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“We exist to love and know God more deeply, to grow more like Jesus each day, and to reach the world in the power of the Holy Spirit with the message of the Cross and the Resurrection beginning in the Mulberry community.”

DECEMBER 2012

### “The John 3:16 Line in the Sand”

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

We do not often see the most famous verse in the Bible as a Christmas reference, but it is. If you will read John 3:16-21, you will discover these truths:

*God loves the whole world.*

*It is a whosoever Gospel.*

*He offers salvation before condemnation.*

*Believers do deeds that are wrought of God.*

That summary tells us that the Gospel story is a two edged sword: it will either pierce your heart in conviction and repentance or it will be your judgment by rejection and resistance.

It is a line in the sand. We know the verse tells us of God’s love, but there is another verse given to us by the Holy Spirit through John’s pen that tells us about our love:

*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.*

It is easy to confuse who the “hims” are in this verse. Adding the capitalization may help. Look at a summary of the truths we find in these few words:

*It is a whosoever Gospel.*

*Believers—believe Jesus is God in the flesh and are born again.*

*Believers love God.*

*Believers love all those who have been born of Him.*

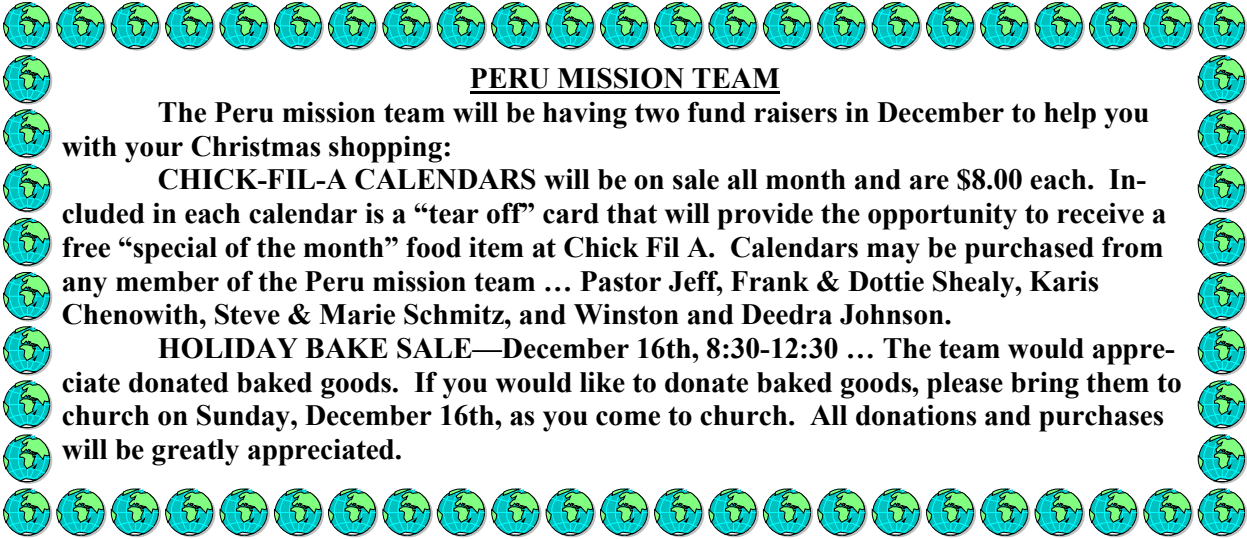
If you follow the reasoning, believers are those who believe God was born a man by a virgin and all who believe in Him are born again. They love God and love all who are born of Him. It is a line in the sand. God loved us. Believers love Him and those who love Him.

This entire season is not about how much we love ourselves with gifts and gift lists, but how much we love Him by fulfilling His mission for the world and giving to Gospel causes in love and sacrifice. There are so many noble causes, but one of the best is Baptist Home Church.

When we gaze into the depths of John 3:16, we see that God’s love is wide open! I have been guilty of limiting what I can do with God’s love by my resources. But Christmas is about wide open love with His resources. He loved us so. We have so many ways we can love Him.

*Let’s make the first gift of Christmas about our love for Jesus. Pastor Lon*

# BAPTIST HOME ON MISSION



## PERU MISSION TEAM

The Peru mission team will be having two fund raisers in December to help you with your Christmas shopping:

**CHICK-FIL-A CALENDARS** will be on sale all month and are \$8.00 each. Included in each calendar is a “tear off” card that will provide the opportunity to receive a free “special of the month” food item at Chick Fil A. Calendars may be purchased from any member of the Peru mission team ... Pastor Jeff, Frank & Dottie Shealy, Karis Chenowith, Steve & Marie Schmitz, and Winston and Deedra Johnson.

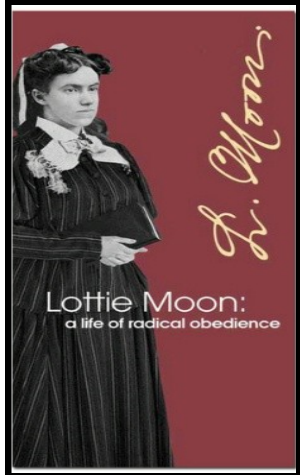
**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE**—December 16th, 8:30-12:30 ... The team would appreciate donated baked goods. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring them to church on Sunday, December 16th, as you come to church. All donations and purchases will be greatly appreciated.

