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Keith's Korner...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16, NIV).

One of the more popular verses ever memorized or preached in all of scripture is the above verse. It is a verse many remember learning as a young child. Several years back I heard a pastor say that if the Bible were destroyed and this one verse remained, it would be the starting point to rewrite scripture. It is the key to the entire Bible! Read the above verse again, except this time substitute your name for "the world."

Three things about this verse I want us to remember is that God's love is: ...

The greatest love a person will ever know - The same God who hung the stars says to you and me, "I Love You." Creation sings and tells of His love! Lyrics to the song, *The Love of God* do a great job in communicating this:

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.*

-Frederick Martin Lehman | Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai

The greatest gift a person could ever receive - In just a few weeks many of you will be opening gifts. This gift of God's Son to humanity is truly the greatest gift anyone could ever receive! Paul said it best in II Corinthians 9:15, *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!* *The Little Drummer Boy* challenges us to offer what we have to give the Lord. See partial lyrics to the song below, you can add in the Pa rum pa pum pums.

*Little baby, I am a poor boy too, I have no gift to bring, That's fit to give our King,
Shall I play for you, On my drum
Mary nodded, The ox and lamb kept time,
I played my drum for Him, I played my best for Him,
Then He smiled at me, Me and my drum.*

Katherine K. Davis

The greatest choice a person could ever make. - Have you made this choice of believing in Jesus Christ and trusting him as Savior and Lord? If not, there is no greater gift you could receive or no greater choice you could make this Christmas season than to respond to God's love in Jesus Christ.

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x's); No turning back, no turning back.

Advent services are always a special time in the life of the church and have their own way of preparing our hearts and lives for the birth of our Savior. What a great time to invite someone not currently active in church to join you.

Please be mindful of all our important dates throughout the month of December. The Deacon ordination of Jason Hamrick will be Sunday morning, December 4. The sanctuary choir will be sharing their Cantata on the morning of December 18, and we will also have our missions ingathering on this day.

Our family looks forward to sharing this special season with you.

You are loved,
Keith



Backpack Ministry Needs

Spaghetti-o's,
Mac 'n Cheese, Pop Tarts,
Grits, Snacks, Little Debbie's,
Fruit Cups, Pudding

*Thank you for helping us
fill FIVE
packs for
hungry
school
children*



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

**Maida Scruggs &
Becky Wallace**

Carillon Assisted Living
1550 Charles Rd.
Shelby, NC 28152

**Rachel Mack &
Madge Harris**

Cleveland Pines Nursing Ctr
1404 N. Lafayette St.
Shelby, NC 28150

Kay Bridges (Rm A15A)

Peak Resources
1101 N. Morgan St.
Shelby, NC 28150

Charlotte Koch

Shelby Manor Ltd.
1176 Wyke Rd.
Shelby, NC 28150

**Isabelle Stroud (Rm 309)&
Martha Greene**

White Oak Manor -Shelby
401 N. Morgan St.
Shelby, NC 28150

Bonnie Price

Brookdale Shelby
1425 E Marion St.
Shelby, NC 28150

Larry & Sara Anthony

603 Plato Lee Rd.
Shelby, NC 28150

Wilber & Donna Banning

PO Box 689 BS, NC 28017

Clyde & Pat Bowen

426 E. Homestead Ave.
Shelby, NC 28152

Irene Greene

1900 Flint Hill Church Rd.
Shelby, NC 28152

From our Associate Pastor for Music & Adults... Candy Wilson

As of this writing, I have been serving on staff at Boiling Springs Baptist Church a little over three weeks. And what a whirlwind of 3 weeks it has been! We are enjoying getting to know you and our new community. You have opened your hearts to us and have welcomed us in so many ways—even before our official arrival here. We are already beginning to sense that we have come home and I genuinely mean it when I say that we are loving being here! We are looking forward to closing on our new home in Boiling Springs on December 8th and will be moving our household items soon thereafter. By the end of 2016, we will be official residents of Boiling Springs, NC. (Is there such a thing as Boiling Springians? :)

Though I am beginning my tenure here at a particularly busy time of year, it is also a time of year when we are especially able to observe the love and care you demonstrate both within the church and to the surrounding community. So at this time of Thanksgiving I want you to know that we are especially thankful for all of you who make up the community of Boiling Springs Baptist. We are honored to be a part of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and consider it a privilege to serve in your midst. Thank you for the opportunity to do so!

