

Merry Christmas!!!

December 2020

Newsletter

Salt River Baptist Association

ALL BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS!!!

Read Matthew 1:21-23.

Folks, because of that very first Christmas, the child of God is recipient of three great assurances that provide comfort and strength throughout our life.

God's Own Son- Kathleen Weber

As Mary rocks her baby boy, she's filled with sadness, filled with joy.

She looks upon that tiny face and sees the hope of every race.

Her heart is filled with a mother's glow, and she never wants to let Him go.
She'll see Him run and laugh and play and longs to keep Him safe each day.

His life won't be an easy one=His destiny hard, as God's own Son.

Mary sees the miracles He'll perform, the lepers healed and free from scorn.

The lame will walk=the blind will see. She sees His love will set us free.

And then she sees Him on a cross. She feels His pain and feels our loss.

She knows His life must come to this. She sheds a tear and gives a kiss.

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So as Christmas time draws near, and we are all so "busy" here,
with shopping, baking, and trees of green, Lets ask, "what does all this really mean?"

Let's take a moment from the fuss and think of all their gifts to us.

A mother's love, a baby boy, peace and comfort, love and joy.

For He was born for everyone, God's own Son.

Chuck Swindoll in "The Grace Awakening" wrote this:

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God sent us a Savior!

There are three great assurances that provide comfort and strength throughout our lives.

God is always with us. **Matthew 1:23** "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Always- **Matthew 28:20** "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" Forever- **Deuteronomy**

31:8 "And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee=he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." Death- **Psalms 23:4** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me=thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

A local newspaper held a competition to find out how people would describe the word "friendship." The winning answer was, "A friend is someone who's walking in when everyone else is walking out."

Jesus will always be there. He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

God is working through us and in us.

Colossians 1:27 "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The Holy Spirit will guide, comfort, teach, and empower us for Christian service.

1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God—that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

God is for us!

Romans 8:31-32 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

Romans 8:28-30 "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:29-30 "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper—and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

Billy Graham, the great evangelist, tells of driving through a small southern town and being stopped by a policeman and being charged with speeding ticket. Graham admitted his guilt, but was told by the officer that he would have to appear in court. The judge asked, "Guilty, or not guilty?" When Graham pleaded guilty, the judge replied, "That'll be ten dollars -- a dollar for every mile you went over the limit." Suddenly the judge recognized the famous minister. "You have violated the law," he said. "The fine must be paid—but I am going to pay it for you." The judge took a ten dollar bill from his own wallet, attached it to the ticket, and then took Graham out and bought him a steak dinner! Billy Graham used that illustration in his sermons to explain God's grace. Folks, That is how God treats us, as repentant sinners! He paid for our sins with His Son and now we get to dine with Him in heaven.

Do you know about the greatest gift of all? The greatest gift came to this world, as a baby boy, born in a very humble setting, in a barn. His name is Jesus. He walked this earth giving us an example to live by. When the appointed time came, He suffered and died on the cross. He went to the tomb and on the third day arose from the grave. Through His death, burial and resurrection, we are forgiven of our sins as we repent and accept the gift of His great love. Just as Jesus has new life we can have new life. Receive this precious gift of everlasting life. **John 1:12** tells us receive Christ and become a child of God. Are you ready to receive this wonderful gift?

In Christ's Great Love,

Pastor Frank Welch

Men's Bible Study Fridays 6:30 a.m. Edgewood Baptist Church

Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting 6:30 a.m. Family Resource Center

Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis Days— December 1st to 9th

Children's Movie Event— December 4th 6pm Movie: Star Pike County Christian School

Children's Camp Recap & Planning Meeting— Dec. 8th 6:30pm Penno Baptist Church

Men's Ministry Bible Study December 8th 6pm- Friendship Baptist Church

Annual Pastor & Wife Christmas Appreciation Banquet December 11th 6:30 pm FRC

Christmas— December 25th

SRBA Executive Board Meeting January 7th 7pm Second Baptist Church

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday— January 17th

Youth Bowling Party January 17th 2-4 pm Twin City Bowl, Louisiana

Wild Game Supper— January 30th 6pm Salem Baptist Church

"Celebrating Jesus" Children's Day May 2nd 2-4 p.m.- Bowling Green City Park

Worship By The Lake Youth Rally— May 16th Bowling Green Reservoir

SRBA/ Bethel Youth Camp— July 5th-9th

SRBA Children's Camp— August 2nd-6th

SRBA Day Camp— August 4th

Family Ministries "Annual Family Picnic Day"— Sept. 12th 3-5 Chamber of Commerce Park in BG

