



Centennial Baptist Church

A FAMILY OF FAITH
STANDING ON GOD'S
WORD"

December
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

- 8:15am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:45am Traditional Worship
- 5:30pm Healthy Living Class
- 6:00pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00pm Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00pm Praise Team Practice
- 6:00pm Choir Practice
- 6:30pm Community Bible Study

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Christmas Thoughts

*Christmas Blessings
Of the heart...
Never shall they fade.*

*Always I'll remember,
Always I'll treasure,
Christmas memories we've
made.*

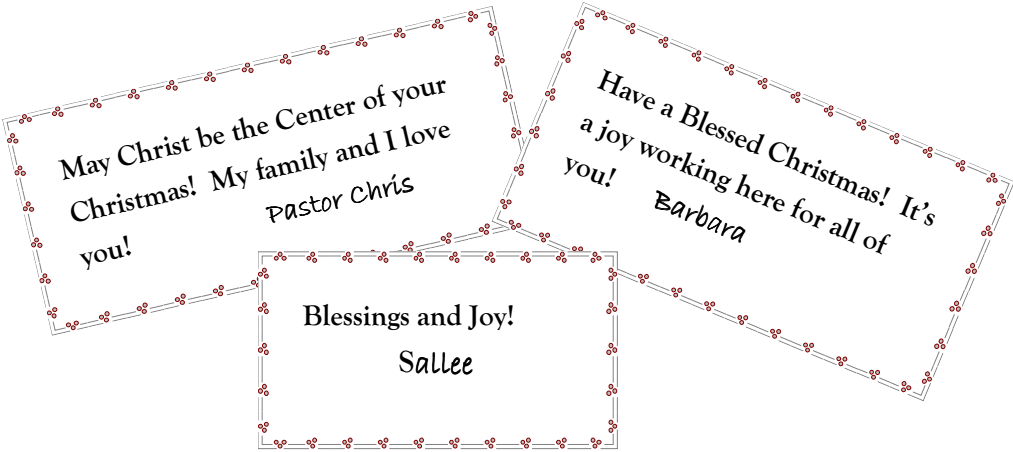
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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

FROM
THE CHURCH STAFF



May Christ be the Center of your
Christmas! My family and I love
you!
Pastor Chris

Have a Blessed Christmas! It's
a joy working here for all of
you!
Barbara

Blessings and Joy!
Sallee

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 12/1 — Visitation 6:00-7:30 p.m. — meet at church (every Tues.)
- 12/2 — 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary open for prayer (every Mon. & Wed.)
- 12/3 — 8:00 a.m Pastor @ Hardee's — Prayer w/local Pastors (every Thurs)
- 12/6 — 10:45 a.m. 65th Anniversary Celebration Service (One service only)
— NO Evening Service
- 12/13 — 10:45 a.m. Christmas Cantata by Choir — (One Service only)
4:00 p.m. Reg. Busn. Mtg. — No Evening Service
- 12/17 — 12:00 p.m. OASIS
- 12/20 — 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper
- 12/23 — 3:00-6:00 p.m. Lockwood Park Bapt. Church—Portable Food Pantry
- 12/23-30 — Pastor Chris vacation
- 12/24 — Church Office Closes at noon
- 12/25 — Christmas — Church Office Closed
- 12/27 — 10:45 a.m. Guest Speaker — Ray Hall (Barbara's husband) (One Service Only) — NO Evening Service
- 12/28 — 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. — Help Center —Food Commodity Day

JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 1/1—Office Closed
- 1/4 — School starts
- 1/10—4:00 Busn. Mtg.
- 1/21 — OASIS noon
- 1/25 — Help Center Food Commodity Day
9:00 a.m.—noon
- 1/27 — Lockwood Pk. Bapt. Church—Portable Food Pantry 3:00-6:00 p.m.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions starts 11/29/09. Our offering for Lottie Moon runs from November 29, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Our goal for this year is \$1,000.

Let's remember our Foreign Missionaries with our prayers and our monetary gifts.



REMINDER OF 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A GREAT DEC. 6TH
THE DAY WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

To Members (past and present) & Friends of
CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
(9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 Worship service, Carry-in Dinner & Fellowship)
Rev. Jerry Ostrom, former pastor will be the speaker.

The actual 65th Anniversary is Jan. 21, 2010—we are celebrating early hopefully to avoid any severe weather. Also, Dec. is such a happy month, that we wanted to add to the excitement of the season with friends getting together to renew, enrich, and restore friendships—enjoying worship, fun times, and reminiscing.

PLEASE PLAN TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!

RSVP (# attending): 573-581-5173 OR secretary@centennialbaptistchurch.com OR church library. If you have family or friends interested, please invite them. For more details—www.centennialbaptistchurch.com (info tab, newsletter tab). We hope you can attend, but if you can't, please feel free to send greetings that may be printed with your name in the December 6 bulletin.