In Christ's Love, Candy

During the month of December you will have the opportunity to give to the support of missionaries who serve overseas. One way to give is through the offering named for **Lottie Moon**, a missionary to China who wrote hundreds of letters (no typewriter or email) pleading for mission support. She died on December 24, 1912, after living a life of total sacrifice to God and people of China. The other way to give is through the **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering**. This offering funds salaries, benefits, housing costs and children's educational needs for those who serve in 30 countries and in the USA. CBF does not divide missionaries into "home" or "foreign." Offering envelopes for both are in the pew racks. **The Ingathering will be on December 18. Our goal is \$12,500.** Thank you for your generous support of missions.

Preschool and Children...

Every good and perfect gift is from God. It comes down from the Father. James 1:17



"At Christmas people have fun giving gifts to one another. But the best gifts come from God. He gives us our friends and family. And He gives us his Son, Jesus, the most perfect gift of all."

As we enter into this Advent Season, Children's Church will be working on *Advent in a Box*, taking each Sunday of Advent and studying each of the words and lesson as it pertains to that Sunday. With Christmas Day being on Sunday we will joyfully celebrate Happy Birthday to Jesus as a wonderful end of this project. As the Advent season comes to a close each child will have a box to take with them in which each Sunday will be represented in story and scripture. I encourage you, as parents, especially during this season, to be a part of our worship and let your children be a part of children's worship time.

Our calendar is full of Christmas related activities starting with the children's music program on December 4, at 6:00. Broughton Supper, which is a tradition for families as well as the patients at Broughton, will be on Wednesday, December 7, at 5:30. Bring your children as we will have a special time to share with the patients and Santa Claus. On December 14 there will be no mission activities as we will gather to have our Christmas time in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 7:00. Supper will be provided.

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of Jesus and what sacrifices He has made in our lives. We also need to look at our lives and how we need to be thankful for this church and what our faith means to us as a person, family and community.

"And He gives us His Son, Jesus the most perfect gift of all."

Miss Ellen

A Message from Our Youth Minister...

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. The Christmas season is my absolute favorite time of the year. In the spirit of the church calendar however, the Advent season is upon us as well. Advent is always a special time in the church and its meaning is sometimes overlooked in the spirit of Christmas.

In its history, Advent represents two important notions about the coming of Christ. The first is similar to Christmas as we prepare for the coming (birth) of Christ and the second is waiting for the second coming (return) of Christ. Although this has not always been the case, Advent and Christmas have similar meanings and can easily be linked together. The month of December brings a sense of preparation and waiting. For many of us today, we prepare our homes for family and we wait patiently for December 25 to arrive. It sounds like a rather *cliché* thing to say, but let's not forget to prepare our hearts as we wait on the coming of our Lord. During the Christmas and Advent seasons, may we celebrate family, friends, presents, good food, and most importantly the coming, and second coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Following are some events for the youth and others to be aware of in a packed December month:

Wednesday December 7-Broughton Supper. All youth are invited to be a part of this special night to connect with others in the community. There will not be regularly scheduled youth on this night, but we strongly encourage youth to come and participate in this dinner and entertainment!

Sunday December 18-There are two events to be aware of on this day: one is church-wide Christmas caroling at 4 PM for our shut-ins. This will be a fun afternoon and a good opportunity to meet some church members who we may not know. Second, that night at 6 PM we will have our youth Christmas party to celebrate the end of the year! We will play Secret Santa and everyone is invited to wear an ugly Christmas sweater!

December 27-29-We will be going on our youth Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN. We will be attending *Xtreme Winter Conference* featuring some of the biggest bands and speakers in the Christian community. We will also have a free afternoon on Wednesday, when we will do a lot of fun stuff in Gatlinburg. Please be in prayer for our youth as we travel and worship!

We wish your family a very happy Christmas and a wonderful close to 2016! See you next year!

With love,
Mary and Alan Newcomb



Season's Greetings from the

It seems hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. Christmas is such a special time for children. Not only do they bring joy, enthusiasm and wonder to Christmas. but they also come with questions and lots of opportunities for us to show them how much God loves us and them. Never miss an opportunity to tell a child just what Jesus means to you. They do learn by our example.

