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THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 4- Cindy Chesser | 19- Michaela Kunschik |
| 6- Landon Hays | 21- Mark Wishert |
| 6- John Braudaway | 22- Taylor Griffin |
| 8- Erick Balderamos | 22- Charlene Braudaway |
| 8- Bryan Camber | 29- Mitchell Rees |
| 12- Charlene Anderson | |
| 12- Neccia Braley | |
| 13- Courtney House | |
| 15- Quinnton House | |
| 18- Susan McCarty | |



I am so excited to continue on this month telling you about our newest ministry, Full Weekends. As I told you last month, this a new ministry we have just started in conjunction with Roger E. Sides elementary school. This ministry has a two-fold purpose: to combat the prevalence of food insecurity among the residents of Karnes County, and in so doing to share the message of the gospel through the reality of expressed love seen in both actions and in word.

Full Weekends is designed to work in the following way. The ministry will solicit donations from local businesses as well as from individuals, and will also purchase food to get enough food to feed families of four for an entire weekend. Studies show that many students have enough to eat during the week because they get two meals a day at school, but that on weekends most go hungry. Our hope is to give students in need enough food for themselves and their family to have a full weekend. The school knows the needs of the students, and have asked us to start off helping ten families a week with their needs by giving each needy student enough food as they leave school each Friday to feed a family of four for a weekend.

We have asked the church for help, and I personally have been blown away and amazed at your generosity. We have a donor who has agreed to give \$500 a month to help fund the ministry, and have roughly 30 volunteers who have agreed to gather and sort the food, load the backpacks and transport them to the school for distribution on Fridays.

Some have expressed their concern to me that this ministry will simply turn into a supplement program for families, and have wondered if we need to require that these people attend church or do something to get this food. However, I feel that meeting pressing needs of those who cannot help themselves is never a bad use of our resources of time. Indeed in Acts 6 we see the first deacons were created for the purpose of making sure that widows were getting a fair distribution of food. So we are correct in meeting needs of these children and their families, but we would also not be doing them any lasting good if we did not also present them the gospel. So in every backpack that goes home with the children there will be a paper explaining why this food is being given as well as an explanation of the gospel. Our hope is that as these families experience our tangible love through the food, that it would start a change in their perception of us and allow us to start up relationship with them, ending with them coming to a realization of the gospel and the person of Jesus. This is how James puts it in James 2:15-16, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" We long for these people to be filled, with food and then with the Holy Spirit as they come to know Jesus through this ministry. This is one way we can be on mission here in Karnes City...won't you be a part?

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children's Minister

Memory Verse

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:15



Merry Christmas



Last week as I was preparing for our first service of Christmas, I searched the index of our hymnal to discover that "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" was not to be found. No problem, I thought to myself, I'll just get it out of an older hymnal and play it as an offertory. However, when I went to look through the older hymnals, I discovered that this favorite of mine was not in any of the older ones either! Needless to say, I was pretty disappointed. Once I got home and couldn't get the song out of my head, I went in search of the lyrics, and was immediately reminded of why I love this song so much. The first verse of the hymn is as follows: *"God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, for Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this Day. To save us all from Satan's power, when we had gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy."* For me, this verse really captures the state of our lives before Christ's work on Earth and after. He came to save us all from the power of sin when we willfully choose to go our own way time and again. The fact that He came and lived the life I couldn't is definitely considered a tidings of great comfort and joy. So if you actually get to hear this song during this Christmas season, remember the joy we're supposed to have as a result of God's great rescue plan.

~ Nathan Jones

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CHURCH PLANT
committee



Prayer Meeting Dates for 2011:
Sundays @ 5:00 in Youth Room
December 4
December 18

The church is graciously accepting poinsettia donations to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. If you would like to donate a plant, please bring it to the church this week. Thank you for your donations.



Join us on December 18th at the 11:00 service as the Choir leads us in worshipping our King through music.

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

The theme for the Week of Prayer for International Missions— Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is "His Heart-His Hands-His Voice." The WMU will be celebrating the Week of Prayer from Sunday, December 4th through Sunday, December 11, 2011. Our goal for this year is \$2,011.00. We would like to challenge you to help us meet this goal. Paul says, "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

If you are a follower of Jesus, you have a task to fulfill the Great Commission, and Jesus has commissioned us to be His Heart, His Hands and His Voice in the urban centers of the world. Through prayer and giving and going we can fulfill this legacy.

Billions are lost and time is running out. Churches must take direct responsibility to help reach the approximately 3800 people groups. This presents unique challenges and opportunities for the church because the missionaries might not ever be able to reach all the people groups, but the church can if we will extend the hand of Christ when we pray and give.

~ LaVon Johnson



Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year. The only church service that day will be the 11:00 am Worship Service. Come and worship with us on this special day of the year.

FBC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: December 18

Time: 6:30

Everyone is invited to bring friends and neighbors. We will do our White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a snack food to share with everyone. Drinks will be provided by the Youth Committee.

Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	11,705.14	14,797.44
Year:	128,756.54	202,507.29

It's a Baby shower and you are invited!

For: Megan Gutierrez

and baby boy Aiden

When: Sunday, Dec 11th @ 2:30

Where: FBC Fellowship Hall

Registered at: Walmart

Nursery Colors: Blue, Brown, Green