



The Heart

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During December

WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

I don't normally ask for anything for Christmas, but this year I am going to make an exception. Here is what I ask of you for Christmas, "please pray for me." This request is born out of need, and stirred by the following article from THE WORD FOR YOU TODAY.

Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus: "Pray...that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me...that I will fearlessly make known...the gospel." Do you pray for your pastor? You should! After Wilbur Chapman's first sermon at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, a man said, "You're pretty young to be pastor of this great church. We've always had older men. I'm afraid you won't succeed, but since you preach the gospel I'm going to help you all I can." Chapman thought, "What a crank." But the man continued, "I'm going to pray for you, and a few others have covenanted to join me." Later, Chapman wrote, "I didn't feel so bad when I learned that they were going to pray for me. Soon the three became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred who met before every service to pray for me. In another room eighteen elders knelt so closely around me that I could put out my hand and touch them. I always went into my pulpit confident that I would have God's anointing in answer to the prayers of those people. It was easy to preach, a real joy. And what was the result? Eleven hundred people were saved and joined the church in the next three years, and six hundred of them were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer. Church members have much more to do than go to church as curious, idle spectators to be amused and entertained. It is their business to pray mightily that the Holy Spirit will clothe the preacher with power and make his words like dynamite."

Blessed to serve you,
Pastor wally



Help us make a difference in the lives of local children this Christmas season as we partner with The Mission for this year's **Children of the City Christmas Project!** The event will take place on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00am - 3:00pm in Winter Haven at the State Farm building on Cypress Gardens Boulevard.

What is this project? It is the ultimate Christmas party for a child. It is a time when we all gather together and provide Christmas to over 450 families. Families pre-register their children from November 7th to December 15th at The Mission in Winter Haven, and then, they come to the annual Christmas Party to shop for their toys while their children are entertained with face painting, games, prizes, bounce houses, pictures with Santa, etc. It is so much fun and so exciting! This event has been blessing thousands of children here in the city of Winter Haven, for over nine years.

How can we get involved? We have several opportunities to be involved with this project: first, we need toys! Lots and lots of TOYS! Between now and Wednesday, December 14th, we need to collect as many toys as possible for the parents to select for their children. In the foyer, there will be a box to put your unwrapped toys over the next couple of weeks... we are secretly hoping that we'll need much more space than the box we have chosen for this! The second way to be involved in this project is to plan to *join us on Saturday, December*

17th and be a part of the New Life booth at the Children of the City Christmas Project event. We will have a fun bean bag toss game for the kids to play. In addition, we'll be handing out holiday-themed fun bands {you know, those bracelets that are shaped like various things that the kids LOVE, but adults don't understand because they look like colored rubber bands when you put them on your wrist? yep, those!} and candy canes. Speaking of candy canes, that's one more way that you can help with this project... *we need tons of the small, individually wrapped candy canes.* We are also accepting *monetary donations* to go toward the cost of the game, fun bands, and candy canes... if we have any extra money, it will go toward purchasing more toys for the children!

To give you an idea of how many children we'll have the opportunity to impact, there were over 2,000 children last year, and they are expecting even more this year!! Our purpose is to love on these kids {and their parents} and show them the love of Jesus. Come and be a part of this awesome project! If you have any questions, contact Melinda or Walt Draffin { 8 6 3 - 6 0 6 - 8 7 1 2 / melinda@newlifeauburndale.org }.



Mixed Adult Sunday School Class Party



Christmas Party

This year's party will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring "heavy duty" snack food for a light supper and an inexpensive gift to exchange. Men bring a gift for men, and ladies bring a gift for ladies. Remember to choose a gift that everyone will want so that the gift exchange will be lots of fun! If you don't have a Sunday school class yet, we would like to invite you to come join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

Tithe & Offerings November 2011	
Tithe & Offering	10,582.50
Awana	128.63
Adopt-a-club	10.89
Compassion	38.00
Thanksgiving	353.47
Youth	200.00
Other	<u>98.00</u>
Total	\$11,411.49

Nursery Schedule

- 12/04** Jeanne Petit & Nicki
- 12/11** Tina Duckworth & Paisley
- 12/18** Roy & Ella Dedmon
- 12/25** Cathy & Bekah Stephens

Usher Schedule

- 12/04** Gilbert Bigelow
- 12/11** Boyd Stephens
- 12/18** Rusty Tucker
- 12/25** Jeff Stephens, Guy Taylor

Greeters' Schedule

- 12/04** Mary & Manny LaNuez
- 12/11** Alex Lai & Simone Miranda
- 12/18** Jackie Sitek & Lucille Hoogerwerff
- 12/25** Ella Dedmon & Penny Snoke

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Neal/Jennifer Dyer	2 M & M Ladies	3 Adult SS Party
4	5	6	7	8 Ladies Prayer & Fellowship	9	10 Jeff Stephens
11	12	13	14 Undershepherd	15 <i>Dec. = Lottie Moon Christmas offering</i>	16 Gilbert Bigelow	17
18	19 Marge Hall	20	21	22 Church Office Closed	23	24 Christmas Musical 6pm
25	26	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31 Amy/Blaise Dillman

Christmas Eve Service Musical



"There Is a Bethlehem"

December 24 at 6 pm.

Mugs & Muffins

The "M & M" Ladies meet the first Friday morning of each month. This is a time just for fellowship and fun. All ladies are welcome.

December 2 Trip to several Disney resorts to view Christmas decorations.

Ladies Prayer and Fellowship



Will be held at Sharon Hood's home on December 8th at 7 pm



Staff Directory

Wally Draffin, Pastor	967-9658
Melinda Draffin	206-6999
Ken Hood, Elder	967-4886
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Cecil Hall, Deacon	968-1890
Len Hoogerwerff, Deacon	965-1081
Guy Taylor, Jr., Deacon	967-2308
Rusty Tucker, Deacon	967-9090

Church Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Schedule of Opportunities

Ladies Ministries

M & M Ladies 1st Friday TBA
Ladies Prayer & Fellowship 2nd Thurs 7:00

Children's Ministries

AWANA Wednesdays 6:40pm

Youth Ministries

FUSION Wednesdays 7:00pm

Music Ministries

Adult Choir Wednesdays after service

All Ages

Intercessory Prayer Thursdays 6:00pm

Newsletter Deadline December 27th



Secret Sister Revealing
and
drawing for this coming year will
be in January.
Date and time to be
announced.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



During the month of December we will be taking the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. This annual offering supports more than half of the International Mission Board's budget.

Southern Baptists currently send and support over 4,800 international missionaries. Let me give us a challenge: if we gave 25 cents for every missionary (25 cents X 4,800 missionaries) we would give a total of \$1,200. I believe we can do that, let's take the challenge to glorify God.