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POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person in your life, please complete the following and return it to the Church office by December 14, along with your check for \$10.00 each. The list of poinsettias donated will be printed in THE WEEKLY WITNESS dated December 19, 2008.

Poinsettias will be available to take home Sunday, December 21.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



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memory
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\$10 each*



*First Sunday of
Advent
November 30*

First Sunday of Advent

We begin our celebration of Advent this week as we light the first candle in the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath consists of greenery symbolizing the everlasting nature of the Messiah. Around the outside of the wreath are four candles, three purple and one pink. The color purple represents the royalty of the Messiah. The pink candle comes as a surprise, representing the joy of receiving the gift of the Messiah. In the center is a white candle, known as the Christ Candle. The color white symbolizes the purity of the Messiah. Its placement in the center of the wreath symbolizes the centrality of Christ in the lives of his followers. Each Sunday during the Advent season (the four Sundays leading to Christmas) one of the candles is lit. On Christmas Eve (or Christmas Day) the Christ Candle is lit, signifying the coming of Christ into the world.

The candle of Hope will be lit this week in our worship service by Jimmy and Carolyn Bishop



Bob Wiley
Pastor

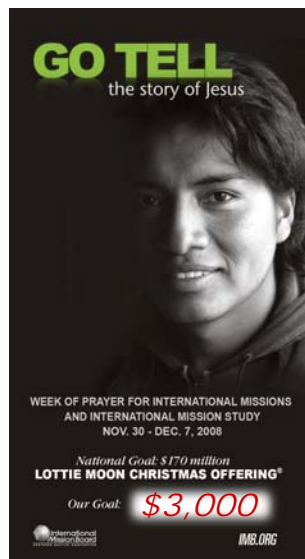
JUST THINKING. . .

The first Thanksgiving celebrations were Christian in nature as the Plymouth settlers praised God for His blessings to them. We continue today to offer our thanks for the many blessings we receive from the Father. My blessing for you:

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your Thanksgiving dinner
bring unlimited size (I mean “sighs”!

Pastor Bob



WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30—December 7. During this week, we are asked to pray specifically for our missionaries in other areas of the world.

The Week of Prayer

also marks the beginning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The national goal for this year’s offering is \$170 million. Our church has set a goal of \$3,000.

As you pray for our

missionaries, please pray also for your offering to support the work of our international missionaries.

The theme for this year’s emphasis is “Go Tell...the story of Jesus.” May we each tell the story!

THIS WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance 85
Budget Receipts \$ 3,051.00
Designated Receipts 581.00
Total Receipts \$ 3,632.00
Weekly Requirements \$5,853.00

Deacon of the Week,
Brent Summers
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Nursery Worker,
Dora Lovern
Scripture Reader,
Mildred Hardin
Van Driver Team,
Erin Martin, Brian Adams
Breakfast Team,
John & LaVerne Travis

PRAY FOR. . .

Treasured Member of the week:
Mae Chronister
519 Towers Circle, N.E.
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Tom Howard
Minister of Music/
Financial Admin

NOTES FROM TOM

We will have a service of “Lessons and Carols” Sunday morning, December 14, featuring all of our music ministry choirs and nine Scripture readers. Come and enjoy the Scripture and carols of the season.

This year, the candles of the Advent wreath will be lit each week by a family in our church. Join the family of Hapeville First Baptist as we celebrate

the Advent season together beginning Sunday morning.

Worship Café will have a special Christmas worship service Sunday evening, December 21. Come enjoy the music and worship.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 24. Celebrate the birth of Christ together that evening!

YOUNG-IN-HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY

The season has officially begun! ‘Tis the season to party!

The Young-in-Heart will have their annual Christmas party dinner Tuesday, December 2, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. If you have not

yet paid Dot Rawlins, please see her as soon as possible.

In addition to the Christmas dinner, there will be a great program for your enjoyment.

Come celebrate the season!



THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30
First Sunday of Advent
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Worship Café
Monday, December 1
10:30 am HUMS
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 2
11:30 am Young-in-Heart
Wednesday, December 3
5:00 pm Children’s Choirs
6:00 pm Children’s Handchimes
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Cook..... 11/30
Lisa Cawthon 11/30
Kevin Brown 12/01
David Moone..... 12/03
Mary Jean Turner..... 12/05