SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
8am

DONATE
• New toys or games for school-aged boys & girls.
• Gift cards to area stores.
• Wrapping paper, tape, gift tags

VOLUNTEER
• Friday night set up the store.
• Saturday morning serve snacks, assist shoppers, replenish toys as needed.
• Saturday afternoon assist shoppers, tear down store.

Joy and Dignity at Christmas
The Christmas Village Toy Store provides a “hand up” for Shelby County families who want to purchase affordable new toys for their children at Christmas. Rather than simply giving a handout of toys to at-risk families, we believe in empowering families to purchase Christmas gifts for their own children by allowing them to purchase toys at very discounted prices.
Christmas: A Perfect Time to Invite Friends to Worship

The Christmas season is one of the best times to invite your family and friends to worship and special events. Religious surveys by Pew and Gallup show that people think more about attending church during the Christmas season than most any other time of the year. These same surveys show that many say they would attend if someone would invite them.

Bro. Matt and the celebration choir are prepared to present Songs of Christmas each week. This will be especially well received by those that especially enjoy and are moved by hearing the gospel through music and singing. I believe this adds a special blessing for our worship together.

The sermon series for the month is “God With Us.” On consecutive weeks in December, we will hear from God’s word of God the Father, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and our Lord Jesus have been with us through the Christmas story and continue to be with us today.

We also have a couple of family events of which you can invite others. This year, Bro. Matt has invited Brad Stine, Christian comedian and magician, to be present to share God’s truth with us through a unique method. This night could well be the event that we see several attend that are away from God. Please see more publicity on the last page of this newsletter.

Lastly, our Christmas Eve Communion Service has become a blessed family event. Many of our church and community families have made this an annual tradition. As family and friends come to your home for Christmas celebration of our Lord Jesus, why not invite them to this inspirational one-hour worship service.

How will Christmas be blessed and maybe different for your family and friends this year? How will God use you to introduce others to the Lord Jesus through the Christmas story? How can you bring the gospel of Christmas to your family to enrich your faith in a fresh new way? Don’t forget to share the Hope of Christmas with those outside the faith.

Steve Boyd
Remember our homebound members this Christmas with a visit, phone call or card!

Evelyn Clark
Amber Oaks Assisted Living
156 Haven Hill Rd
Shelbyville 40065

Tina Ball
PO Box 147 Simpsonville 722-5253

Mattie Johnson
1316 Oak Ridge Court
Simpsonville 40067
722-8701

Liddie Harper
110 Cardinal Dr., Simpsonville 40067

Lydia Phillips
Masonic Home,
711 Frankfort Rd., Shelbyville 40065

Bonnie Pruitt
Masonic Home,
711 Frankfort Rd Shelbyville 40065

Marie White
Amber Oaks, 156 Haven Hill Rd
Apt 304
Shelbyville 40065
647-0225

James & Lillian Brewer
7477 Brunerstown Rd
Shelbyville 40065
502-330-1566

The church office will close at 12pm on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.
The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1.

There will be no evening activities on December 23, 26 & 30.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Saturday, December 1
9:30am-7:30pm
Walmart in Shelbyville

Please sign up in the foyer of the FLC to serve for one hour intervals.

Winter Weather Related Cancellations
With winter upon us we would like to remind you of ways that you can check for weather related service cancellations.

You may watch WHAS, WLKY, or WAVE 3 weather cancellations.
You may check our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com.

If school is cancelled on Wednesday, we will cancel Wednesday evening services and classes.

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
5pm
At the Well
Women’s Ministry

Thursday, December 6
6:30pm
Bring a pair of fun socks for an additional game!
Please sign up in the foyer of the Family Life Center.

Women’s Christmas Gift Exchange
Tuesday, December 18
6:30pm
Held at the home of Patti Tocci
4800 Jolynn Wolf Way
Fisherville 40023

Bring 5 unwrapped gifts (5 of the same item) valued at no more than $5 each gift. You can bake, buy, or make your gifts. All gifts will be put on display then we will take turns choosing one gift at a time. You will go home with 5 gifts which you choose from the gifts displayed. Refreshments provided.

