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"....GIVE HOPE...."



*Week of Prayer for
International Missions*

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

December 4— 11, 2016

National Goal

\$155 Million

Tates Creek Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting/Christmas Fellowship

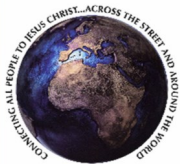
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Liberty Avenue Baptist Church

273 Mount Vernon Road, Berea

7:00 p.m.

Pastors, Staff, Executive Board Members, Spouses, and Guests are encouraged to attend.



From your Director of Missions

Danny Davis

I am thankful for those that were able to attend our annual TCBA Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Banquet at Berea Baptist Church. It was a great time of fun and fellowship for our TCBA pastors and associational leaders. Thank you, Pastor Kevin Slemp and congregation, for opening up your facilities to our associational family. (By the way, I've noticed that several associations have Christmas banquets that you have to PAY to attend. I'm so glad that we at Bates Creek thus far have been able to provide our Christmas event—with top quality entertainment—as a free gift to our ministers and volunteers. We just want you to know how much we truly appreciate you!)

At the banquet, we were able to distribute some special gifts and free ministry resources to the attendees. For those that could not join us for the November 29th event, I will have some of these complimentary items on hand for you at the next Executive Board meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church in Berea.

It's really hard to believe that December is now upon us. As we enter into this final month of 2016, let's finish strong by magnifying Jesus throughout the Christmas season, both in our churches and in our individual lives. After all, the Christmas story in its purest form is all about the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and nothing less.

And, if you're thinking about giving a birthday gift to Jesus, what better way to celebrate His coming into the world than by giving the Gospel to those who've yet to receive it? The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) for International Missions is a GREAT way to share the hope of Christmas (and Christ) with a lost and dying world. I greatly admire how so many of our TCBA churches responded so generously to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection before Thanksgiving. That's a wonderful thing to do! But now, let's reach deep into our hearts once more and give sacrificially to Lottie Moon. The LMCO is truly our international missions lifeline, keeping Southern Baptist missionaries serving in spiritually needy places around the world.

Wishing you a most blessed and Jesus-centered Christmas!

MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Bethel Baptist Church

860 Scaffold Cane Road, Berea, KY

6:00 p.m.

Receiving food at 5:00 pm

Guest Speaker : Robert Fortenberry

Music: The Praise Singers, Irvine, KY

Please begin to make plans now to bring your unsaved friends.



CHURCH NEWS



BETHLEHEM—Chris Cobb, Pastor: Oneida Baptist Institute will be with us on Sunday, December 11th A.M. service. They will be singing Christmas songs and telling about Oneida. Sunday, December 18th will be our Christmas play in the P.M. Our Christmas caroling will be Wednesday, December 21st. **Luke 2:11—“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord”.**

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS: Please pray for the following churches seeking pastors: Clarksville, Gilberts Creek, Kirksville, Rosedale, and Stoney Run.

WELCOME

Chris Cobb as Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church

The generosity of the Bates Creek Association and the individual churches has deeply touched our heart and soul. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thank you to each and everyone of you during this time of extended sickness being experienced. We continue to seek your prayers as it is by the prayers of the church members that the pain has been able to be bearable.

In the love of Christ Jesus, Bill and Peggy Woods

ASSOCIATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Received by October 31, 2016

CHURCH	OCTOBER	JAN–OCT	CHURCH	OCTOBER	JAN–OCT
Berea	500.00	5,000.00	Linden Street	98.00	752.00
Bethel	1,213.35	15,636.97	Middletown	253.98	1,600.98
Bethlehem	228.33	2,155.67	Mt. Tabor	577.87	2,616.87
Calvary	-0-	430.55	Owsley Fork	24.72	280.64
Clarksville	-0-	-0-	Peytontown	-0-	1,338.25
Dixie Park Cornerstone	-0-	-0-	Pilot Knob	874.39	9,776.11
Eastside	-0-	-0-	Red House	1,576.40	17,205.78
Emmanuel	288.15	3,062.89	Richmond First	2,125.00	21,250.00
Faith Decision	100.00	850.00	Rosedale	441.67	883.33
Freedom	-0-	-0-	Rugged Cross	25.00	100.00
Friendship Valley	-0-	-0-	Silver Creek	-0-	1,465.00
Galilee	-0-	4,332.67	Stoney Run	42.51	391.72
Gethsemane	140.94	1,675.94	Tates Creek	335.00	2,990.00
Gilbert's Creek	-0-	600.00	Union City	418.68	4,376.81
Gilead	35.00	350.00	Unity	351.83	2,966.69
Good Hope	-0-	600.00	Valley View	-0-	70.00
Harris Memorial	52.81	646.55	Viney Fork	-0-	-0-
Hays Fork	158.52	1,664.16	Waco	664.32	7,198.27
Kirksville	210.83	3,038.42	Wallacetown	-0-	917.78
Knob Lick	75.00	750.00	West Side	311.08	2,841.09
Liberty	-0-	-0-	White Hall	100.00	1,000.00
Liberty Avenue	-0-	2,067.05	White Lick	361.41	3,936.62

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6 Executive Board Meeting Liberty Avenue BC 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10
.....Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—December 4–11, 2016						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Minister's Fellowship Lunch 12 Noon Berea	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
.....Christmas Holidays—TBCA Office Closed December 26–30, 2016						