Thank you, Rev. Chris Atkinson, Pastor

THOUGHTS

Suppose your membership was good for only one year and that your reelection depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be reelected?

Suppose you were arrested for being a Christian. Would there be enough evidence to convict you?

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00–7:30 p.m. Visitation	2 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Young Men of God 4:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. RA's & GA's	3 8:00 a.m. Pastor @ Hardee's—Prayer w/ Local Pastors	4 Fellowship Hall reserved for Decorating for Sunday	5 Fellowship Hall reserved for Decorating for Sunday
6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Centennial Bapt. 65th Anniversary Luncheon to follow NO Evening Service	7 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary open for Prayer	8 6:00–7:30 p.m. Visitation	9 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Young Men of God 4:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. RA's & GA's	10 8:00 a.m. Pastor @ Hardee's—Prayer w/ Local Pastors	11	12 Fellowship Hall reserved from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Cantata 4:00 p.m. Busn. Mtg NO Evening Service	14 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary open for Prayer	15 6:00–7:30 p.m. Visitation	16 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Open for Prayer 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Young Men of God 4:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. RA's & GA's	17 8:00 a.m. Pastor @ Hardee's—Prayer w/ Local Pastors 10:30 a.m. Pin Oaks 12:00 p.m. OASIS 2:00 p.m. King's Daughters	18	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved – by Am. Red Cross for Shelter Classes 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
20 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Traditional Service 3:00 p.m. Lake View Bend 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service w/Lord's Supper	21 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary open for Prayer	22 6:00–7:30 p.m. Visitation	23 6:00-9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Open Prayer 3:00-6:00 p.m. Lockwood Park Bapt.—Portable Food Pantry	24 OFFICE CLOSED at noon CHRISTMAS EVE	25 OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26
			Pastor Chris Vac.			
27 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Ray Hall – (1 Service Only) NO Evening Service	28 Help Center—Food Commodity Day 9:00 a.m.—noon	29	30	31 8:00 a.m. Pastor @ Hardee's—Prayer w/ Local Pastors		
Pastor Chris Vac.						

IN THE STABLE WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN...

SMELL the stable. Smell the fresh cow dung. Smell the dampness of the cave, the water dripping along the side. Smell the donkeys and the cows. Smell the rancid straw, gleaming with animal saliva.

SEE the cobwebs, the hen with her little brood of chicks over in the corner, the crude and simple atmosphere of heaven's maternity ward.

TOUCH the warm backs of the animals as they chew their food in the stalls. Feel the manger, cushioned with

new, clean straw.

LISTEN to the wind whistling through the gate. Listen again and you will hear the hundreds who still are up late at night, meandering through the streets of Bethlehem.

NOTICE the shaft of light that penetrates the gate as if it were focused from heaven upon this particular place. Look over in the far corner and you will see them. You will hear them. And you can touch them. The young mother with her newborn child. Her sturdy husband-to-be. The wondering shepherds. Husband-to-be. The wondering shepherds.

How goes the stable of your life? Where is Christ being

born in the shadows of your inner self? While the noises of life all around you continue, have you noticed what's happening inside your stable? Have you invited the wise to come and open their treasures to you? Have you allowed the lonely to come and celebrate the new things that are being born in your life? Are you listening to your dreams during the night?

— Hal Edwards



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

GUEST SPEAKER

Dec. 27th — Ray Hall (Barbara's husband) will be speaking. Ray, Dir. Of Mexico-Audrain Co. Library, grew up in a Bapt. Home. His father and 2 uncles were deacons with Ray following in their steps after he & Barbara were married. He has served as SS. Teacher, choir member and church drama cast as well as deacon in: Bourbon; Camden-ton, & Leeton in MO; and Oolte-wah & Harrison in TN. In 2005 after Barbara had serious health issues they were ministered to & led to join with Mt. Olivet Pres-byterian where he is a SS Teacher and an Elder.

LIBRARY NEWS FROM AN AVID READER

Karen Kingsbury, a best selling author, has written many books that she calls Life-Changing fiction.

Our church library now has 14 of her books that are available to us as church members.

There are 5 books starting with "Redemption" in the "Redemption Series".

The next series is "The First Born Series" which also has 5 books.

The third series is "Sunrise Series" which has 4 books.

Her books tell of the Baxter Family, their unshakable, remarkable, miraculous facts that God's grace is greater than our suffering.

If you start with "Redemption", you will want to read the rest of her series. They are so inspirational.



See Pat Schindler if you still need to pick up your church directory.

OASIS

Mark your calendar for Dec. 17th at 12:00 p.m.