Signup in the foyer of the FLC.

Pack a Purse Drive
The women’s ministry has been collecting new and used purses this quarter. Purses are filled with feminine products and given to several area missions. Thus far we have collected 75 purses but need a little more help with the hygiene products. We will collect items through December and put them together and deliver them in January. Any donations can be taken to the Coffee Cove, church office or given to Amy Griggs.

Women’s Retreat
We had 44 women participate in the Women’s Retreat. Heather Payne, formerly from Point of Grace, was our worship leader. We had a wonderful time singing with her Friday night old gospel campfire songs. The retreat was a wonderful time to meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, and study the wonderful story of Naomi and Ruth. For our service project we made 58 bags of dry soup which were delivered to Eastern Kentucky ministries.
The Christmas Toy Store is the largest ministry which SBC sponsors. It takes a lot of preparation and organization to provide Christmas for so many families. We have included two testimonials from families participating in the past few years, and ask for your help again as we share the message of Christ through gifts and service.

I have had the pleasure of working the Christmas Toy Store for the past two years. I can honestly say it is more of a blessing to me than the people shopping. The responses from the shoppers are very sweet. They are so appreciative. I enjoy meeting the people and hearing their stories. From the grandmother that was suddenly raising her grandchildren, to the mom that got her children up every morning to drive dad to work in Louisville, come home and get the kids ready for school and then go to work. They only had one car, but they both needed to work. She was afraid her children were not going to have anything for Christmas. She cried tears of joy when she saw everything they were able to get. It certainly made me appreciate the season of giving.

I invited my daughter and step mom to help last year and they loved it. I am sure they will be signing up again this year. If you haven’t done it in the past, I highly suggest that you consider it. It is a true blessing.

Michelle Isenberg

The Christmas toy store has been such a blessing to my family and I. There is no bigger worry in the world then having your kids wake up on Christmas morning and not have anything under the tree. The Christmas store took that worry away for us. We were so blessed to be invited on the first year of this wonderful event and have been invited back every year. It was a relief to see all the smiling faces welcome us and not judge us through that hard time. This year I am not in need of the help from the Christmas store but do plan on volunteering my time to give back to this loving event that helped my family when we truly needed it. Thank you so much to the amazing people that have put the Christmas store together, it really is a blessing!

The Berryman Family

We are excited that plans are under way to form a new, much-needed, single women’s ministry. We are hopeful to share much more information as the new year rolls in.

In the meantime……

Single Women’s Life Group
Led by Liz McHenry in her home
824 Ashland Ave
Shelbyville

The group will meet bi-weekly on Sundays at 12pm beginning December 9th.

Please text or call Liz if you would like to be included in the group.
1-714-928-1528.

Did You Know?
Steve Kovaka recently spent some time in Kenya, Africa. Here he is shown training workers and dispensing eyeglasses and sunglasses. They provided 114 pairs of glasses to area residents in need.

We are excited that Linda Otterback’s Bible Study has accepted the challenge to provide a Christmas Party for 100 Muslim children at the Hope Place in Louisville.

The party will be Sunday, December 2 from 2–5pm.

They are seeking volunteers to help with a toddler party (20–25 kids) and help with the older children.

The Hope Place ministers to adults and children who are new immigrants to the United States.

Contact Sharon Hamilton at 220-8557 if you would like to help.

Our Truth4Life class will be hosting a Christmas Party for the residents of Colonial Hall on Saturday, December 22.

Class members prepare a meal and provide individual presents for each person but they could use some help with desserts.

Contact Angie at ext.106 if you would like to help.
Entertainment provided by Tom Cunningham of Fiddle Tales.
Sign up in the foyer of the FLC.

**Men’s Breakfast**
Cracker Barrel in Shelbyville
Saturday, December 1
7:30am

**Classic Worship and Good Time Travelers Christmas Luncheon**
Thursday, December 6 at 12pm
Ham & fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

**Entertainment provided by Tom Cunningham of Fiddle Tales.**
Sign up in the foyer of the FLC.

**ONE TO ONE DISCIPLESHIP**
Our new One to One Discipleship Program helps our new members make some new friends and gives them a spiritual foundation. Each new member is paired with a mature believer and mentored through the 13-week program. Congratulations to Joanne Hirby and Donna Henshaw who recently graduated!!

