



TIDINGS

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Serving, Encouraging and Supporting Christ's Churches

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A Note to you,

Another year is almost gone and it has passed so swiftly by. Thank you for your participation in the association activities this past year and I look forward to a great year in 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Prayer for Christmas Morning

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen

Food For Thought:

It's almost time for New Year's resolutions. **King David made two resolutions.**

First, he resolved to read the Bible, and apply it's teachings to his life. Some Christians read everything but the Bible in their everyday life, and then read the Bible only in church. They are guilty of neglect in the matter of reading the Word of God. Here is David's first resolution, **Psalms 119:15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. 16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. 17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.**

Do you see what you could say: I will read and study the Bible every day in the coming year.

I will apply the teachings of the Bible to my life in the various situations and temptations I encounter.

Second, King David made a resolution about prayer, that resolution is found in **Psalms 116:1 I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.** King David had many experiences with God and he knew that God answered prayer. He said that he was going to keep calling on God as long as he lived. We know that God answers prayer, so like David, let us resolve to read the Bible and pray each day.

The Apostle Paul made a resolution to win souls. I Cor. 9:22 I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. We should never fail to resolve to lead someone to Christ this new year. It will make a new life for the person you win to the Lord. You don't have to be a preacher to lead someone to Christ. A few simple words spoken in love to a lost person may be the means of turning that person to Jesus. Please consider these resolutions for the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. John Ryder

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS
from the Association and our CHURCHES -

CAMP REPORT— Camp closed for the season. Need help before we open up next year. Call the office if your church wants to help.

EX. BOARD REPORT—Had our Association Christmas Dinner at Central BC, good fellowship, food and music (by the New Found Four).

ALLANSVILLE—No Report

BEECH GROVE— Bro. Marion had Heart Surgery Dec. 13th, he is doing well.

BOONES CREEK— Formed a Pulpit Search Committee.

CALVARY— Over 100 attended our Thanksgiving Dinner. We were the Estill Co. collection site for Operation Christmas Child, 234 shoeboxes were collected and delivered by our youth, they also helped with Backpack Buddies and delivered our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We helped provide desserts for the Estill Co. Thanksgiving Dinner. Patrick, Jennifer and Drew Howard were baptized. Our Choir and Children's Christmas programs will be Dec. 18th. We are collecting food for Christmas Food Baskets. We will be doing the Christmas Country Store at the Irvine Health Care Center, Sat. Dec. 17th. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Dec. 24th at 6 pm.

CENTRAL— Central collected 430 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our Worship Ministry presented "We Have Our Savior" on Sat. Dec. 10 and Sun. Dec. 11. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5 pm on Sat. Dec. 24th.

CLAY CITY—Youth group enjoys outing. 8 of our youth group along with Justin & Shelia Slemple enjoyed outing of bowling and pizza at Sterling Lanes in Mt. Sterling. They are looking forward to another outing. We think God for Justin & Shelia's willingness to work with our young people.

CORINTH— No Report

COW CREEK— Merry Christmas

EMMANUEL—On Nov. 12th the GA'S went to the GA Jam in Bardstown, KY. They had a wonderful learning experience about Missions and Missionaries. There were over 500 GA'S there.

EPHESUS— Held Thanksgiving Banquet Nov. 16. Youth went to Hearts on Fire Conference in Gatlinburg on Nov 18-20 where 3 made professions of Faith and 2 made rededications! Annual Christmas dinner will take place Dec. 16 at Kathy's Country Kitchen in Clay City. Christmas Program for children, youth and adults on Dec. 21. Collecting items for shoebox gifts for Eastern KY. Mission on the month is collecting canned goods and coats for Operation Happiness. Deacon nomination is now underway. Remodeling and redecorating continues in the nursery and baptistery rooms.

FAITH—Had our candy and cookies swap. Yum! Children has met half of Lottie Moon goal. Praise the Lord. Going caroling and visit shut-ins and taking them a Christmas treat.

