



Central Focus

December Newsletter

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- ◆ Central Choir Christmas Concert ~ December 11
- ◆ Christmas Eve Service ~ December 24

Ingathering for World Missions

Sunday, December 4, 2011

2011 has been a year to remember, hasn't it?! It's hard to believe, but December is almost here! With December comes our Ingathering for World Missions. That's the one day a year when we receive a major offering for missions across the world. We do that because God delights in Missions! God's always been seeking us! We see it all through the pages of Scripture. Most importantly, Jesus came on a mercy mission to earth for our sakes. So when Jesus went to Heaven, it's no surprise that He left us clear instructions about what we're to do in response to His mission: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). So by participating in missions, through going and giving, we're joining God in what He's already been doing! What an amazing thought – joining with God in what He's doing! That's what we're doing when we participate in the World Missions Offering!

This year's Ingathering World Missions Day, we're planning to do a Skype (a video phone call) with Doug and Kathryn Taylor, Southern Baptist missionaries we support in Uganda. We'll also be talking about our mission strategy for 2012. You won't want to miss this one!

We've set our goal this year at \$85,000. What an amazing thing it would be to receive that much money for missions! By giving, you'll join with our missionary friends in Uganda and others around the globe to share the Gospel, beginning right here in Jacksonville and spreading throughout our state, nation and world!

I trust you'll pray for the Lord's direction in the gift you'll make to the World Missions Offering, no matter how big or small. Ask the Lord to take all of it and bring our hearts closer to His as we join with His plan for missions!

Glad to be serving as your pastor,

Darin




Church-Wide Announcements

Our Sympathies To: Glen and Angela Hart in the death of her father, Steve Mims; Larry and Carolyn Herr in the death of her brother-in-law, Bud McNew; Joy Glass in the death of her brother, Glen Cobb; Don and Nancy Lee in the death of his father, Billy Lee.

In Memory Of: *Dr. Jo Bevington*, who joined our fellowship May 7, 1995, and went on to heavenly fellowship October 31, 2011.

Thank you!

- Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you for your prayers and cards and calls. Especially the Wednesday night services, CBC prayer ministry, and the Naomi class, who went out of their way to see that I had food during these last two and a half months. You all are a blessing and a true example of Christian love. (*Mollie Bennett*)



Each year during the Christmas season, poinsettias are used to adorn our sanctuary. You may place your order to reserve plants in memory of a loved one. To place your order, call the church office at 903-586-2215. Donations are \$5 per plant. Deadline to place your order is Tuesday, November 29.

Financial Report to Date:

Budget Need	\$ 1,276,228.13
Budget Receipts	\$ 1,211,365.84
Building for the Future Balance	\$ 498,052.24

November Bible Study Report

Avg. Enrollment	1,165
Avg. Attendance	512

American Cancer Society: The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to help cancer patients in the community get to and from their medical treatments and appointments. Road to Recovery, an ACS program, needs kind people to volunteer their time and use their personal vehicles to drive patients to and from their appointments. Schedules are flexible. For more information, call 903-597-1383 or 1-800-227-2345.

Missions Ministry

Germany Mission Trip: A meeting for the Germany Mission Trip will be held Sunday, December 4, immediately following the morning worship service in the Chapel. This will be an informational meeting regarding our trip to Buckeburg, which will be July 27 to August 6, 2012.

Community Ministry

Mid America Foods: Our new food ministry has gotten underway! Tell all your friends and neighbors — it's a great way to supplement your food budget. Order deadline is Friday, December 9, in the church office or online, and phone orders may be placed by calling 1-855-832-7238 (toll free) until noon Monday, December 12. Check it out online at www.midamericafoods.com. Distribution will be Saturday, December 17, with the exact time to be announced at a later date. December ordering is already underway!

Sack Lunch Saturdays (December 3, 10, 17 at 8 a.m.): If you would like to donate items to help with this on-going ministry we can always use bread, bottled water, sweet and salty snacks, peanut butter, jelly, and of course, monetary donations. Helping hands are always needed and gratefully appreciated.