NEED Biblical Counseling? Call Bro. Kevin Ford at 573-470-1736

Church Families— If you have a special event coming up at your church and would like it put in the SRBA newsletter or placed on our website, please forward us a flyer. You can send it by mail, e-mail, or just drop it off at the SRBA office. Please have information to us by the third Monday of each month for the following month's newsletter.

**WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?**
**BELIEVE ON THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST
AND YOU WILL BE SAVED**



Lighthouse Ministries Dinner & Movie Night

Date: December 4, 2020 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Pike County Christian School

203 East Maple Curryville, MO 63334

FREE ADMISSION!!!

Door Prizes!!!



\$5 ENTRY | JANUARY 17, 2021 | 2-4 PM

TWIN CITY BOWL, LOUISIANA, MO

JOIN US FOR PIZZA & FUN / 6TH-12TH GRADES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL AMY AT 573-470-9340.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

The Lottie Moon Offering!

I find it difficult to describe the Lottie Moon Offering, it is so very near and dear to my heart. The offering is not just a topic of conversation for me; it is at the very heart of my experience as one of your missionaries serving far from home, family, and all that was familiar. As I attempt to share a description; tears come to my eyes, my heart aches, and I am transported back to memories of days gone by:

Memories of foreign languages, customs, and beliefs that I came to understand as bridges to carry the good news of Jesus to lost people; memories of a four-wheel-drive Toyota belonging to Lottie Moon that I was allowed to use in saving lives, changing communities, telling people about Jesus, and starting churches. Memories of carrying people to the hospital for life-saving treatment. There are memories of multitudes of people being carried in a cab while the monsoon rains fell and the jeep trail challenged us as we traveled through the jungle to share Jesus; the ministry of returning the body of a believer from the local hospital to their village for a Christian burial. Many baptisms took place in the back of the Toyota in a metal tank far-removed from the water in the African bush. Memories of hauling Bibles, building materials, and books for new churches. Transporting Lottie's Honda generator, a film projector, and "The Jesus Film" into a very dark part of Africa. The Lottie Moon Offering brought the light of the Way, the Truth, and the Life to communities resulting in decisions for Jesus, one new church, and that church started new churches.

The Lottie Moon Offering allows me to support the opportunity to touch lives, hearts, and souls of the lost all over the world just by sharing how God has blessed me.

The Lottie Moon Offering, through the International Mission Board, goes into the hands of missionaries touching lives for eternity with the love of God through faith in Jesus. ~Written by Ben Hess.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!



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PARTY

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"Celebrating Jesus"

CHILDREN'S DAY

Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Ages: Kindergarten- 6th grade

Place: Bowling Green City Park

Join us as we celebrate Jesus while we study God's Word, sing His praises, eat yummy food, enjoy puppets, and play games. We will also have a bounce house. Come sign up for prizes! We are looking forward to seeing you!!!



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SALT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FAMILY PICNIC DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

3:00-5:00 PM

**BOWLING GREEN
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE PARK**

JOIN US FOR BBQ, MUSIC, & FELLOWSHIP.
FISHING- BRING YOUR OWN FISHING POLE
BOUNCE HOUSE & GAMES
PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL VICKEY AT 573-975-3821
OR CALL AMY AT 573-470-9340.



Happy Birthday Jesus!!!



PIKE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

December 2020

SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST!

Important Dates:

046 Movie Night
07- Tuition Due
156 Teacher's Meeting
186 Christmas Program
196 Board Meeting
19-226 Work Days
21-31 Christmas Break
256 Christmas
28-306 Work Days

PCCS Information:

Location: 203 E. Maple

Address: P.O. Box 96

Curryville, MO 63339

Phone:

573-324-2700 or 573-470-8820

E-mail: pikecountychristian
school@yahoo.com

Website:

www.pikecountychristianschool.com

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

We pray that during this Christmas season, you and your family will be blessed!