FRIENDSHIP— Had a wonderful homecoming. Youth and members delivered food for a local restaurant which provided food free. Places served: Nursing Home, Fire Dept., Rescue Squad etc. Christmas play on 18th. We will have service on Christmas Day at 11 am.

GREENBRIAR—Collection of food for Estill Co. Food Bank was a success. Took up collection for Sunrise Children Services Donations. Preparing for Fruit Giveaway at Christmas. Jan. Birthday: Charles Elliot. Getting ready for Children's Christmas gift at Church.

HEIDELBERG— No Report

HERITAGE— Our Christmas Dinner was held at the church at 4369 Lexington Rd. There was a good turn out. The food was excellent and the decorations were beautiful. We sang Christmas Carols after Dinner.

HOWARDS MILL— No Report

IRVINE FIRST—Nov. 16-5:30pm Sunshine Ladies Mtg. before Prayer Mtg. Ladies come and enjoy. Nov. 23-6:30pm Christmas Lovers Night and then Prayer Mtg. Who doesn't love chocolate? Nov. 24-Closed for Thanksgiving-enjoy. A special thanks to all the women that decorated the Church, it is beautiful! Dec. 4-Lighting the Greens. This was done after the evening service and snacks afterwards. Dec. 11-Holiday Meal and the fun, food and fellowship was plentiful. (All the cooks and servers-Hats off to you). Dec. 14-7pm- ECHS Jazz Band Christmas Concert at First Baptist Church. Dec. 18-Morning Service-Special Christmas Music Holiday Program by Jeremie Michael, Dec. 18-Evening Christmas Play for "Kids of all Ages" and maybe a very special guest? Hope everybody comes and enjoy. Dec. 25th-Christmas Day-Morning Church Service only so everyone can enjoy their family the rest of the day. Can't wait to see what January brings.

IVORY HILL—We had our Thanksgiving Dinner on Dec. 11 with special music. On Dec. 17, we will be making our food boxes for the needy and fruit baskets for the widows and widowers. We also will be making our treat bags for our church and angel tree gifts to needy children, will be delivered sometime that week. Our Christmas Program will be Dec. 18 at 6pm. Christmas Caroling and pizza will be happening on Dec. 23rd. We will have New Year's Eve Service.

JEFFERSONVILLE—The youth had a lock-in. They had a good turn out, lots of fun, and little sleep. Thank you Randy and Heather Taylor. We are having our Holiday Dinner and Christmas play Dec. 18th. Come on out and join us. Everyone welcome. Service and Breakfast 10am Dec. 25th.

KIDDVILLE—No Report

MACEDONIA—We had over 50 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Robert Matamis, a missionary to the Philippines, shared his testimony on Nov. 29th during our Sunday School Hour. That same morning, we had a funeral for one of our older members. Mrs. Frances Amburgey went to be with the Lord. We had a Thanksgiving pot-luck lunch. We delivered 19 Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our older Children's Church and the Signs of Faith are collecting warm socks for the residents of Windsor Care. The choir will present a Candlelight Christmas and the children will have a program on Dec. 18th.

MEANS— The Church delivered several "Boxes of Blessings" to families in the community for Thanksgiving. Beginning plans for new ministry teams for outreach and evangelism efforts in 2012.

MT. OLIVE—No Report

NEW COVENANT REFORMED—No Report

NEW HOPE— Planning Thanksgiving Dinner and program study in Revelation on Wed. night. Christmas program. Lottie Moon Prayer and gifts observance.

NORTHSIDE—Nov. 2nd, we had a Bridal Shower for Casey and Lyndsey Harp. Congratulations and years of happiness in our prayer for them. Fri. the 4th, several members attended the Mission Fair at the Camp. In Honor of Prayer Day on the 7th our WMU challenged each to set aside a certain time to pray for our missionaries. Sat. the 19th – eighteen enjoyed lunch in Berea and the show at Renfro Valley. WOW- we had 74 sign up to go to Frankfort on the 29th to see "Christmas in Mayberry". Thanks Janet Frazier for driving the van in that inclement weather. Your support of our Senior Adults is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to our play and Cantata coming up in Dec.