A few weeks ago Ms Ellen and the children and staff all worked together to pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We then carried our boxes to be shipped to children all over the world. Before putting them into the big boxes for shipping we prayed over them and blessed them. We also talked with our children about how important the gifts would be to the children that received them. We explained to them this is a way that we can share Jesus with others.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Merry Christmas! Dawn

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Reid & Irene Murray
202 Toney St.
Shelby, NC 28152

Thirlen & Sophie Osborne
PO Box 353 BS, NC 28017

Alice Greene
PO Box 1232 BS, NC 28017

Ann Lancaster
PO Box 863
BS, NC 28017

Notes...

Thank you for the food brought and the cards and phone calls you made in the loss of my beloved Grandson, Jason Flynn. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

I love you all, Carolyn Hamrick

CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb & Brittney White Blanton on the October 26 birth of a daughter, Caroline Elaine Blanton. Congratulations to big sister, Emma, grandparents, Charles & Teresa White and great-grandparents, Heyward & Margaret White and Forrest & Maxine Kelly.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Each Sunday, the Nursery for ages birth - Kindergarten is available for parents. This is on a volunteer basis and is provided by adults who love children and want to help families enjoy worship, without worry of ... "what can I provide to keep my child happy during worship," "I can't come to listen and participate in worship because I keep thinking my child is going to bother those around me," or "I'm just not comfortable with my child staying somewhere away from me, where I can't check on him/her—what if they need me?" The Nursery volunteers understand all this, and want you to feel comfortable allowing your child to be here in the building with you, yet not by your side each and every Sunday. Saying this, we hope all young parents will feel as if they can trust our Nursery and possibly offer their services of helping to keep other children one Sunday out of several week rotations. The more volunteers we get, the less each person will have to rotate throughout the year. Then EVERYONE can enjoy Worship! If you are interested in helping in this ministry, **(YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PARENT!)** and are age 18 and above, please contact Anna Whitaker, Nursery Volunteer Coordinator (704-418-2063 or awhitaker@clevelandcountyschools.org) by Dec. 18.

From the Parish Nurse Committee:

We want to draw you attention to **Safety in Gift-Giving for children** during the Christmas season. Please **NOTE POSTERS** in both halls of the education building that have reminders about safety precautions.


Preschool Children (Ages 4-5) Still NEED Choir Leader!

GCCBA TOY STORE

OPEN for collections by Dec. 2. Boxes are at both ends of our church for toy drop-off.

Christmas Card Boxes are NOW available in the hall between our office and sanctuary. Names are included in this newsletter, outlined with red boxes. Church-wide Caroling will be on Sun., Dec. 18 at 4:00pm

Remember

FOOD CLOSET / BACK-PACK MINISTRIES
We have so many **HUNGRY** in our surrounding community areas. We are buying many food items to help keep the food closet stocked each week..

Thank You for Your Support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Reminder: **PLEASE** Bring your assigned food items!

ADULT HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Tues., Dec. 6 11:30am

BROUGHTON SUPPER..Wed., Dec 7 6:00pm

REMEMBRANCE DINNER FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS
Sun., Dec. 11 12 noon

"Christmas on the Old-Time Radio,"

Dr. Joe Webb and Friends in Concert
Friday, Dec. 2 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 3 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Call church office for reservations

Admission: Items for Food Closet,

a Cash Contribution or

a Canned Ham from Aldi's

Hams are included in bags distributed by our food closet during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season.

Refreshments and Silent Auction of home-baked goodies at intermission

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED SHOEBOXES through the Operation Christmas Child Program. Our church filled 209 boxes!

THANKS to everyone who helped with Operation Shoebox Collection Week. Your help counting and packing boxes was very much appreciated. We collected 2254 boxes and packed 128 big boxes. Well done!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Contributions **(as of Nov 27)**

Basic Weekly Budget Needs 11,620.93

Budget Receipts to Date 512,692.66

Basic Budget Needs to Date 557,804.64

CURRENT Newsletter INFORMATION

All information for this monthly publication will need to be in by the **20th of each month**. This will give the church office time to both publish and mail the newsletter, with the goal of it arriving in mail boxes before the 1st of each month.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Families of ...