Special Holiday Lunches are planned for Christmas Eve (December 24) and New Year's Eve (December 31) for residents of Travis Towers. The Singles are sponsoring these two special meals, but if you'd like to supply sugar-free desserts or cornbread for either date, call Jackie in the church office.

Kitchen of HOPE: CBC's week to serve in the soup kitchen at HOPE for the 4th quarter is December 19-22. Times to serve are 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to serve one of these four days, call Jackie in the church office.

HOPE Celebrates Fran Daniel's 20 Years of Service with a retirement reception on Monday, December 19, from 2-4 p.m. Come by and help honor Fran's dedication on this special day.

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December Birthdays

- 1 – Jerry Glidewell, Daniel Ross, Emilio Chavira, Kobie Alford
- 2 – Ronny Fisher, Toby Stevens, Chloe Brooks
- 3 – James Ray, Christopher Sanchez
- 4 – B.J. McCauley, Troy Parker, Chad Campbell, Steven Riggins, Tra Dudley, Kendall Johnson
- 5 – Barbara Alexander, Marilyn Randle, Dan Trent
- 6 – Jack Woods, Linda Acker, Patrice Minton, Georgia Hallford, Matt Nabi, Aiden McDonald
- 7 – Betty Berry, Virginia Bush, Dale Cowan, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Brenda Herrington, Jacob Fagg, Charity Giaccone
- 8 – Gus Vickers, Jacob Lackey, Dimetric Lyons
- 9 – Jocelyn Pottorff, Matt Parsley, Ben Tarrant, Justin Stone, Diesel Thiel
- 10 – Marilyn Daughety, Thomas Taylor, Linda Ramsey, Ashli Acevedo, Samuel Hooker, Kevin Torres, Abbie Clevenger
- 11 – Charles Jasper, Brandi Bingham, Joshua Holcomb, Lucy Kate Kerzee
- 12 – Laurie Reagan, Valerie Parker, Kyndle Glidewell
- 13 – James Mitchell, Gregg Ayers, Eric Earle, Jordan Dyess, Rachel Stirneman
- 14 – Greg Payne, Alice Shields, Linda Jones, Terry Clevenger, Patricia Barrera
- 15 – Jerry McClain, Eddie Lumpkins, Sandra Thompson, John Ferry, Julie Bradley, Elisabeth Loua
- 16 – Dorothy Jackson, Billie Bell, Kristi Barrera, Clint Cundieff, Suzi McCuistion, Hannah Holcomb
- 17 – David Emprimo, Andrew Fagg
- 18 – Bailee Lollar, Katie Petri, Luke Petri
- 19 – Lynn Kelley, Steve Edwards, Michael Loua
- 20 – Joyce Henry, Betty Jean Illsley, Jennifer Emprimo, Maebeth Cotton, Kaitlyn Cowan, Drew Morton, Emorie Parsley
- 21 – E.C. Blount, Shannon Chilton, Carson Hallford
- 22 – A.J. Cavazos, Hope McDonald, Taylor Garner, Cadie Carr
- 23 – Nelda Ellis, Kelly Sandoval, Austin Middleton, Leah Best
- 24 – Jesse Dyess, Bonnie Maxwell, Angela Hoffpauir, Morgan Montgomery
- 25 – Shari Thomason, Paula Parsley
- 26 – Stanley Wade, Sabrina Watson, Jeremy Harmel, McKenzie Nabi
- 27 – Dan Bennett, Jacob Heron
- 28 – Sammy Senesac, Stephen Cotton, Matt Woodson
- 29 – Rosa Holcomb, Shaunise Mitchell
- 30 – Kenneth Jones, Randy Roberts, Stacy Gwartney, Tammy Murray, Briana Stiefer, Bryson Brumit
- 31 – Merlin Wood, Helen Roddy, Beverly Berry, John Paul Young, Ashton Washburn