### LOTTIE MOON

China was not safe for foreigners or Christians. Lottie Moon was both. But she didn't let that stop her, and her life of radical obedience touched many. Lottie Moon is the Southern Baptists' most-celebrated missionary and the namesake of the offering that sends missionaries to the field.

**2012 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR  
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
GOAL FOR BAPTIST HOME CHURCH  
\$5000.00**

Offering Envelopes are available in Sanctuary pew racks or from church office.



*ABC's of Salvation*

*Admit your need*  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

*Believe in Christ*  
"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

*Commit yourself to Christ*  
"Yet to all who received Him ... He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

Being truly sorry for your sins, and through the power of Christ forsaking them, go forward to live for Christ. He will give forgiveness, power, victory, purpose, the Holy Spirit and life eternal!

### Honduras Mission Trip Report

A team of missionaries from our area, including several from our church family, were in Honduras November 1-10. The following is a report of God working through this team:

- examined 1,350 people in 5 medical clinics
- 1,200 Gospel tracts shared
- 1,000 Gospel “coins” distributed
- 191 first time professions of faith

The missions committee would like to give an update on contributions for the pastors' mission trips. At this time Pastor Lon has received \$1,300 and Pastor Jeff has received \$900. Pastor Lon needs \$2,200 by January 15 for his trip to Kenya. Pastor Jeff needs \$1400 by May 15 for his trip to Peru. The Kenya Mission Trip will start with Frank and Dottie leaving on January 28 and Pastor Lon and Kay leaving on Feb. 11. Everyone will leave Kenya on February 28 and arrive back in NC on March 1. Randy Shepherd will be with us from Feb. 6 to Feb. 13. Next month we will give you the schedule for the Kenya mission trip. Dates for Peru mission trip are July 19-28. If you are interested in either trip let Pastor Lon or Pastor Jeff know.

# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11:00 am Baptism—Wesley Furr	6:30pm Stone Mtn Baptist Assoc Pastors, Deacons, Wives Christmas Dinner		6:00pm Family Night Dinner (Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, apples, biscuit, dessert, drinks)		7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal North Wilkes High School Band Concert In FLC	
	Dec. 2—9 Week of Prayer and Missions Study		Study for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7:00pm Honduras Mission Report			Angel Tree gifts due back to church 8:00 pm Church Council mtg			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30 & 11:00am White Christmas 7:00 pm Children's Christmas Play in FLC					7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5:30 & 7:00 pm Adult Choir Christmas Music Presentation	CHRISTMAS DAY					
30	31					
Fifth Sunday Offering						

For those who have not previously viewed and chosen photos for the new church directory, they will be available for viewing, etc., following both morning worship services on December 9th.



Dear Church Family,

Thank You to everyone who supported the Bake Sale sponsored by the Adult Choir. Whether you provided baked goods, purchased them, or even did both, we appreciate YOU!

The funds that were received will be used to purchase a projector for the sanctuary. This will enable the choir to view videos, etc., that were previously viewable only on the screen behind the choir.

If you would like to be a part of the choir, we welcome you! Please contact a choir member for more information regarding rehearsals, etc.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord through music and song and to lead our church family in worship and praise.

Adult Choir of Baptist Home Church

#### A Special Thank You

*Acts of kindness warm the heart, soothe the soul, and make the world turn more gently.*

*It's nice to know that there are still people who take such pleasure in doing special things and making others feel good...*

*Thank You*

*You're really someone special....*

Thank You for the work you have done at our home. We greatly appreciate your time, effort and thoughtfulness.

Don and Betty Haynes

To Our Baptist Home Church Family ....

Thank You so very much for your tremendous support of the "Ninth Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for Families in Need" ... through your ministry, we provided food for almost 400 people. Thank You for Being a Blessing as you accepted the challenge of Matthew 25: 35 "For I was an hungered and you gave me meat ..." and Matthew 25:40 "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me"

#### The following is a note received from John & Barbara Davis in West Virginia

Words cannot express how much Mrs. Barbara and I appreciate the work that the "gang" was able to accomplish while they were here. We appreciate the underpinning and the vent for the dryer. Thank you so much for the work you did for us as well as for the cost of supplies. We are truly blessed to have such caring and compassionate people in our lives. God is truly good to us. May God Bless Each of You! We look forward to seeing you in the spring. In His Service, *Brother John* (John H. Davis) Habakkuk 2:2

#### Welcome New Members to Our Baptist Home Family

Katie Hodge joined our church family via transfer of membership from her previous church. Katie and her husband, Jason, live in Millers Creek... and their address is 6689 N Hwy 16, Millers Creek, NC 28651. Katie teaches fourth grade at Blue Ridge Elementary School in Ashe County.

