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International Missions Emphasis Month

Nov 28 – Dec 4 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon
International Missions Offering

6 Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.

13-14 Caruthersville Food Pantry

24-31 Mission Center Closed

25 Christmas



JANUARY, 2022

FOCUS ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP MONTH

2-9 January Bible Study Week

9 Children's Camp Committee Meeting, Mission Center, 2:30 p.m.

10-11 Caruthersville Food Pantry

16 Santity of Human Life Sunday

18-20 Midwest Leadership Summit, Crown Plaza, Springfield, IL

23 Youth Committee Meeting, Mission Center, 3:00 p.m.

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

October, 2021

	October	2021 TOTAL		October
Boekerton	\$0.00	\$1,703.78	DOM Salary	\$1,291.66
Braggadocio	\$175.42	\$1,572.15	DOM Mileage Reimb.	\$407.68
Caruthersville, FBC	\$125.00	\$1,202.91	DOM Housing Allow.	\$562.50
Catron	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	DOM Health Insurance	\$1,321.55
Cottonwood	\$265.69	\$2,692.44	DOM Health Reimburs.	\$239.11
Hayti, FBC	\$218.26	\$1,779.22	DOM Retirement	\$541.66
Hayward	\$309.88	\$3,489.17	Secretary Salary	\$369.40
Holland	\$2,102.18	\$7,641.18	Custodian Salary	\$139.02
Holly Grove	\$861.60	\$8,070.00	Pastor Appreciation	\$392.35
Kinfolks Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	Utilities	\$193.79
Lilbourn, FBC	\$420.45	\$10,152.64	Telephone	\$67.50
Living Stone	\$521.00	\$5,235.00	Print Supplies	\$203.04
Oak Grove	\$80.00	\$945.00	Office Maintenance	\$75.00
Pascola	\$177.00	\$1,585.52	Postage	\$163.81
Portageville, FBC	\$1,440.56	\$16,567.14	DOM Convention Expense	\$246.83
Steele, FBC	\$1,269.67	\$4,988.75	Volunteer Meals	\$70.69
Temple	\$0.00	\$6,118.00	Assoc. Mission Trip	\$500.00
Wardell	\$719.46	\$8,747.14	MO Baptist Children's Hm	\$125.58
			SMBA General Fund	\$235.80
			SMBA Endowment Fund	\$125.58
Total	\$8,686.17	\$83,990.04		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,400.00		
Now Interest	\$0.00	\$7.63		
SMBA Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$8,686.17	\$85,397.67	Total Expenses	\$7,272.55

November 1, 2021 General Fund Balance \$19,980.48

No Bake Sugar-Free Low Carb Peppermint Cheesecake Pie

Crust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 cups sunflower seeds or almond meal • 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder • 4 tablespoon butter softened • 1/4 teaspoon salt • 1/4 cup Swerve sweetener 	Filling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 ounces cream cheese room temp • 1 teaspoon peppermint liquid stevia • 1 teaspoon peppermint extract • 1/4 teaspoon salt • 1 cup heavy cream
Topping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/2 cup heavy cream • 1/2 teaspoon peppermint liquid stevia • 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract Optional Topping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/2 cup sugar-free candy canes crushed 	

INSTRUCTIONS:

Crust

Prepare the no-bake crust by placing all ingredients into a food processor. Process until the mix is a fine crumb consistency. Taste the crust and add more sweetener, as needed. Spread into a 9 inch pie dish. Set aside.

Filling

Place all filling ingredients, except heavy cream, into a stand mixer and blend on high until smooth. Taste and add more stevia as needed. Pour heavy cream into a new bowl and use an electric mixer to blend on high until all whipped in texture. Fold this whipped cream into the cream cheese filling. Spread this into the pie crust.

Topping

Add all topping ingredients into stand mixer, except crushed candy canes, if using. Blend on high until whipped. Taste and adjust stevia, if needed. Spread this over the cheesecake filling. Top with crushed peppermints if desired. Refrigerate pie for 3-4 hours or overnight.

From Your Director of Missions

As we celebrate Christmas this year, I would like for you to think about the purpose that God had for sending His Son. Mankind, even those who were practicing religion had lost their way. There were not many that were really seeking after the things of God. Animal sacrifices and money gifts were appeasement rather than really desiring to have a relationship with Him. So, it should not have been a surprise that most of the world missed what happened in Bethlehem.

In our world today, most of the population will miss what we are celebrating. They will give gifts, attend parties, be with their families, and may even attend a Christmas Program at church. But, the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will be missed.

As I was thinking about this article, I remembered back through the years of my life. As Southern Baptist, we have developed or promoted many programs to encourage people to help others understand that God sent a Savior into the world. Most of these programs have come and gone. I attended a WIN training school, CWT, Four Spiritual Laws, The Roman Road, FAITH, How to Share Jesus Without Fear, The Net, Who's Your One, and others that do not come to mind at this time. All of these were good plans but they had a flaw.

Their flaw is that we are depending on people learning a program and following it to reach people. Each of these programs were great for a time and then they faded into the background of our lives. I still use principles of many of them, but how long has it been since we promoted any of them.

The principle of evangelism is simple. God provides salvation to an individual and puts into the heart a desire, through the Holy Spirit, to share His message to others. Paul warns each of us about our ability to quench the Spirit. Programs can never replace the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people who are willing to serve Him.

