



Together With Jesus

First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine

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Baskets and Bags

WHEN: November 14th =

200 Bags of God's Word

November 23rd = 50 Food Baskets

WHY: For every member

To share the Love of God
to our Friends and Neighbors

Christmas is the holiday most looked forward to by the children. They expect gifts under the Christmas tree, a tradition held by most of us. They have their hearts set on certain things and trust that they will get them on Christmas morning. Some are disappointed, but, most likely, it's seen to that each child at least gets some of what they have told their parents they would like for Christmas. They have faith in their hearts that their desires will be met. They don't understand what it means when we say it's impossible. That is not a word that a child likes to have in his or her vocabulary. Television tells us "Money should be no object" - after all, I've been told, "You have a checkbook, don't you?". Well, sometimes the checkbook is empty, and it's not easy to write a check, when the money just isn't there.

Two thousand years ago, the Lord saw a need to send a gift to people on earth. Yes, a gift that can never be topped! I am sure he agonized over the price that was to be paid, just as we, as parents, agonize over certain gifts our children want. But, God had a plan for us. He sent his Word, in the form of a Christ child, that we may have the greatest gift ever given - eternal life. I am sure it was hard to explain to others just how Mary conceived. Just like in our days, I am sure people ridiculed her, and called her names. But, she was chosen by God to present that gift to the world. We are also chosen to give a gift to the world —God's Word.

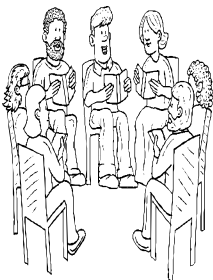
Joseph was reluctant, at first, to have anything else to do with his Mary, because I am sure he felt betrayed. But, Mary knew that the Holy Spirit had chosen her, so she held her head high and chose to give the world God's Gift. Joseph also saw the angel and accepted the job of sending God's gift. But, the months went by, and one day, it was time for Jesus to be born. There was no hospitals for Mary to go in which to give birth. Joseph, instead, had to take her to a stable. Can you imagine the stench that she had to endure to give birth? But, just imagine the feeling she had when that child was given to her, knowing that she alone birthed the Savior of the world! I would imagine that the aroma surrounding this Godly child out weighed the smell of the stable.

The Lord loved us so much, that He sent Jesus to provide us with an escape from our sinful lives, through Grace and by Faith. God sent His Gift of Grace to the world and so should we. On November 14th. we will be giving every member a "Gift Bag" with a bible and an invitation to church. Let us Love our Neighbors and Share Christ at CHRISTmas.

**To receive Jesus as Savior: A.B.C.
Admit, Believe, Confess...**

Dear Lord,
I have sinned and I am in need of Your forgiveness. I confess my sins to You now... I believe that You died on the cross and rose from the dead. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. I trust YOU NOW as my Savior. Thank You for saving me.

Community Group Meetings



- 1. Alcoholics Anonymous**
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. Noon
- 2. T.O.P.S (Dieting)**
Mondays 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 3. Gideons Meeting**
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

Attention All Students (grades 6 and up!)



November 19th
Join us for
Comedy Night
in The Garage
6-10 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Dr. Kevin Ahrens 214-4352
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. Fred Donehoo 465 7862
Associate Pastor	Rev. Allen C. Altvater 381-9148
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John Chaput 465-7607	Dan Darley 465-0035
Russ Gibbard 381-3414	Greg Knowles 655-6116
Larry Ambuel 314-8820	Curtis DeYoung 465-7670
Julian Howard 699-1080	Dave Lind 655-1955
Jay Gillette 655-2933	Ellis McCall 465-0070

New Young
Couples
Sunday Class
Begins
Oct. 3rd. 9:45

**Greg Knowles Class
For Young Adults**

**Calling all
Members
30 years old
and younger**

Senior Adults Alive

Saturday@
November 20th. 5:00 p.m.

* 1st. Baptist's Family Life Center
Sign Up Today = \$5.00 payment in Church vestibule
"Thanksgiving Feast"

Entertainment: Best Turkey Struters
Prize for the **BEST** "Cornbread Bakers"

**November
20th**
Sign up Today
**Thanksgiving
Feast and
Party**

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS
HELPERS NEEDED**
NOV 22TH. To prepare
50 baskets
NOV. 23rd. To Deliver
Baskets To your
Neighbors and
Friends

**November
22 & 23**
Sign up to help or
give us a name of
someone in need

November 14th
Invite a Neighbor to
Church Sunday

Share the Good News® of Christmas

Join us in sharing the gospel with our neighbors this Christmas. We will be assembling and distributing Christmas bags with a New Testament, a gospel tract, and a special invitation to our Christmas activities. Stay tuned for more information on how your family can take part.

Dates and Events

1. Seniors: Nov. 20 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Party
 Nov. 22 Radio City Music Hall "Rockettes" 2:00 p.m. (call asap)
 Dec. 4th. Jungle Cruise \$65.00 sign up on board
 Dec. 18th 5:00 pm Christmas Party Bash - bring finger foods
2. Thanksgiving week: Moving Wednesday service to Tuesday 6:30 pm
3. Deacon Christmas Party: Dec. 10th 6:00 @ Don Jose's Restaurant, Sebring
4. Youth Christmas Party: Dec. 17th 6-10:00pm in The Garage
5. Lord Suppers: Sunday, Nov. 28th Communion of Thanksgiving
 Sunday, Dec. 26th Communion of Renewal
6. December Eve's Services =Move wed. services to Fridays Dec. 24th & 31st



LOTTIE MOON
 Remember "He is the reason for the Season"
GOAL \$3,500

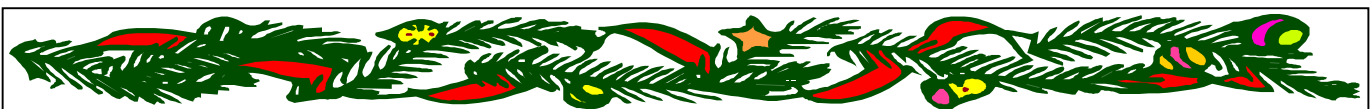
December 5th
 Lottie Moon
 Missions
 Sunday
 Movie of the
 Life of
 Lottie Moon
 6:00 p.m.



Dec. 12th, 11:00 A.M.
 Puppets & Party
 True Story of
 "Santa Claus"

December 12
 Santa will be
 with us
ALL DAY
 Picture with
 Santa and
 gifts

December 19th 11:00 a.m.
Music and Media
 Come let us adore Him.
 Title
"Christmas Canticles"



Friday, December 24
Christmas Candlelight
 Service
 6:00—6:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 DECEMBER 24TH, 6:00-6:45
 CANDLELIGHT
 A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



WATCH NIGHT
 NEW YEAR SERVICE
 DECEMBER 31ST,
 7:00 P.M.

December 31st
Friday 7:00 pm
 Renewal
 Service

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAYS

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship,
Extended Session, and
Children's Church
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Family Fellowship Dinner
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Alive!
*Children: Crafts, Recreation, Music and Missions
Study. Youth: Recreation, Fellowship, Bible Study.
Adults: Small Group Studies.*
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Church Business Meeting every 3rd Wed of Month
7:30 PM Choir Practice & Praise Team



*For by grace you have been
saved through
faith, and that
not of
yourselves, it is
the gift of God,
not of works,
lest anyone should boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9*

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