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*For unto us a child is
BORN, UNTO US A SON
is given; and the government
shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be
called, Wonderful,
COUNSELOR,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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	1	2 6:30pm - OCL Meeting	3 West Zone Pastor's Prayer Meeting	4	5	6
7 8:30am & 11:00am - The Cooke's (IMB Missionaries to Bulgaria) speak at FBC Devine	8	9 FRBA Executive Board Meeting & Christmas Dinner	10 OCL Border Christmas Ministry			
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21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28 FRBA Office Closed						
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

I bring you good tidings of great *joy*,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a *Saviour*,
which is
Christ the Lord.
— Luke 2:10 & 11 —

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 7th - 8:30am & 11:00am - Steven & Stacie Cooke (IMB Missionaries to Bulgaria) speak at FBC Devine
- Dec. 9th - FRBA Executive Board Meeting & Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 10th-15th - OCL Border Christmas Ministry



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Frio River Baptist Association The Update

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Finding Your Place in God's Story

Jimmy Smith

Southern Baptist churches have ALWAYS WORKED TOGETHER to support our missionaries both here

and around the world. This month someone in your church will be talking about International Missions and asking you to give to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**.

This is a really big deal! The missionaries depend heavily upon this offering each year to be able to do their work. Our goal this year is \$175 million dollars. Every penny goes to support our international missionaries and their ministries.

Don't give to meet an obligation. Instead, give a gift that says, "I am doing this to help take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!"

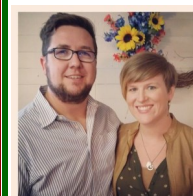
A lot of money will be spent this month on things that will break and be forgotten. Monies given in support of our missionaries and their work will be

used to tell others about how much God loves them and wants them to be forgiven of their sin. That's a gift that never breaks and will never be forgotten.

Get more involved. Give a worthy gift this year!



FBC Pearsall's Youth Minister Travels to China!



Ryan Matlock recently spent two months in China completing the practicum portion of his masters degree in Global Studies through Liberty University. While in China Ryan taught an English class at a Private Christian School called Agape Learning Academy. He also plugged into the ministries at Guangzhou International Christian Fellowship. His ministry in China was one of encouraging the current Missionaries that are planted there. Ryan spent the last two weeks reaching out to college students through an "English Corner" ministry. The students are eager to practice their English skills, so there are many opportunities to share Christ with these students. Ryan's wife **Melissa** was able to join him for a week in China where they celebrated ten years of marriage!

Merry Christmas

Around the Association



We had a LOT of churches in the association help us pay for and even come help volunteer at our 3rd Annual Trick or Treat event on Halloween night. We had over 1600 people from the community attend! A BIG thank you from Connection Church to all our loyal supporters! FRBA keeps us in NYC and we love your churches very much! -- Larry Mayberry

Connection Church - 3rd Annual Trick or Treat on Halloween Night

Children sign up for the costume contest at the Connection Table



Over 1600 people from the community enjoyed the event!



50+ volunteers from Connection Church, FBC Charlotte and other partner churches made the event a great success!



Cowboy Fellowship travels to Hyderabad, India!

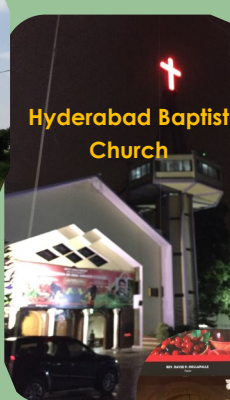
Baptist Seminary



Assoc. Pastor Scotty Smith & church members John Pawelek, Darlene Koons (interpreter Tasha) & Frankie Ellis



Hyderabad BC Assoc. Pastor David Gollapalle with Scotty Smith



Hyderabad Baptist Church



Sniggles the Clown



40 orphaned girls supported by the church



Hyderabad Baptist Church seats a little over 10,000 people, and has over 20,000 on a Sunday. They have multiple services in many languages. The church is located in the exact center of the city, and it is an amazing story of how God opened doors to get this land from a Muslim King. Dr. Gollapalle has an incredible heart for God & a great love, passion & desperation in his voice when he talks about the millions of people of his nation that die every year without knowing Jesus.



James & Marci Langston (& their children) are back in the area for a brief visit, and have been speaking in area churches while they're here.

Around the Association (continued)

Gethsemani Mission Bautista Frank Flores Pastor



...and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21



Pastor John Molina
Primera Iglesia Bautista - Cotulla



Worship at FBC Poteet



Belen Baptist Church in Dilley was blessed to be able to pack and send just over 120 gift boxes through **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Their G-Kidz (children's ministry) also had the opportunity to reach the community through a partnership with the City of Dilley, Police, & Fire Departments in their annual toy drive during the church's story time at Dairy Queen.



Operation Christian Love

This is a busy, busy time for OCL volunteers as they prepare for the border Christmas ministry. Various folks are crocheting warm caps, and sewing stockings while others are picking out gifts for the children that they are sponsoring (in Mexico orphanages). Others are serving as OCL shoppers - purchasing gifts for the children that do not have sponsors, as well as gifts for stockings & our Mexico gatherings. Still others are working on the programs and preparing games to play with the children at our Gatherings.

What fun sharing in the joy of doing something for someone else and getting ready to share the love of our Lord with others.

Spanish Bibles have been donated by the Hattie Bookout Spanish Mission Foundation, so we're sending out a big THANK YOU to them!



Casa Hogar Vision de Amor in Ciudad Acuna received 9 boys and 8 girls in

time for the children to share in the joys of the season. Last minute shopping for these children and locating warm jackets for them adds to the excitement.

On Thursday, December 11, volunteers will meet at Iglesia Bautista Jerusalem in Eagle Pass to sort through hundreds of gifts, stuff stockings and prepare packages for all of the Gatherings and orphanages we are serving this year. If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure for Christ, call Beth Ann at 210-854-9360.

Living Stones' "His Island" Shelter is open again and busy taking care of homeless folks on these cold nights. The kitchen staff is busy preparing hot suppers that warm hearts as well as empty stomachs. One of our local churches is also preparing gifts for the residents.

Please hold this ministry and those served by it in your prayers. OCL will help His Island as they sponsor a Christmas party for homeless people not living in the shelter, as well

Beth Ann Brundrett

as other folks in their neighborhood who are in need this holiday season.

OCL wishes to thank each of you who have supported this ministry and others throughout another year.

May God Bless each of you as we share together in celebrating the birth of our Savior with our loved ones.



Sharon Mayberry performs a skit to encourage members of FBC Charlotte to sponsor a child in one of the Mexico orphanages this Christmas.