How did Jesus know where to go or what to say? The scripture says that God gave Jesus the Spirit without measure and also gives it to us.

That is why He went to Samaria and met the woman at the well. That is why Phillip met the Ethiopian eunuch and used the Old Testament to lead him to Jesus. That is why Paul was in jail in Philippi and a jailer's family was saved.

We return to the Christmas Story. Shepherds listened to the angels, went to Bethlehem and met Jesus. Then in Luke 2: 17, "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." There was excitement about Jesus!

In the scripture, ignorant and unlearned men shared their experiences of being with Jesus. Could our problem be that we have nothing to share with others because we are not spending time with Jesus?

Remember, He was born, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for you. Are you walking with Him and sharing His story with others?

DECEMBER MISSION REPORT

Make room for one more.... Do we make room for Christ at Christmas and the rest of the year? Do we make room for the needy, the unloved, the lonely? I know that I end up so busy trying to make sure that everything gets done, I lose sight of what the celebration is all about, CHRIST. Christmas is a time of giving – give a smile, lend a hand, listen – be Christ-like. Remember that the joy we bring to others will come back to us through Christ.



December is the time for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, November 28th – December 5th is the week of prayer for International Missions. For materials, go to: <https://store.imb.org/LMCO/> or call Sharon Paris at 1-800-736-6227. This annual offering is sponsored by the International Missions Board to help support missionaries all over the world. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support these missionaries. Please pray for our Missionaries and give generously to this offering this year so that our missionaries can continue to share the Gospel.



As you know, I have announced my intentions to resign my position as the Associational WMU Director. We are actively looking for someone to take over this position. At that time, we will schedule a WMU Meeting to vote this person into office. Please pray that God will send us the right person for this position. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

I hope you have a Blessed day,

Kim Ferguson

Associational WMU Director



¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10-11

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CHRISTMAS TREES, MANY PRESENTS,

SANTA CLAUS AND REINDEER.

BUT DO YOU RECALL THE MOST FAMOUS

CHRISTMAS OF ALL...

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE

SENT HIS ONLY SON TO BETHELEHEM

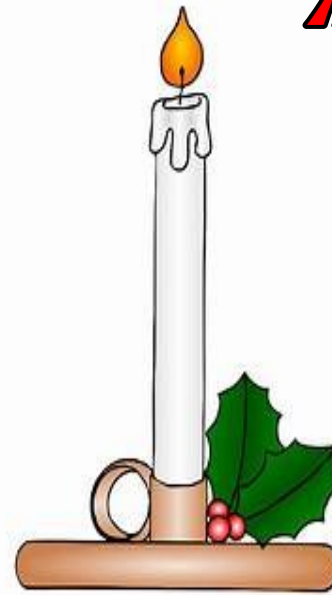
TO BRING PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD

MEN



*If God Allows you to
have a new Year.
what will you do
with it?*

*Where does He
fit into those plans?*



*May the Lord's
Light brighten
Your day
and may
His love warm
Your heart.*

**The Christmas Spirit is only
available through the
Manger in Bethlehem**

*Merry Christmas
From: Tim and Lynda Abanathy
And Kimberly Kingston*



Church News

HOLLY GROVE: Hello everyone! We hope you and your loved ones are well and safe.

We pray that all of you had a beautiful Thanksgiving week with lots of love and family. We all know the food was great and maybe we ate a little too much.

November was a busy month for so many.

On Sunday the 7th, we had our Harvest Dinner in our beautiful fellowship hall.

We are thankful for everyone that helps in every way. Our church is beautifully decorated for every season and holiday. Thank you, Sharon Jean and all of those who helped by taking time and sharing your talents.

On Wednesday the 10th, we had our monthly business meeting and our WMU meeting. We discussed how we would do our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for our community.

Our WMU ladies finished up the work on our Samaritan's Purse Shoebox projects. They were boxed and delivered. Everyone had fun with this small task that will help so many children around the world. Special thanks to Deanna Allison for helping so much.

The food pantry was on the 18th and 20th in November. Remember, give when you can and ask when you have a need.

Continue to pray for our country, its leaders, family, friends and sister churches.

Peggy Copeland

KINFOLKS RIDGE: Hello there! It is a wonderful opportunity to share with all of our sister churches in the Southeast Missouri Baptist Association's newsletter, The VOICE.

We do not have a lot of news this month. We had the Lord's Supper about 3 weeks ago and our deacons met 2 weeks ago.

God is blessing us with some young families that have been coming.

We are happy that our Sunday School has started back up. Just having one child in your class is a wonderful blessing.

Remember Bro. Jerry Mann in your prayers. He had an accident on his three wheeler while working.

Bro. Obine Lackey is doing a lot better.

We had a new roof installed on our church last month.

On Wednesday, night a couple of weeks ago, we all went to the Grecian instead of having our regular service. It was a time of great fellowship and good food. It was the first time we have had this kind of fellowship since Covid 19 invaded our lives. It was good .

I will be glad when our church can go back to having Vacation Bible School, church camp, and WMU. WMU has not been able to get started yet.

We have a Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. We have two to four in attendance. It is a great time together.

Jo Ann Rogers Herren

Your church can send church news and announcements about activities for the VOICE. Please send the information in by December 15th for publication in the January, 2022 VOICE.

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