PANOLA—We've worked hard on our Christmas Cantata. Cantata /open house Dec. 18 at 6pm. Christmas Day Service at 11am.

POWELLS VALLEY— Nov. Feed 125 Dinners Thanksgiving Day. Approx. 200 Food ministry on the 26th. Dec. Christmas Dinner on the 11th. Will deliver Fruit Baskets on the 17th. Christmas Play on the 18th. Candlelight Service on the 21st. Watch Night Service on the 31st.

PROVIDENCE, C.C-Pot Luck Dinner@ 6:30pm, Dec. 11. Christmas Program @7:00 pm, Dec. 18th. Float in Christmas Parade-Dec.3.

PROVIDENCE, E.C.— We looking forward to the Christmas Cantata with the Adult Choir and the Children on Dec. 18th. We are excited about what the Lord is doing and we give Him the Praise.

REID VILLAGE—No Report

SALEM— No Report

SPEARS MILL— The Samaritans Purse Shoe Box was a great success which our church family sending a total of 201 boxes. Eliza Broadus offering \$1038. Praise God for His help in providing these special missions. The Community Thanksgiving Service was will attended. This is the time of year we think about the Lottie Moon mission and we have started the offering. Youth Christmas program "Chris-Myth-Busters" scheduled for Dec. 4th was moved to Dec. 18 due to illness. Their program is always good and looking forward to it. The Choir will be presenting Christmas Cantata "Mary Don't You Know" Dec. 11 at 7pm. Our hearts are sad. We lost one of our dear members, Barbara Martin. She was the wife of our deacon Floyd Martin and had served Spears Mill in many missions. We also have several members that are under the weather and wish them speedy recoveries. Spears Mill would love to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all next year.

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January Calendar

- 1-Happy New Year
- 7-Blueprint Sunday School Growth-Central BC
9am-3pm
- 9-Ex. Board Mtg. Providence Estill County-7pm
- 12-Committee on Annual Mtg. KBB
- 15-Sanctity for Life Sunday
- 19-Pastor's Prayer Fellowship-Golden Corral-
Winchester, 11:30 am
- 19-Shepherding the Shepherd-Hilton Downtown
Hotel-Lexington-(19th-21st)
- 20-Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training-Buck Creek
BC-Calhoun-(20th-21st)
- 21-Ky Baptist Disaster Relief Training-Buck Creek
BC-in Calhoun. (new volunteers \$40 per person—
returning volunteers-\$20 per person)
- 26-Administrative Committee- KBB

Best Wishes to Jan Birthdays:

- 1-Randall Stone-Pastor-New Hope
- 6-Sherri Barnes-Pastor's Wife-New Covenant Reformed BC
- 6-Arlene Willoughby-Pastor's Wife-Powell's Valley
- 8-Dianne Smith-Pastor's Wife-Salem
- 13-Grider Denney-Pastor-Clay City
- 13-Sherry Stone-Pastor's Wife-New Hope
- 20-Jerry Smith-Pastor-Salem
- 21-Floyd Holbrook-Camp Manager
- 28-Marvin Neal-Pastor-Ivory Hill
- 29-Judy Winkler-Pastor Wife-Irvine First
- 30-Gary Willoughby-Pastor-Powell's Valley

Best Wishes Jan. Anniversaries:

- 2-Todd and Debby Wiley-Reid Village
- 8-Floyd and Gale Holbrook-Camp Managers

University of the Cumberlands
Offers Courses for Credit or Audit through
Winchester Extension Center
Spring Schedule

Tuesdays (6:00-8:45 pm) January 31-May 15, 2012
Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
3 Semester Hours

Thursday (6:00-8:45pm) February 2-May 17, 2012
Poetry and Wisdom Literature
(Job, Psalm, Proverb, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)
3 Semester Hours

Costs:\$125.00 per course, plus books
(for audit): free, plus books

Register now by calling 859/749-5327 or 606/663-7870

Need a minimum of 10 students

Attention Youth Directors:

Don't forget that we will have our **2nd Annual Youth Hymn Sing June, 8, 2012** at Friendship Baptist Church, Irvine. We would like for it to be even better than last year.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's Needed
2. Go Metro USA and Find It Here 2012. Contact the association office for more information

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Winchester has an ongoing need for baby wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6) and formula (Good Start in green and orange cans), as well as continued financial support. Churches are encouraged to support local Pregnancy Centers in honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 16, as well as throughout the year. Please call 859-744-5988 with any questions or to arrange drop-offs.