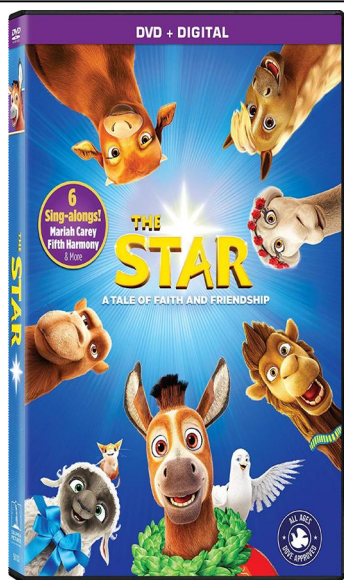
“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

Number 4:24-26



2020-2021 School Year

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers. Philemon 1:4



Lighthouse Ministries & Salt River Baptist Association will be showing the movie “Star” on December 4th at 6:00 pm. Join us for a tasty dinner and sign up for door prizes!!!

Volunteers needed at PCCS to:

- Help with the setup and pouring two bays of concrete in maintenance shed.
- Replace ceiling tiles, check duct work, and status of insulation in multipurpose room.
- Thoroughly clean multipurpose room after repairs are done.
- Replace the light fixtures in Gym.
- Replace fan in kitchen
- Repair basement, gym, and shed doors.
- Finish bathroom in older part of the school.
- Hook up A/C in office and multipurpose room.
- Wash windows and clean throughout the building.
- Help make some meals during work days.

For more information, call Bro. Frank at 573-470-8820. Thank you for your support!!!

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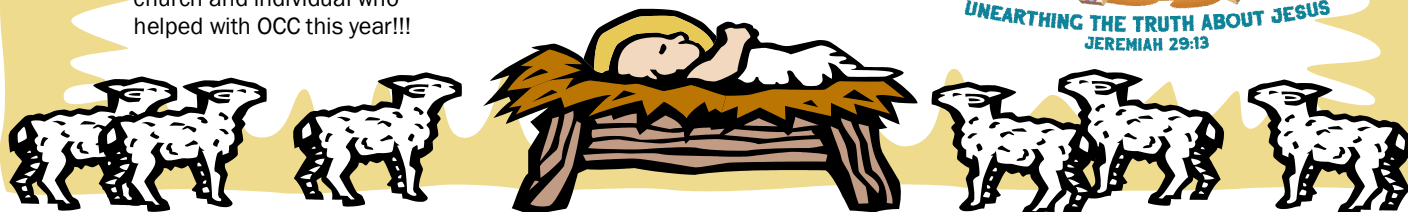
A big thank you to every church and individual who helped with OCC this year!!!

2021 Vacation Bible School

DESTINATION



UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13



Children's Camp
Recap & Planning Meeting
December 8, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Peno Baptist Church
12682 Hwy U Bowling
Green, MO 63334

Looking forward to seeing you!
Join us for snacks!

Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, November 10th
6:00 p.m.
Friendship Baptist Church

SRBA Pastors' & Wives'
Christmas Appreciation Banquet
Date: Friday, December 11, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Family Resource Center



Senior Adult Ministry Meeting (Ages 55+)
Christmas Gathering
Join us for a carry-in! Bring two dozen of
your favorite Christmas cookies to share.
For more information,
call Wanda 573-470-0436
or Amy 573-470-9340.
Watch Facebook for more details...



Wild Game Supper
January 30, 2021
6:00 pm
Salem Baptist Church


mbcollegiate
conference

February 26th-28th
Woodcrest Chapel
Columbia, MO
A free conference for college students
and leaders of collegiate ministries.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
MOBAPTIST.ORG/LETJESUSLEAD

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SHARING IN CARING.... Your contributions of funds or canned and non-perishable food items to the following outreaches would be most appreciated:

Angel Wings Program: Phone: 573-242-3261 Address: 20389 Hwy W, Clarksville, MO

The Community Food Pantry: Phone: 573-754-2421 Address: 414 Georgia, Louisiana, MO

The Bowling Green Hope Center: Phone: 573-324-6255 Address: 30 North Court, Bowling Green, MO