WEEK** at the Booneville Relay Center (FBC) during National Collection Week. Our church exceeded our goal by collecting 328 boxes!!!

Thank you to the 44 churches, civic, and school groups and many individuals who gave shoeboxes. And thank you to the 45 people (ages 6 years - adult) who helped fill, decorate and log in boxes at our relay center that week!

Please pray for the 2,083 shoeboxes which will be shipped to over 130 countries. Boys and girls will receive gift-filled shoeboxes with the message of God's love in their language also inside.

And if you forgot to participate, it's not too late. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org and click on "Build a Box," where you can virtually decide what to put in your box through a monetary gift on-line.

Above all, **PRAY FOR YOUR BOXES** and they will change lives.

Thanks again for helping us reach our goal--2083 boxes!!!

Laurie McBride

MUSIC NOTES

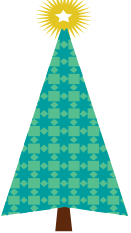
Christmas at First Baptist

Sunday, December 4--11:00 a.m.-- "Helping to Send the Missionaries"
 6:30 p.m.--*Hanging of the Green*

Sunday, December 11-- "Listening to the Announcements of His Coming"
 6:30 p.m.--*"A Night to Remember" - Christmas Music and Tasting Tea*

Sunday, December 18--11:00 a.m.-- "Stumbling to Bethlehem"
 6:30 p.m.--*Christmas by Candlelight*

Sunday, December 25--10:30 a.m.--Christmas Celebration




Christmas 2011!!
"A Night to Remember"
 Sunday, December 11

Please don't miss this blessing!
 Choir and orchestra are preparing now for a great night!
 Please invite your friends to attend!



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated in any way in the Community Thanksgiving Meal!
 Over 300 people were fed that day!
 God bless you all for your efforts to reach out and be the "hands of Jesus."

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS




Children's Breakfast
 Sunday, December 4th
 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall
 ages 4 years - 6th graders

Special Story: THE EXTREME CHRISTMAS GIFT

Parent's Night Out ("Tree Night")

When:	Friday, December 9th at 6 - 9:00 p.m.
Menu:	Make and eat meat & cheese tree; fruit kabob; tree cookies
Crafts:	Decorate tree cookies and make your own mini Christmas tree.
More Games:	Tree Race; Bust the Tree; Guess the Ornament?
Lesson:	<i>The Decorated Tree</i>
Sign-up:	by December 7th at bulletin boards by church office, nursery, Jars of Clay or 2nd floor Sunday School desk.



YOUTH NEWS

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Fall Retreat 2011!!

Fall Retreat, one of the youth highlights of the year, is upon us! Approximately 55 youth, college-age leaders, and adult chaperones will be leaving for Double-Head Resort in Town Creek, Alabama on Friday, December 3 for a weekend of Fall Retreat!

We thank you for making this trip possible and ask for your prayers for this weekend of worship, study, and fellowship.

God bless!
Joey Williford

NEW DEACONS ELECTED:

Marshall Dickerson

Dr. Erik Dukes

Ricky Ford

Dr. Sean Reynolds

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HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
OUR GOAL: \$23,000.00

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