Clark County Community Service Center 30 Tyler Ave. Winchester, KY 40391

OPERATION HAPPINESS

Operation Happiness is in the 41st year of providing Christmas to needy families in Winchester and Clark County. Applicants are screened through Clark County Community Services. We have found this to be the fairest way to distribute assistance for the holidays to the many local residents asking for help.

Each family receives a holiday box of food to take home and prepare the traditional Christmas dinner. It includes turkey breast, potatoes, eggs, rolls, stuffing, vegetables, and other pantry staples. Each child receives two new toys; teenagers receive a youth bag; hats, coats, and gloves are given to those in need, a visit and photo with Santa are available, and there is a food court available for a hot meal before the recipient leaves the facility.

This community event coast approx. \$50,000 and is solely funded through donations.

NEEDS

- 1) Tax-deductible donations mailed to Operation Happiness, P.O. Box 574, Winchester, Ky, 40392.
- 2) Volunteers go to site www.serveky.net to sign up.
- 3) Collection sites needed for toys, coats, and canned food. Need to be picked up by Monday, December 16.
- 4) Day of Giving is Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 2410 W. Lexington Avenue.

For additional information contact:

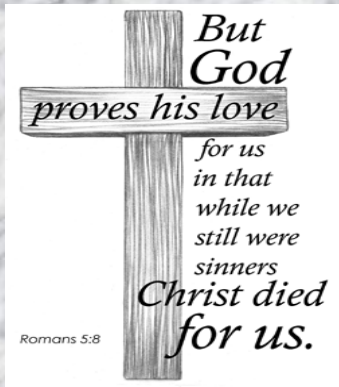
Judy Crowe
Executive Director
744-5034
or
Darren Diguette 744-3183 (co-directors)

Blueprints for Sunday School Growth will be held **January 7, 2012** at Central Baptist Church, Winchester.

The training, conducted by the KBC, is designated specifically for the Pastor and core Sunday School Leadership Teams. The training will begin at 9AM, with lunch at noon, and conclude at 3PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person for books, materials and the meal. You will need to notify the office at **859-744-0037**, if the Pastor and Sunday School Director, etc. will be there.



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II Corinthians 8:20-21

20-Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

21-Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

TO ALL CHURCHES IN THE ASSOCIATION:

The Disaster Emergency Relief Committee is available to the churches for projects that require manpower.

Call the Association Office 859/744-0037 if you need help.

Building Fund For The Camp

You can donate to the Boones Creek Baptist Association in **MEMORY** or in **HONOR** of a Love One. Please write on your check memo: **Building Fund.**

Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's Needed

The disaster emergency relief committee needs volunteers. The vision for the committee is: An Association church has a problem that it needs help with, i.e. electrical, plumbing, etc. It needs help because it doesn't have funds or manpower to deal with the problem. This committee will utilize available resources (manpower) to correct the problem. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact your pastor or the association office for a volunteer sign up form.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS from the Association and our CHURCHES (Continued)

SPRING STREET– WMU auction made up for missions. Christmas Cantata will be Dec. 18 at 11am.

THOMAS–Youth Christmas Program planned for Sunday Evening Dec. 18th. A special Christmas Morning Service is scheduled for Dec. 25th. Merry Christmas to all.

VALLEY VIEW– No Report

WM. MEMORIAL–Prepared 24 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We enjoyed hosting the Association Christmas Hymn Sing on Dec. 1st. Making plans for Adult and Children's Christmas Program.