**Church Directory**
Copies of the church family directory are available in the foyer of the FLC for those that enjoy sending Christmas cards. Contact Angie in the church office if you would prefer to receive a digital copy.

**Church Work Day Update**
We are grateful to Cecil Jones, Dale Carlson, Denise Miller, Larry Miller, Jamie McEldowney, and Al Poulter who repaired the wall in the chair room, replaced most air filters, cleaned the air vents, replaced broken ceiling tiles, painted the office of the Financial Secretary, fixed hand rails on the stage, re-routed unsightly utility lines at the welcome desk, scrubbed down the elevator, replaced lightbulbs, installed new smoke alarms, and repaired all the commode seats in the FLC. Ricky Shields spent 3 days cleaning out the trees along the line fence next to the FLC. Thank you to Bob Perkins and his leadership of the Properties Team!
Master Plan Initiative Team

Recently you should have received an acknowledgement from our church recapping all your gifts to Simpsonville Baptist Church this year, including gifts to our Worship Center Fund since our Immeasurably More campaign from last March through October 31. This is a snapshot of where each one of us are in our giving commitments. Reflecting on these totals and what benefit it may be to you and your family, you may want to consider increasing your charitable giving to Simpsonville Baptist Church before the end of the year. Tax laws have changed, and it may be beneficial for you and your family to consider giving more charitable gifts in this calendar year than to wait until next year.

We are now in the ‘accumulation stage’ of building our Worship Center Fund to our needed level of contributions before we break ground on our new facility. That amount is $2.6M. As we said during the campaign, this goal won’t be accomplished without each of us fulfilling our pledge commitments, PLUS a few additional larger gifts as God continues to bless this year. We are so grateful to everyone for their individual sacrifice and commitment God has given us to reach our goal. Be in fervent prayer for God to continue to use our church to grow His Kingdom.

I recently read an article published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association that Billy Graham wrote in 1961! Here is an excerpt from the first half of that article. (I’ll plan to print parts of the second half next month.) Some writers, like Dr. Graham have such a grasp of scripture! The title of the article is very familiar, “Are You Robbing God?” but the article reveals much, much more!

“America’s greatest sin is materialism ... This is not only a sin of America, but a sin of the under-privileged nations of the world as well. No matter how much a person has or does not have, he wants more. Few people today can say as did the Apostle Paul, ‘I have learned to be content in what I have’ (Philippians 4: 11-12) ... Christ had no interest in and little need for money, but He had much to say about it. He knew that money could be a blessing or a curse. He knew that the love of it is the root of all evil, but that the proper use of it is a means of advancing His Kingdom on earth. He knew that money can be either a symbol of selfishness or a token of selflessness, depending on the way we use it ... Over and over again, Christ mentioned money. Though God was spiritual, He had much to say about the material, because there is always a relationship between the two, paradoxical though it may seem. He said, ‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s’ (Mark 12:17), so grace and gold are inseparably bound up together; and as long as God’s Kingdom is upon earth, the need of earthly mammon is indicated and is closely tied to our spiritual life. Our Lord’s command was, ‘Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over’ (Luke 6: 38). Yet it was more than a command. It was an invitation to glorious and abundant living. If we get our attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of our life. The chief motive of the selfish, unregenerate person is to ‘get’. The chief motive of the dedicated Christian should be to ‘give’. There are clearly two philosophies about money. The first is Satan’s. He says to every man, as he said to Christ, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me’ (Matthew 4: 9). The second philosophy is Christ’s. ‘Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me’ (Luke 18: 22). The first motive is motivated by selfishness; the second, by unselfishness. The first has greed at the center; the second has God at the heart. The first has an eye for this world; the second has an eye for eternity. The first is slated for failure; the second, for success.” More from Billy Graham to share next month...

Lowell Ashby, Master Plan Initiative Team Leader
Katie Vogel Update

Katie is serving as a missionary in Southern Asia. She is doing well and would like to pass along some prayer requests:

- My ability to begin having conversations in the native language.
- For several outreaches including a nutrition class on campus.
- That we would experience a fruitful ministry during the festival season.

