

Pastor's column

Give thanks as we give



Mike L. Parker

What a good God we serve. He encourages us to give thanks not just during the holidays but every day of the year. He does so because He knows that staying our mind on Him allows us to reap the benefits of His stated goodness. During the process we undergo a transformation of our mind strengthen and steadfastness of our faith.

But what about those who don't know Jesus Christ as the Lord of their life. They may have some joyous days and even be thankful from time to time, but knowing God in all of His goodness and transforming power is something they cannot attain apart from the Cross of Christ and His resurrection. Romans 10:13-15 states, "for, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

In these verses we see the answer to the sinners dilemma. They need to hear the good news that proceeds from the mouth of the one who is sent by God. For those drifting in the sinful, sinking boat of life we are their lifesaver. Even if they live in the house next door or on the backside of Egypt we are to bring them the living water of Christ!

We as Southern Baptists are invited twice a year to help answer the call in supporting those who bring good news to the thirsty on a daily basis. One of those giving opportunities is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. By giving to this offering we are helping support those who are serving as missionaries around the World.

Concern over finances is one of the greatest distractions for those who serve. Our generosity can

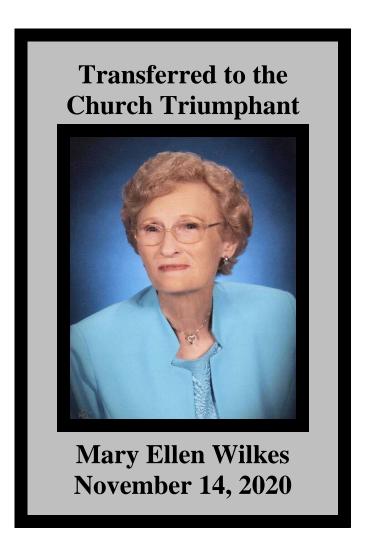
help set them free in their hearts and minds. Thus, allowing them to focus on what truly matters, the Word of God, and the souls of men, women, and children.

I hope that you and your family have other ministries that you support in getting out the good news of the gospel, but I know that the Southern Baptist way of funding missionaries both home and abroad has a proven track record. So pray will you, and see what God would have you give. Thanks for joining believers everywhere in supporting those who serve the Lord on the frontlines of this World.

As you give may you also pray for missionaries everywhere. We truly can be a lifesaver. God bless and may He fill you with all joy and peace in believing Him so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

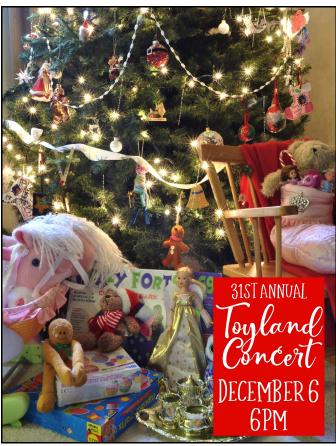




A total of 29 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were delivered to a collection site in Americus November 18 (thanks Marsha). That means 29 children from all over the world will be having a Merrier Christmas because of your generosity.







Local talent will perform. Admission price is a new toy. Toys received will be distributed to families in need this Christmas. If you know families in our community who need assistance providing Christmas toys for their children contact Vicki (478-244-9793).

Christmas gifts for Pioneer Health Care residents

There are 78 labels on the bulletin board across from the nursery. On each label is printed the gender and size of a PHC resident. Please remove the label for the resident you are going to buy a gift for. If you'd prefer to give something other than clothes, there are additional labels for other suggested gifts. Be sure to place on the outside of your wrapped gift a description of the gift and if it is clothing the gender and size it is for. Deadline to bring gifts is December 16. The collection box for the gifts will be in Saliba Hall.

MON **THU** SUN **TUES WED FRI** SAT 1 2 3 4 5 Week Of Prayer For International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 7 6 8 9 10 11 12 6:00pm 6:30pm Toyland Children's Concert Christmas Program 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Deadline for Pinehill gifts 20 21 22 23 24 25 6:00pm Christmas Christmas Candlelight Communion 27 28 29 30 31

Birthdays

- 12-4 Mindy Carroll
- 12-5 Tim Phelps
 Nancy Stephenson
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- 12-6 Justin Kirksey Rebecca Powell Roger Roney Peggy Epps Gail White
- 12-8 Nate Kitchens
- 12-9 Christi Trimback
- 12-10 Sallie Jones
- 12-13 Kim Cavanah Cecil James
- 12-15 Bethany Powell
- 12-16 Sheryl Burnam

- 12-16 Sherry Bragg
- 12-20 Camryn Thompson
- 12-21 Tate Scarborough Davis West
- 12-23 Kathy Kent
- 12-24 Stephanie Hancock
- 12-25 Andy Blankenship Amber Morgan Josh Peavy
- 12-27 Jon-Michael Jones Becky Willingham
- 12-28 Mary Jo Gauthier
- 1-1 Bubba Hunter
- 1-2 Jimmy Barlow Steven Lamberth

- 1-2 Connie Raper Rebecca Worley
- 1-3 Noah Woodard
- 1-5 Ryan Godfrey John Holt Bailee Thompson
- 1-7 Peggy Woodruff
- 1-9 Nicholas James Joe Kent Angie Roberts



Please pray for these folks on their birthday.



SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM Worship 11AM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study.... 6PM

November Sunday School Stats

Senior adults
FBIC 9
CIA 6
Young Adults
Youth0
Older children
Young children
Older preschoolers
Younger preschoolers
Nursery
Other
TOTAL

October Financial \$ummary

October receipts
General offerings
Other
State missions
World Hunger
TOTAL RECEIPTS
October disbursements
General expenses
MissionGeorgia (state missions)1,490.00
Houston Baptist Association 316.09
Cooperative Program
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 7,223.94

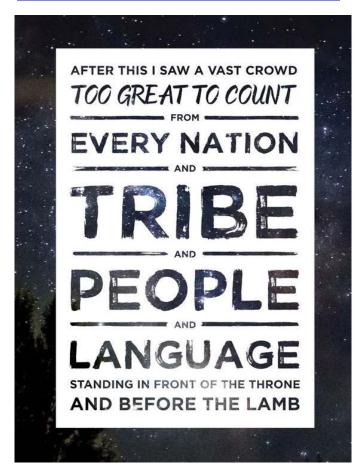
Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	Budgeted	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	88,243.01	96,040	-7,796.99
Disbursements	71.645.22	96,040	-24,394.78





Looking for gifts for those who already have everything? Find dozens of world-changing Christmas gifts in the brand-new Send Relief Gift Catalog! There's one on the bulletin board across from the nursery or visit https://www.sendrelief.org/gift-catalog-resources/.





A multitude from every language, people, tribe, and nation knowing and worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ! Our month long emphasis on international missions begins on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. Prayer guides and special envelopes for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be available through December. Together we're reaching the multitudes!

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