

To Pastor Robert Chapman & Members of Tabernacle,

Channel of Blessings Ministry, together with Trinity Baptist, Mon-Aetna Baptist, the Union County Baptist Association, the United Way, and Toys For Tots, are sponsoring a "Free Family Christmas Shopping Day." Our goal is to invite a minimum of 50 low income families from throughout Union County to come and shop (at no cost to them) for Christmas presents. The parents will be able to shop in one area for their children, while the children will be able to shop in another area for their parents. These presents will be wrapped and sent home for Christmas morning!

Here is a list of ways your church can participate in this ministry outreach:

1- We need your church family to get involved. There is so much to do and so little time!

Donated items need to be sorted and ensured they are functioning properly. All of our items are new, but many are store returns and need to be evaluated. Items also need to be placed in categories like they would be shelved at a store. Mon-Aetna volunteers are presently heading up this part of the project, and would welcome the help!

2- We also need gift bags for the shopping day!

We presently do not have any gift bags, since we have concentrated solely on accumulating the gifts up to this point. We can use all sizes of gift bags!

3- Most importantly, we need volunteers. On the Shopping Day (Friday, December 21st at Mon-Aetna from 3 pm until ??), there will be an abundance of needs that will need to be met.

Many of these families will need transportation to and from Mon-Aetna Baptist (who has agreed to host this event). Young shoppers will need assistance shopping for their parents. We will need secret shoppers to shop for the elderly families and deliver them to the homes. We need volunteers willing to help gift wrap the presents before they take them home. We need folks to help keep things clean and organized, coffee and hot chocolate would certainly be welcomed, and even some Christmas music, who knows, maybe we could even get some carolers!

4- Finally, we cannot forget, this is not only a benevolence ministry, but first and foremost an evangelistic ministry.

We need people who are willing to invest a few minutes of their time in these families. To welcome them, to introduce themselves to them, to show a genuine interest in who they are, and to pray with them and share the love of Christ as the Holy Spirit opens the door of opportunity.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time, and I hope everyone has a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Pastor Neil Keisler

Trinity Baptist / Channel of Blessings Ministry (Cell 864-706-0481 / Email: neilkeisler@aol.com)

2013 Contribution (Offering) Envelopes

You may pick up your 2013 Contribution (Offering) Envelopes on the table across from the Welcome Center.

Finance Committee

If you have any budget requests for next year, please submit them to Mr. Lynn Lawson, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 915 S. PINCKNEY STREET, UNION SC 29379

Robert Chapman, Pastor (Office Tel. No. 427-9847)

David Wells, Worship Leader/Music

Jean Young, Pianist

Ann Kimbrell, Organist

Delores J. Morgan, Ministry Assistant

Cyle & Alison Coker, Part Time Ministers of Youth

Don Raye Shetley, Part Time Maintenance Supervisor



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Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Theme: "BE His heart, His hands, His voice"

**Our Goal \$18,000
Received to Date \$5,635**

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**Deacon of the Month
(December)**

Sam White

**Inside Greeters
December 23, 2012**

Gene Gregory
Henry Vaughan

**Parking Lot Greeters
December 23, 2012**

William Smith
Graham Williams, Joey Chapman

**Extended Session
December 23, 2012**

Babies: Ronda Palmer, Emily Russell
Toddlers: Cyle & Alison Coker
Sun. Night: No Sunday Night Service or other activities
Wed. Night: No Midweek Prayer Service or other activities

**Deacon of the Month
(December)**

Sam White

**Inside Greeters
December 30, 2012**

Deannie Brown
Lynn McMillian

**Parking Lot Greeters
December 30, 2012**

Gene Gregory
Hazel Howell

For Your Information

Please pick up your revised December church calendar and the December ECHO (Union Co. Baptist Association newsletter) at the Welcome Center.

**Extended Session
December 30, 2012**

Babies: Marla Austin, Lynn McMillian, Deannie Brown
Toddlers: Wilbur & Carol Smith
Sun. Night: Curtis & Kathy Plexico
Wed. Night: Eddie & Rita Hines

**Deacon of the Month
(January)**

Randy Wilburn

**Inside Greeters
January 6, 2013**

Lucille Hooper
Margaret Winchester

**Parking Lot Greeters
January 6, 2013**

Wayne Burgess
Elease Osborne

**Extended Session
January 6, 2013**

Babies: Nan Gregory, Lucille Hooper, Margaret Winchester
Toddlers: Steve & Suzanne Byrd
Sun. Night: David & Ollie Vaughan
Wed. Night: Ricky & Amy Smith



**Wishing you
a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year!**

*Robert, Donna, Joey & Caleb Chapman
David & Angie Wells
Alison & Cyle Coker
Delores J. Morgan Jean Young
Jeanie Malone Don Raye Shetley*

Upcoming Events

We will have our “*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering March*” on Sunday Morning, December 23, 2012. You may give your offering any time or place it in the manger at the front during the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering March”.

