



To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

They were sisters-in-law who, along with their husbands, formed a group of believers who felt God's call to begin a new church. Ruth Ray and Helen Ray were here from the very inception of Wakeminster Baptist Church. Each served tirelessly in her own way, using their talents and gifts for over fifty years of service.

With sadness, we said our earthly goodbyes to Ruth and Helen in recent months. Their contributions to this church are immeasurable. Their footprints of service will be an example to us for many years to come. An era truly has passed.

Let us all be challenged to "follow the path that the Master has trod, and do with our might what our hands find to do."

Love,
Merle

COMMUNITY FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 1st

5:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Boyce Farms



Please join us as we celebrate the fall season. We will be enjoying face painting, jumping castle, pumpkin decorating contest, chili cook-off, cake bake-off, hayrides, trunk-r-treating, cookie decorating, hobo stew, hotdogs & fixin's, hot apple cider and much much more...

Bring your family and friends. And don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be on **Sunday, October 5th**. Tim Horltdt will be preaching during the morning worship service. A church-wide covered dish lunch will be held after the service.

In preparation for the upcoming Homecoming celebration, there will be a Church Work Day on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00am until 12:00noon. Everyone is asked to come out and do some fall cleaning in and around the church and spruce up the place for our Homecoming visitors. Many hands make light work!

COOK BOOKS

Wakeminster Baptist Church will be sponsoring a community cookbook. Everyone is encouraged to let us include your favorite recipes in this cook book. If you have any recipes, please give them to either Stephanie Hayden or Renee Martin by Sunday, October 5th.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN LUNCHEON

The next Ladies and Gentlemen meeting will be a luncheon Thursday, October 23rd in the Fellowship Hall at Wakeminster. Dr. Richard Adelman will be our speaker. He will be speaking on New Advancements in Medicine and other related topics.

Visit our web site at www.wakeminster.org for the time of this luncheon or contact Becky Shue for more information.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



Once again it is the season where we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We have an adult drama and children's drama scheduled for this Christmas season. We invite all of you to participate as a member of one of our choirs' drama team or as a congregation member in worship.

Details on how and when you can participate can be found in the weekly Sunday Worship Bulletins as well as online at our web site.

Anniversaries

Douglas & Renee Martin	Oct 14
Denton & Dorothy Conrad	Nov 6
Richard & Cindy Daniel	Nov 11
James & Susan Ray	Dec 3
Jeff & Mary Grainger	Dec 6
Truett & Cindy Ray	Dec 26

Birthdays

Ashleigh Grainger	Oct 8
John Gray	Oct 11
Randall Tidwell	Oct 11
Brian Bramson	Oct 12
Brooke Tidwell	Oct 13
Cameron Kidd	Oct 16
Audrey Woolard	Oct 17
Diane Wallace	Oct 17
Sandra Schmitt	Oct 18
Bobby Moore	Oct 20
Elizabeth Singleton	Oct 21
Logan Gray	Oct 23
Kathy Keith	Oct 28
Truett Ray	Oct 29
Pauline Rudd Glynn	Oct 31
Elizabeth Foland	Oct 31
Beth Schmitt	Nov 3
Mike Boyce	Nov 5
Lynda Bolzner	Nov 8
Jennifer Boyce Lavrack	Nov 9
Ann Estes	Nov 15
Terri Austin	Nov 21
Louise Goldston	Nov 22
Jalenn Layton	Nov 24
Cody Kelley	Nov 25
Jerry Grainger	Nov 24
Stephen Ray	Dec 6
Carrie Arnold	Dec 7
Steven Peedin	Dec 18
Perry Ray, Jr.	Dec 23
Rusty Kelley	Dec 23
Sam Woolard	Dec 24
Brittany Knight	Dec 31

Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to: www.pluggedinonline.com.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

Circus Outing

The Amran Shrine Circus Three-Ring Show is coming to town on **Monday, November 24th at 4:00 PM**. Any parents and children that are interested in joining us need to contact Dale Austin by Sunday, November 9th in order to get your tickets. The Shrine Circus will be performing in the Horse Complex Building at the State Fair Grounds. Everyone who will be joining us will need to be at the Horse Complex Building by 4:00 PM on Nov. 24th.

TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11. We have recently begun our new study called "**Jesus' IM's: Instant Messages from Jesus**". We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15. There is a snack supper provided each Wednesday evening that we have TeamKID. The drop-in snack supper is from 6:00 until 6:30.



TREASURER'S REPORT

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)

All information as of 08/31/2008 as presented during the September 17th Business Meeting.

This summary is for the 2007/2008 Church Year-End that ended on 08/31/2008.

Undesignated Offerings Report

YTD offerings: \$143,933.17
YTD expenses: \$146,250.18

Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$323,077.59
Building Fund: \$ 30,294.08
General Fund: \$ 17,824.33

YTD Summary

- General Fund offerings fell short of expenses by **\$2,317.01** for the 2007/2008 Church year.
- All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. We received \$12,282.24 less in Building Fund offerings (\$26,985.00 received) than has been paid (\$39,267.24 in mortgage payments).

YOUTH EVENTS

For information on any of our youth events or Bible Studies, please visit the Youth Section of our web site at www.wakeminster.org.

- October 10th-12th (Friday – Sunday) :: Busch Gardens Trip
Sign-up in the Youth Room. \$100 per person covers hotel and park admission. Money due by Sunday Oct. 5th.
- October 25th (Friday) :: Youth State Fair Outing (No sign-up necessary)
- November 1st (Saturday) :: Youth Haunted House Trip
Will be leaving immediately after Fall Harvest Festival.
No sign-up necessary.
- November 2nd (Sunday) :: Youth Food Drive Begins
Watch for opportunities to contribute / view the youth's web site for more information.
- November 15th (Saturday) 10am-12noon :: Roadside Cleanup
Anyone wanting to help should meet in youth room at 10am.
Everyone who participates in the roadside clean up must have a signed permission slip.
- December 12th -13th (Friday & Saturday) :: Youth Overnight Lock-in and Christmas Party

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BIBLE TRIVIA:

The importance of 7...
The number seven is an extremely important number in the Bible and in fact, it is mentioned more times than any other number. The number 7 means to be complete, to be full, to be satisfied.

7 Days of Creation (Gen 1)
7 Years of Plenty (Gen 41:29)
7 Years of Famine (Gen 41:30)
7 Year periods Jacob worked for each of his wives (Gen. 29:18-31)
7 Spirits of God (Rev 3:1, 4:5, & 5:6)
7 Churches in Revelation
7 Seal Judgments in Rev.
7 Bowl Judgments in Rev.
7 Trumpet Judgments in Rev.
70 times 7 is how often we should be forgiving those who ask for our forgiveness – Matt 18:21 (full/never ending forgiveness)

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

Saturday 4th [9:00 AM]
Sunday 5th
Friday-Sunday 10th-12th
Sunday 12th
Wednesday 15th [6:00 PM]
Wednesday 22nd
Thursday 23rd [12:00 noon]
Saturday 25th

-Church Clean-Up Day
-Homecoming Service & Lunch
-Youth: Busch Gardens Trip
-Last day to submit recipes for the Church Cook Book
-Fellowship Supper
-Mission: Last Day for Raleigh Rescue Mission Donations
-Ladies & Gentlemen's Luncheon
-Youth: State Fair Outing

NOVEMBER:

Saturday 1st [5:00-8:30PM]
Sunday 2nd
Wednesday 12th [6:00PM]
Saturday 15th [10AM-12Noon]
Sunday 16th
Monday 24th [4:00PM]

-Community Fall Festival at Boyce Farms
-Youth: Food Drive Begins
-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
-Youth: Roadside Cleanup
-Final day to turn in boxes for Operation Christmas Child
-Children: Shrine Circus Outing

DECEMBER:

Friday 12th
Wednesday 17th [6:00PM]
Thursday 25th

-Youth: Overnight Lock-In & Christmas Party
-Fellowship Supper & Children's Christmas Play
-Christmas Day

Weekly Services:

Sunday:
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship
5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday:
6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper*
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children
6:30 – 7:15 PM Adult Prayer & Worship

* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27 (HCSB)

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering is collected during the Thanksgiving & Christmas seasons to raise funds for International Missions through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. See the article at the end of this newsletter to learn more about who Lottie Moon was and why we collect a missions offering.

RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION:

We are collecting donations to assist the Raleigh Rescue Mission to restock their pantry before the beginning of the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. The collection containers are large, orange containers located in the Fellowship Hall. The final day to make a donation to the Raleigh Rescue Mission will be on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.

***STOCK THE PANTRY:** Canned veggies, canned beans, canned fruit, rice, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, tomato sauce, pasta, salad dressing, salt & pepper, butter, margarine, sugar, fruit juice, cooking oil, mayonnaise

***FILL OUR CUP:** Coffee (regular and decaf), tea bags, iced tea mix, lemonade mix, creamer, sugar, artificial sweetener, hot chocolate mix

***PAPER CHASE:** Bathroom tissue, paper napkins, paper towels, copier paper (8 ½x11), coffee filters, Kleenex, Styrofoam divided trays, Styrofoam dessert plates and bowls, Styrofoam cups (8 oz. and 12 oz.)

***THANKSGIVING:** Canned veggies, canned sweet potatoes, marshmallows, brown sugar, white sugar, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, instant mashed potatoes, rice, baked or frozen pumpkin & sweet potato pies, brown 'n' serve rolls, coffee, tea, fruit drinks, spices

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ.



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Sunday, **November 16th** will be the final day to drop off the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. For more information about the requirements and suggestions for gifts to be placed in the shoe boxes, see the Church's web site at www.wakeminsters.org.

MISSIONS: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



Who was Lottie Moon and what is the Christmas Mission Offering? Lottie Moon - the namesake of the international missions offering - has become something of a legend to us in Southern Baptist churches. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She was a hard-working, deep-loving Southern Baptist who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

Lottie served 39 years as a career missionary in the late 1800's to early 1900's, mostly in China's Shantung province. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the good news with women and girls. As a Southern Baptist missionary, her faith in Jesus Christ and call to spread the gospel even faster compelled her to flee the safety of the Baptist missionary compound in order to live among those Chinese to whom she felt called. In middle age, this call gave her the strength to place her 4-foot-3-inch body in the path of an anti-Christian mob intent on harming believers and saying, "You will have to kill me first." As an older woman, this same calling compelled her to give away her food so others might live and have one more opportunity to find Jesus. Lottie died aboard a ship in the Japanese harbor of Kōbe on December 24, 1912, when she was 72 years old.

Why was the offering named for this early China missionary? Throughout her career, Lottie Moon wrote numerous letters home, urging Southern Baptists to greater mission involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists' first Christmas offering for international missions - enough to send three new missionaries to China. In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it.

What would Lottie think today? Would she be impressed that 16 million Southern Baptists were supporting nearly 5,200 missionaries? Would she think \$170 million was a worthy goal? Or would she, citing the 1.6 billion who live precariously in the Last Frontier, challenge us once again: "How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?"

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries.

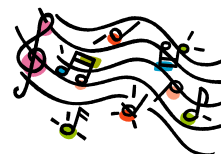
All monies donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering go directly to the support of our Southern Baptist missionaries serving as international (foreign) missionaries.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Sing to the LORD, you His faithful ones, and praise His holy name." Psalm 30:4 (HCSB)

Children's Christmas Play/Musical

Each Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 PM, Children's Choir will be held to practice for the upcoming Children's Christmas Musical that will be held on the evening of December 17th following the Fellowship Supper. All children that are interested in participating in the Christmas Play/Musical will need to attend rehearsals each Sunday afternoon at 5:00.



Adult Christmas Drama

If you are interested in an acting part in the Adult Christmas Drama, please see Lois Braun. If you would like to sing in the adult choir, please join us on Wednesday evening immediately following Prayer Service (7:15pm-8:30pm).

O Come, All Ye Faithful

One of our most popular Christmas hymns, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, was originally written in Latin (*Adeste, Fideles*) by an Englishman, John Francis Wade, who lived in France. Mr. Wade was a skilled calligrapher as well as a musician. He actually made his living by his calligraphy work. Of course, this was prior to the time of music being produced on a mass-scale, so he would copy and sell music to the Roman Catholic chapels in the city where he lived. *O Come, All Ye Faithful* was translated into English by Frederick Oakley in 1841. He wanted to use it in his church, Margaret Street Chapel. This hymn has been sung in Latin, in English, and in many other languages for over 200 years.

Reynolds, William J. (1990). *Songs of Glory*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Books.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!