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# Reflections

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## Christmas Eve Family Ministry

For over 30 years our church has been providing gifts and food to families in need on Christmas Eve. These gifts and food are delivered to each family's home by volunteers from our church on Christmas Eve. Already this year our church has received numerous calls hoping for help. We plan to help as many families as possible, but we will be limited to how many we can help by the donations we have.

The average family costs \$250 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents for the children. Most of the gifts are made up of shoes, pants and winter coats. We need donations and sponsors! **Remember**, if you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family we need to know by this **Sunday, November 27** so that we may make a clear commitment to the families we can help.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24-25.

## Sanctuary Decoration Memorial Gifts

Each year we give you the opportunity to give a \$12 donation "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. Through these donations we are able to refurbish many of our decorations. These gifts will be listed in a special edition of "Reflections." Call the church office for more information or to give your donations.

## This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

10:30 a.m.

Message by Dr. Marshall Sargent  
*"Dark Streets and the Everlasting Light"*

John 1:1-5, 9, 14

John 8:12

6:00 p.m.

In the Crosswalk



Our New Horizons choir will be joined by IGNITE, our student choir, to bring us our very first Christmas music of the year. Our Students, their parents, and workers, have agreed to provide some great Christmas snacks following the program and our students will be serving. It's going to be a great evening of cross-generational love and cooperation. Be sure that you are present to support these two groups as they bring in the Christmas season.



## The Living Christmas Tree

Pick up your requested tickets in the church office now.

Tickets are still available for some performances of the 2011 Living Christmas Tree.

Call the church office at 246-1921 to request tickets.

## Return Your Angle Tree Gifts By December 4

You still have time to take an angel from our Reaching Center Angel Tree. Buy a gift for the child described on the back and return it, unwrapped, to the church by Sunday, December 4. Your gift will be given to the family of a child in need on Monday, December 12.

# CANDY CANE LANE

A Recipe For Life



Presented by  
The 1st—5th Grade Choir  
Sunday, December 4  
6:00 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, December 10, our youth will host the Down's Syndrome Alliance Christmas Party in the Crosswalk from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed now to help prepare for the event and to work the day of the party. If you are willing to help, please call Drew at 246-1921 or email him at dstables@bereafbc.org

## An Evening with Charlie Miller

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.



## In Need of Prayer?

You may access our Intercessory Prayer Ministry in any of the following ways:

- Complete the Pew Prayer Request forms and place in offering plate on Sunday.
  - Call (864) 246-9182, ext. 27 and leave a message.
  - Email your request to prayerrequest@bereafbc.org.

## LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

November 20, 2011

Weekly Required Budget Giving... \$20,861.98  
Budget Gifts Received.....\$16,772.75  
Budget Shortage.....\$4,089.23

Pass It On Giving.....\$950.00  
Designated/Reimbursements.....\$6,639.67  
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$24,362.42

## Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

### Ralph Hawkins by:

Nora F. Brown  
Rosa Tripp  
Celeste Clyborne  
James and Kim Tollison  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson  
Employees of Mutual Home Store,  
Easley  
Betty Garvin

### Clyde Hayes by:

Nina Williams  
Terry and Donna Anderson  
Connie and Charles Duke

## Put Your Stamp on International Missions



The Lottie Moon Post Office will open on Sunday, December 4. Bring the Christmas cards that you are planning to send to active families in our church, give the money you would have spent on postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and let our children sort and deliver your cards on Sunday mornings. Our "mail carriers" will visit Sunday School classes to deliver cards and share Christmas joy. Thank you for supporting our children in this creative way to raise money for missions.

## Opportunities

### SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Worship

### WEDNESDAY

10:30 am New Horizons Choir  
5:15—6:30 pm Supper  
6:00—6:45 pm Preschool Choir  
1st—5th Grade Choir  
6:45—7:30 pm 3—5 Year Mission Friends  
1st—5th Grade G.A.'s  
1st—5th Grade R.A.'s  
Prayer Ministry and Bible Study  
7:35-9:00 pm Adult Choir

### Student Ministry, Grades 6-12

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30 pm Fun-time and Worship

### SUNDAYS

5:30 pm Ignite Youth Choir  
6:30-7:30 pm Small Groups

## WEDNESDAY SUPPER RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 246-1921 by noon, Tuesday, November 29

### Menu for November 30

Adults: Beef Stew, Rice and Gravy, Green Beans, Yams, Biscuit  
Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Applesauce

## November Mission Action Projects

### The Reaching Center

- ♦ Monetary Donations for Blankets
- ♦ Children's Clothes, Infants—Size 12

### Christmas Prisoner

#### Packets

Packing details available in the church office.

## Week of Prayer for International Missions December 4-11

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$30,000

The 2011 theme is "His heart, His voice, His hands – I am Southern Baptist missions." It reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we – the Church – are called to be the body of Christ. We are His heart, His hands and His voice in the midst of a world filled with unreached peoples. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. And although we Southern Baptists have been praying, giving and going for 160 years, the task is far from finished.