Shirley McSwain Jones

Florence Lail

(mother of Bobby Lail)

DECEMBER NURSERY-

Dec. 4

Jason & Amy Hamrick

Dec. 11

Justin & Stephanie Webb

Karen Costner

Dec. 18

Betsy Beason, Courtney Falls

Dec. 25

Christmas Day, No Nursery

WELCOME COMMITTEE DECEMBER

Randy & Brenda Mull
(North side of building)

Tajsha Eaves
(South side of building)

Sanctuary Flowers DECEMBER

Poinsettias

Happy Birthday

TO OUR DECEMBER 80's AND OVER

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Laura Scruggs | Dec 9 |
| Annie Mae Bridges | Dec 11 |
| Bob Blackburn | Dec 12 |
| Thirlen Osborne | Dec 21 |
| Margaret White | Dec 22 |
| Mildred Arnold | Dec 23 |
| Ruth Partain | Dec 29 |
| Martha Greene | Dec 31 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Attendance for November

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| Nov 6..... | 179 |
| Nov 13..... | 234 |
| Nov 20..... | 176 |
| Nov 27..... | 169 |

| <div> <div>INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS</div> <div>DECEMBER 2016</div> <div>CHILDREN'S CHURCH EACH SUNDAY</div> </div> | | | | | | |
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| <div> <div>Lottie Moon & CBF Global Missions Goal: \$12,500</div> <div>INGATHERING ON SUN., 18TH</div> </div> | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| Regular Sunday Activities on Sidebar | | | Regular Wednesday Activities on Sidebar | 1 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast at Sn Shop | 2 Toys Due for GCCBA Store 7:00 Joe Webb Concert in FH | 3 6:30 Joe Webb Concert in FH |
| 4 SECOND SUN.ADVENT AM- Deacon Ordination of Jason Hamrick 4:00 Church Planning in FH 6:00 Children's Choirs Program | 5 6:30 Crest Midd.Sch. Choral Concert 7:00 Cub Scouts | 6 11:30 Adult Holiday Luncheon 7:00 Boy Scouts | 7 5:30 Broughton Supper (Covered Dish) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir | 8 5:15 C (CARE) Team 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast at Sn.Sh | 9 . | 10 . |
| 11 THIRD SUN.ADVENT After AM Worship Remembrance "Widow & Widower" Luncheon 6:00 Daycare Program 6:00 Youth Bible Study | 12 10:00 Dorothy Edwards Bible Study 6:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Deacons' Christmas Meal | 13 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 DAR in FH | 14 5:15 A Team (CARE) 5:30-7:00 Children's Christmas Party 6:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir <i>Other Reg.Sched.Act.</i> | 15 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast at Sn.Sh 7:00 Crest High Sch. Choral Concert | 16 . | 17 Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal |
| 18 FOURTH SUN.ADVENT 9:00 Missions Comm AM- Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata 4:00 Caroling to deliver Christmas Cards | 19 7:00 Cub Scouts | 20 2:00 WMU Prayer Group 7:00 Boy Scouts | 21 5:15 R Team (CARE) NO Children's Activities <i>Reg.Sched.Act.</i> | 22 . | 23 HOLIDAY Offices Closed | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 Christmas Eve Service |
| 25 CHRISTMAS DAY NO Sunday School 10AM – Christmas Day Worship NO Evening Activities | 26 HOLIDAY Offices Closed 7:00 Cub Scouts | 27 Youth Winter Retreat In Gatlinburg, TN 7:00 Boy Scouts | 28 5:15 E Team (CARE) | 29 Youth return from Winter Retreat | 30 . | 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE |

REGULAR SUNDAY
(SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar)

8:00 Men's Bible Study
 9:00 Prayer in Prayer Room
 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
 9:30 Men's Bible Study
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:55 Morning Worship
 6:00 Youth Bible Study

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
(SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar)

10:00 Staff Meeting
 5:00 Fellowship Meal
 5:15 CARE Ministry
 5:30 Children's Choirs
 5:30-7:00 Youth HangTime/Bible Study
 6:00-7:00 Prayer Meeting in Lighthouse
 6:00 Women's Bible Study
 6:15 Children's Missions
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Nancy Terry
 PO Box 322 BS, NC 28017

Emily Washburn
 108 Emily Lane
 Shelby, NC 28152

If you would like to participate in our **Caroling and Delivering Christmas Cards on Sun. afternoon, Dec. 18 at 4:00pm**, we would love to have you join us! *Those we visit and sing with always enjoy this special memory!*

18 Total Boxes

Boiling Springs

Baptist Church

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Your Church Staff*

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