Wesley Furr joined our church family and was baptized on December 2. Wesley's parents are Adam and Jennifer Furr .. his younger brother is Joshua. Wesley is a third grade student at Wilkesboro Elementary School.



# Birthdays This Month



1 Sarah Reynolds	8 Jean Mulligan	19 Gary Martin	28 Tommy Burchette
1 Henry Souther	9 Linda Handy	20 Logan Anderson	28 Claudette Cothren
2 Derek Caudill	9 Rosa Lee McGrady	20 James Bowlin	28 Gary Wyatt
2 Mary Burgess	9 Chris Stone	20 Bobbie Phillips	29 Lloyd Call
2 Laura Byrd	10 Sean Royall	20 Jill Rogers	29 Eddie Caudill
2 Jennifer Furr	13 Dana Burns	21 Susan Barker	29 Alexandra Dillard
2 Patrick Moree	13 Dalton Tedder	21 Gary Adams	30 Clyde Lockhart
4 Dylan Taylor	13 Penni Rash	22 Jared Story	30 Rodney Pennington
5 Bertha Barlow	15 Helen Lockhart	23 Sylvia Burgess	30 Zane Rhodes
5 Katie Burns	15 Jeffrey Morton	23 Heather Elder	31 Mike Handy
5 Reba Dillard	16 Daniel Call	24 Ray Blevins	31 Leslie Harbour
5 Frank Griffin	17 Lincoln Burns	25 Rodney Redding	
7 Kyle Gambill	18 Regena Holder	26 Kathy Walker	
8 Shannon Massengill	19 Clifford Adams, Jr.	27 Sherry Gambill	



## White Christmas

For several years, our church has provided boxes of food for families in need at Christmas time. The non-perishable food is wrapped in white paper with the contents of package written on the outside. On December 16th, the food will be brought to church and placed on the church altar where it will be dedicated and later distributed "in Jesus' Name" ... So that we may have a variety of food, each class has been assigned a specific food. If you are not in a class, please bring any non-perishable food and wrap it in white paper. Also, if you know of families that would be encouraged through this ministry, please call the church office (670-2213) or Wanda Call (670-2342 or 902-8171) with the name and number of people in family.

### CLASS

Baraca/Berean  
 New Beginnings  
 Faithful Workers  
 Fidelis  
 Golden Circle  
 Friendship  
 Faithful Followers  
 Living Sacrifice  
 Seekers  
 Families for Christ  
 Christian Disciples  
 Young Couples I  
 Friends in Christ  
 Family Matters  
 Sufficient Grace  
 Youth Department  
 Children's Department  
 Preschool I and II  
 General Officers

### FOOD

coffee, sugar  
 sugar, corn meal  
 canned soups  
 shortening, oil  
 rice, macaroni  
 canned meat  
 canned soups  
 canned soups  
 canned fruits  
 pancake mix, syrup  
 canned vegetables  
 canned fruits, juices  
 canned vegetables  
 sugar, corn meal  
 canned meat  
 cereal, oatmeal, grits  
 crackers, peanut butter  
 cereal, oatmeal, grits  
 shortening, oil

## Christmas Shoe Tree



The setting for the children's Christmas play this year is a Christmas tree farm.

After learning about the **Soles for Souls Ministry**, the owner of the tree farm decides to include a ministry opportunity to children with his tree sales.

Our children are very excited about the play and how they can even incorporate the "shoe ministry" into our church ministry and outreach this Christmas season.

The Children's Christmas play will be presented on the evening of Sunday, December 16th, in the Family Life Center.

They are asking for everyone to bring a pair of shoes to the play. Although the shoes do not need to be new, the shoes should be in good "wearable" shape. All sizes will be welcome and appreciated.

Through our church community missions, the shoes will be distributed to local schools and ministries and given to children in need.

Thank You for your support for our children in this outreach ministry.

**Children's Worship &  
Youth Reach**

*Children's Worship is a Ministry for children Ages 2 yrs—5 yrs*

**12/2 Billy & Dawn Felts**

**12/9 Tammy Miles & Melinda Collins**

*Youth Reach is a time of Special Emphasis and Interest of Youth*

**12/16 Youth Sermon**

**12/23 Youth Sermon**

**12/30 No Children's Worship or  
Youth Sermon**

**Nursery Workers Schedule**

12/2 Nathan & Annette Laws  
Nathan & Chasity Brown

12/9 Ben & Leslie Harbour  
Nikki Haynes; Denise Wilson

12/16 Gene & Michelle Parsons  
Dana & Katie Burns

12/23 Joseph & Meagan Edmiston  
Steven & Donna Greene

12/30 Kasey Osborne; Shannon Massengill  
Kay & Karis Chenowith

**Baptist Home Church Staff**

Senior Pastor Dr. Lon Chenowith  
Associate Pastor Rev. Jeff Blackburn  
Church Secretary Mrs. Loretha Almond  
Chairman of Deacons Mr. Don Carpenter  
Sunday School Director Mr. Howard Carter

**Attendance for November**

Sunday School Enrollment	448
Average Sunday School Attendance	200
Average Morning Worship	319
Visitors	33

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