Our new friend Muntar has experienced a great interest in learning about Jesus. She has read parts of the Gospel of John and she excited to learn more, however she is fearful about her family’s reaction to our recent conversations.

Due to the dusty streets, it is common to have a maid come in to clean the floors each day. Unfortunately, maids are not treated well here—so we are making great efforts to show our maid, Santra, the love of Jesus through our friendship. We are excited when we understand something she says to us! Our prayer is that by the end of the year we would be able to share the Gospel fully in her language.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missionaries

Over 2.8 billion people have little to no access to the gospel. Your giving supports international missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached peoples and places around the world. In the last year your gifts have transformed lives:

- 811 people groups engaged by international missionaries
- 12,005 churches planted
- 46,495 people baptized
- 14,817 national pastors trained

The International Missions Board sustains 3,500 missionaries and commissions about 300 new missionaries each year.

Church Goal: $6,500

Men's Guatemala Mission Trip
March 3-10
Cost: $1,600

Non refundable $600 deposit is due by Dec 1.
$500 due on 1-1-19
$500 due on 2-1-19

The trip is all-inclusive, including airfare, transportation, hotel rooms, interpreters, and all non-airport meals in Guatemala. We will be working with Pastor Saul, in the dump area, for part of the trip and the remainder of the trip will be working with Pastor Carlos in Cuyuta, where we built the church last year. Our focus in both areas will be light construction projects, out in the homes, in each community, and evangelism projects and events. Deposits should be made to SBC and placed in the payment collection box located next to the elevator in the Family Life Center.

Ministry Meeting Update

A few highlights of the proposed budget follows:

- Affirmation of the 2019 budget will be Sunday, December 9 during worship. The $845,500 budget represents a 9.4% increase from this year’s budget.
- Replenish 2% line item for International Mission trips.
- Replenish Property Team line item by $16,000
- Added 15-hour Communication Coordinator staff position and reworked job description and renamed it Ministry Assistant
ARTIOS
Thoroughly Equipped

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17
SBC D-Now
January 18-20

Early Registration through December 15 is $75
Late Registration Dec 16-Jan 6 is $100

Registration includes a ticket for snow tubing at Perfect North on Sunday.

Please see Jon Caranna to sign up and receive a registration packet.
Our Fall Festival had the largest attendance we have ever had with over 600 people! We were thrilled to see so many new faces and very thankful to have so many volunteers. Thank you for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!
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11am Sunday School  
1pm Hispanic Worship  
4pm Deacon Meeting  
5:30pm AWANA Theology Matters |
| 3    | 10am Prayer Group  
6:15pm Choir  
Adult Discipleship  
Children's Ministry  
Student Ministry |
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Children's Ministry  
Student Ministry |
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6:15pm Choir  
Adult Discipleship  
Children's Ministry  
Student Ministry |
| 6    | 10am Senior Adult Christmas Party  
6:30pm Bunco  
Coed Volleyball |
| 7    | 9am Women's Quilting Group  
6:30pm Brad Stine Concert |
| 8    | 10am Women's Bible Study |
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Don't see your name, or it's incorrectly listed? Contact Angie in the church office 722-5246 ext. 106.
The God Experience

Republicans and Democrats aren’t going to save this country...only Jesus will. Biblical truths and comedy blended to provide a presentation designed to strengthen a believers walk and answer questions for those still seeking. This is a great presentation for Christian community outreach!

Saturday, December 8
6:30pm

The GOD Experience is about reaching out to millennials, atheists and everyone in our culture that is being told God isn’t real. With humor, philosophy, apologetics and even some sleight of hand and optical illusions Brad creates and memorable and meaningful event. He is also the most media covered Christian comedian in the country being featured in mainstream media outlets unlike any Christian comic before or since. Because Brad sees his comedy as being a missionary to America, Brads calling is to bring the gospel in unique ways to influence the cultural narrative.

Tickets-$10 each and include a Chick-Fil-A meal.

Tickets can be purchased at the rear of the gym.
Child care is not provided.