The Characters of Christmas

Elizabeth & Zachariah
Mary & Joseph
The Innkeeper
Stable full of animals
Angels
Shepherds
King Herod
3 Wise Men

One Baby

"JESUS"

Who Is The Light of the World

December (Bring cereal for the Help Center Food Pantry this month)

Serving this month	December 06	December 13	December 20	December 27	
Finance Committee	Dwight Schindler & Pap Young	Dwight Schindler & Pap Young	Dwight Schindler & Pap Young	Dwight Schindler & Pap Young	
Hospital Visitation	Nancy Miller	Nancy Miller	Nancy Miller	Nancy Miller	
8:15am Greeters	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	
10:45am Greeter	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	
8:15am Nursery	Stacey Moore	Julie & Carly Nance	Chris & Amy Duff	Betty Owen	
10:45am Nursery	Pat Schindler & Diane Hibbs	Laura Pitts & Girls	Dolly & Molly Jesse	Margaret Ingram & Girls	
Van Driver	581-8496 Tim Jesse	581-8496 Tim Jesse	581-8496 Tim Jesse	581-8496 Tim Jesse	

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING— DECEMBER 13, 2009 AT 4:00 PM

January (Bring pasta for the Help Center Food Pantry this month)

Serving this month	January 03	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Finance Committee	Todd Rowe & Ellis Glasgow	Todd Rowe & Ellis Glasgow	Todd Rowe & Ellis Glasgow	Todd Rowe & Ellis Glasgow	Todd Rowe & Ellis Glasgow
Hospital Visitation	Marilyn Patrick	Marilyn Patrick	Marilyn Patrick	Marilyn Patrick	Marilyn Patrick
8:15 am Greeters	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry	Jim & Judy Gentry
10:45 am Greeters	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	Bob Brace	Bob Brace
8:15 am Nursery	Stacey Moore	Julie & Carly Nance	Chris & Amy Duff	Betty Owen	Julie & Carly Nance
10:45 am Nursery	Pat Schindler & Diane Hibbs	Laura Pitts & Girls	Dolly & Molly Jesse	Margaret Ingram & Girls	Marilyn Patrick & Amy Hilderman
Van Driver	581-1056 Earl Ingram	581-1056 Earl Ingram	581-1056 Earl Ingram	581-1056 Earl Ingram	

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2010 Proposed Budget

(Approved to come before the church during November Business Meeting)

MISSIONS	2009	2010
✦ Cooperative Program*	530	530
✦ Associational missions 5%	7,187	6,765
✦ Misc. Mission Causes	250	250
 PERSONNEL		
✦ Pastor's Compensation**	51,500	51,500
✦ Pastor's Supply (includes mileage)	400	400
✦ Secretary's Compensation***25 hrs. wk 7.75	14,853	10,075
✦ Secretary's Supply Expense	500	500
✦ Custodial Service	9,291	9,291
✦ Lawn Care Service	1,800	1,800
 BENEFITS TO PERSONNEL		
✦ Staff Mileage Reimbursement	1,700	2,000
✦ Hospitality/Business Fund	100	100
✦ Book Allowance	100	100
✦ Staff Development Training & Conventions	400	400
✦ Social Security Expenses	1,850	1,485
 BUILDING & EQUIPMENT		
✦ Utilities Expenses	16,000	16,000
✦ Maintenance of building & grounds	5,500	5,425
✦ Insurance	8,000	8,500
✦ New equipment (miscellaneous)	2,500	2,500
✦ Church van maintenance	800	800
 EDUCATION & PROMOTION		
✦ Magazines	400	450
✦ Media Center	480	400
✦ Administration Materials	1,400	1,200
✦ Publicity Expense	100	100
 SPECIAL MINISTRIES		
✦ Benevolent Fund	1,000	1,000
✦ Bereavement Committee	300	400
✦ Children's Ministry (RA, GA & Bible drill)	1,800	1,900
RA's— \$1,000		
GA's— \$900		
Children's Church****		

	2009	2010
✦ Christian Ministries *****	1,200	-0-
✦ Worship Committee	600	570
✦ Nursery Committee	100	50
✦ Flower Committee	700	700
✦ Tape Ministry	125	125
✦ Vacation Bible School/Sports Crusader Camp	1,000	1,800
 ORGANIZATIONS		
✦ Deacons	100	100
✦ Discipleship Training	200	200
✦ Music	500	500
✦ OASIS	120	200
✦ Sunday School	3,500	2,000
✦ Youth (HS & JR High)*****	1,000	-0-
 EVANGELISM		
✦ Revivals & other evangelistic efforts	1,400	500
✦ Speakers Expense	300	500
 SUPPLIES		
✦ Bulletins	400	100
✦ Kitchen Supplies	500	500
✦ Church offering envelopes	260	235
✦ Office Supplies	1,700	2,245
✦ Postage	1,000	800
 MISCELLANEOUS		
	300	300
 TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES		
	\$136,029	128,001
 TOTAL EXPENSES		
	\$143,746	135,296
 Weekly Requirement		
	\$2,764.35	2,601.85

* Cooperative Program, \$250, Word & Way \$75, MO Baptist Foundation \$20, Baptist Home \$45, MO Baptist University \$120, Windermere \$20

** Includes housing, retirement & health insurance

Housing	\$20,000
Retirement	\$870

*** Includes health allowance

**** Designated fund are available