

God Cares, We Care
About You



"Casting all your cares on Him,
because He cares about you."
1 Peter 5:7 CSB

THE OPEN DOOR

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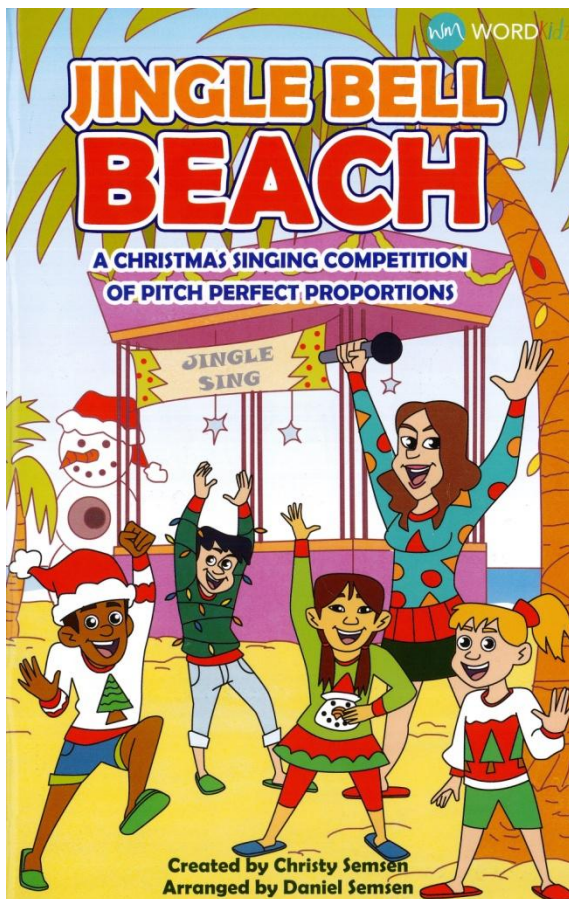
"To the angel of the church of Philadelphia write...behold I have before thee a door having been open, which no one is able to close." Revelation 3:7-8

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Children's Choir Christmas Musical



December 10

6:00 p.m.

Pastor Paragraph

What a blessing our Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Drama Team, Children's Choir and Audio/Visual Team were as they presented "We Believe" this past Saturday and Sunday evenings. I was very thankful for the clear presentation of the Gospel through the drama. God has given us a choice as to whether we believe in Jesus as our Savior or not. I believe!!! Knowing that the baby in the manger came into this world to die and pay for our sinfulness, makes Christmas a wonderful time of the year.

The thought occurred to me about how difficult it must have been to believe, as I was listening to the Inn Keeper in the drama struggling to believe that the baby in his manger could be the Son of God. Traditions were keeping him from believing. Lack of Faith was another contributing factor. Earthly reasoning rather than Godly thinking was a hindrance. Focus on self seems to have been a contributing factor in his unbelief. Things have not changed much since the time Jesus was born.

I am so glad we have the rest of the story of Jesus which has been told through the Bible. Because we have recorded in the New Testament what Jesus did for us as He grew into a man and fulfilled His Father's plan for His life, we find it much easier to believe or do we? We should have no trouble believing that the baby in the manger in Bethlehem was the promised Messiah. There are still people who do not believe basically for the same reasons the Inn Keeper did not believe. God has called us as believers to keep sharing the Good News. The choice of Jesus as Savior is a choice people must make on their own. We are not responsible for their decision but for sharing the Good News.

Thank you, Laura Thrash for allowing God to use you in writing the script for this drama. Thanks to Scott Bounds, Linda Griffis and Randy Hanna for bringing to life this drama. Thank you, Bro. William and Music Ministry for reminding us of why we celebrate this special time of the year.

Love,
Bro. Dan



Christmas Blessing Boxes

We will purchase food for our Christmas Blessing Boxes again this year. The cost per box is \$30.

Classes and/or individuals may donate money for boxes. The money is needed by **December 10**. We will have a **potluck lunch** and pack the Blessing Boxes on **Sunday, December 17**.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXTENDED SESSION

Month of December

Beth Henson, Linda Murray, Tonya Culpepper
Dee Dee Bailey, Morgan Jay

LIBRARY

December 10

Pat Posey

December 17

Brenda Barnett

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 10

Willie Jackson

Jim Johnson

December 17

Bob Henson

Ryan Jenkins

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3 – 10, 2017



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$26,000

Received to Date: \$1,105

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Steve Turner will be our speaker
at Brotherhood Breakfast.
All men and boys are invited.