There will be no Evening Worship Service or other activities on Sunday, December 23, 2012.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and The Lord’s Supper will be Monday, December 24, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The church office will be closed Monday, December 24, 2012 for Christmas Eve, and Tuesday, December 25, 2012 for Christmas Day.

The church office will also be closed Wednesday, December 26, 2012 and Thursday, December 27, 2012 (Delores will be on vacation.) If a member passes away, please contact Mrs. Tomi Vaughn; and if a member is hospitalized, please contact Mr. Sam White, Deacon of the Month. Otherwise, please leave your message; and your call will be returned when the office reopens on Friday, December 28, 2012.

There will be no Midweek Prayer Service or any other activities on Wednesday, December 26, 2012.

There will be no Youth activity on Sunday, December 30, 2012.

The church office will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2013 for New Year’s Day.

The Property Committee will meet Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

Upcoming Events

The Lydia Greene Group will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 10:00 am in the Library.

The Lottie Moon Group will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses are Mrs. Jo Carol Smith and Mrs. Peggy Manley.

The Deacons will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

The Relay for Life Meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the FLC Family Room.

The Pearl Johnson Group will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Andy’s Restaurant.

The LINK is not published the week of Christmas. The next LINK will be published Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

The Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Members of the Church Council are the Pastor, Church Staff, Property Committee Chairperson, Sunday School Director, Baptist Men’s Director, Outreach Director, Children’s Committee Chairperson, Chairman of Deacons, Media Center Director, Youth Committee Chairperson, and Special Ministries Chairperson (VSP Ministry).

Our Hospital List

**SRMC, 101 E. Wood Street
Spartanburg SC 29303**
Jane Valentine - Room 819
Don Shetley - Room 552

Church Food Pantry

We are trying to use the Lord’s blessings to the best of our means. Rather than have a wide open food pantry, we want to find out from church members those who have a need and minister to them. If you or someone you know could benefit from our church food pantry, please contact the church office. To restock our almost empty food pantry we need canned vegetables, canned soup, canned meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, grits, and rice. Thank you for your help!

For Your Information

For the WMU “We’re Here for You” Project (foster parent gift certificates), we received almost \$300 in gift certificates and cash which went to 13 foster homes. These foster homes house 25 children. Currently, two thank you notes have been received from foster parent homes.

Financial Giving Report

December 9, 2012

Total..... \$13,798.07
Regular Offering..... 10,747.07
Building Fund..... 1,025.00
Envelopes 1.00
Copies..... 1.00
General Fund 50.00
(Estes Family Reunion)
Poinsettias..... 24.00
“Christmas Shoes”..... 491.00
(Dinner Theatre)
Debt Reduction..... 9.00
Lottie Moon (Keenagers)..... 50.00
Lottie Moon Offering 800.00
Lottie Moon Memorial 500.00
(Mr. Jim [Pop Pop] Nichols)
Food Pantry Memorial..... 100.00
(Mr. Jackie Vaughn)

Financial Giving Report

December 16, 2012

Total.....\$13,448.75
Regular Offering7,736.25
Building Fund.....1,437.00
Pioneers.....20.00
(Ric & Amy Kosonavic)
“Christmas Shoes”.....2,359.50
(Dinner Theatre)
Debt Reduction.....361.00
Debt Reduction Memorials ..150.00
(Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stewart,
Mrs. Edith Howell)
Debt Reduction Honorarium ..50.00
(Mr. William T. Howell, Sr.)
General Fund Memorials.....100.00
(Mrs. Molly Faucett, Mrs. Rita Hines,
Mrs. Sara Berry, Mrs. Doris Sprouse)
Lottie Moon Offering.....500.00
Lottie Moon Honorariums.....65.00
(Mrs. Julia Greer,
Mrs. Tomi Vaughn by Tomi Vaughn
Sunday School Class)
Lottie Moon Memorials670.00
(Mr. & Mrs. Grover Gregory,
Mr. & Mrs. Watson White,
Mr. Bruce Bobo,
Mr. Jim S. Nichols, Sr.)



Christmas Reminders



May Christmas

gifts remind you of God’s greatest gift, His only begotten Son.
candles remind you of Him who is the “Light of the world.”
trees remind you of another tree upon which He died for you.
cheer remind you of Him who said, “Be of good cheer.”
bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
carols remind you of the song the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest.”
season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

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