Sunday School Teacher Meeting

Sunday, December 17

9:15 am

Fellowship Hall

The Student Section

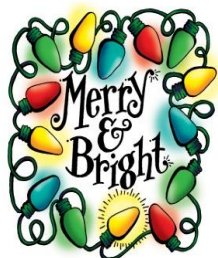
The student ministries of FBC will be busy this holiday season.

On December 6th, our 7th-12th graders will participate in our annual Christmas Party at the Henson camp house. At the event, students will enjoy a bonfire, food, party games, and a Christmas themed devotion.

On December 27th-29th, fifteen 7th-12th and four adults will go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Winter Xtreme Conferences. Participants will be entertained by and engaged in worship led by popular Christian musicians. Students and adults will also be encouraged through biblical teaching and preaching by noted Christian speakers.

On January 1st-3rd, 9 college students and 1 adult will go to Atlanta, Georgia for Passion Conference. Attendees of the conference will be challenged by powerful praise of Christ and provocative preaching of His word.

Please be in prayer for the students of our faith family.



**Children's Outing
to
Lazy Acres Christmas Lights**
Friday, December 8
5:00-9:30 PM
Cost is \$10.
Includes admission,
cocoa and cookies

For 1st-6th grade and preschoolers with a parent
Please sign up outside the church office.
For more information see Jackie Cheatham.

Blessing Box Potluck Lunch

We will have a Potluck Lunch on Sunday, December 17, following the Morning Worship Service. After we eat, we will pack our Blessing Boxes.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



DECEMBER 13

Meatloaf
Creamed Potatoes/Corn
Green Salad
Roll/Dessert

Serve: Pat Mioton, Dorothy Thomas
Clean Up: Patrick Gordon, Suzanne Gheyri
Brenda Barnett, Christy Bounds
Money Table: Madeline Vuncannon

UPWARD BASKETBALL INFO

Please be in prayer for our Upward season. Contact Gail Turner if you would like to help in areas such as concession stand or devotions.
Games will begin in January.

**A Service of
Lessons and Carols**
Sunday, December 17
6:00 pm



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*
December 24
6:00 p.m.

December 10

The Candle of Love



WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Brotherhood Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Children's Bible Drill	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	5:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
Preschool Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
"Jingle Bell Beach" Children's Musical	6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
Child Ministry Center Christmas Program	5:30 p.m.
GROW	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Good News Club.....	3:00 – 4:15 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Wednesday Night Supper	5:00 p.m.
Media Center.....	5:10 p.m.
Kinder Korner (preschool only)	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Christmas Party	5:30 p.m.
Preschool Choir.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	6:20 p.m.
Mission Friends.....	6:30 p.m.
G.A.'s and R.A.'s.....	6:30 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship.....	6:30 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Praise Team Practice.....	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

CMC Team Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting.....	9:15 a.m.
Media Center.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Christmas Blessing Boxes (Potluck & Pack boxes)....	12:00 noon
Children's Bible Drill	4:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Arts.....	4:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	5:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
Preschool Discipleship Training	5:00 p.m.
TeamKID (Grades 1-6).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Discipleship Training.....	5:00 p.m.
A Service of Lessons & Carols.....	6:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Dan Howard.....	Pastor
William Smith	Minister of Music
Clay Pope	Minister of Students
Jackie Cheatham.....	Minister of Children
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 3, 2017

Budget	\$21,825.94
Wee Care.....	\$7,102.00
Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$328.00
Refund Insurance	\$61.00
Youth Xtreme.....	\$228.00
Designated Choir Fund	\$530.00
Christmas Blessing Boxes.....	\$720.00
Designated – New Van.....	\$46,518.95
CMC Direct Deposits	\$5,740.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Given to Date.....	\$1,105.00
Budget Requirement to date	\$260,951.66
Budget Offerings to date	\$215,955.40
Under Budget	\$44,996.26
Wee Care Given to Date.....	\$238,018.74

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT:	\$18,638.69
BUDGET AMT. RECEIVED 11/26/17:	\$21,825.94

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

December 3, 2017

Departments	Enrolled	Present
Preschool	20	15
Children	42	27
Youth	37	17
Adults	362	135
Total	461	194