

## CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

### OUR GOAL - \$35,000

We will display an international flag for each \$1000 we receive. Thanks again for your continued support of our international missionaries.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

#### Sub-Saharan African Peoples

“A group of eight to ten men and women have been meeting at a missionary’s home weekly for the past year for a Bible storying group,” writes the Congo Team. “They learn a story, talk about what the story teaches us about God and about men, and then discuss what they need to do or how they need to change as a result of learning the story. They then go out and tell the story on the street. This month, they will gather in to pairs and begin leading their own groups! Pray with us as new areas of town are reached with the truth of Scripture. Praise God for Congolese men and women who are passionate about reaching their neighbors!”

### END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please make sure to have your 2020 contributions returned to the office by December 30, 2020 (the office will be closed on December 31) or you may mail them in. The mail must have a postmark no later than December 31 to be included in your 2020 contributions.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES

Christmas Eve is almost here! This year we are planning to have 2 services, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. **Reservations for the 5:00 p.m. service are full, but we have plenty of room in the 6:30 p.m. service.** Please call the church office or use the link below to reserve your place and tell us how many people you have in your group by Tuesday, December 22 at 12 noon. We will have designated seats for everyone so that we can ensure social distancing is observed. Also, please be sure to wear your mask.

#### **Sign up link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACA822ABF4C43-christmas>



## FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-13-20)	\$	18,154.00
Year to Date Requirements	\$	718,862.50
Year to Date Receipts	\$	725,871.55
Christmas Missions Goal	\$	35,000.00
Christmas Missions Receipts	\$	22,575.00

### AUDIO VISUAL TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The Audio Visual team is looking for volunteers to join us in making each Sunday morning worship service available to everyone. If you are interested in helping with the sound, video, or computer work that goes into each service, please contact Greg Tysl or Nick Kirby.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>Sunday, December 20</u>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<u>Wednesday, December 23</u>	
<i>No scheduled activities</i>	
<u>Thursday, December 24</u>	
<b>Office Closed for Christmas Holidays</b>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service</b>
<u>Friday, December 25</u>	
<b>Office closed</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b>
<u>Sunday, December 27</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
<u>Thursday, December 31</u>	
<b>Office is closed</b>	<b>Happy New Year</b>

The links for the worship service are below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwPN9FRkGBzGNJFvMEFiug>

<https://www.facebook.com/BeltonFirstBaptistSC/>

<https://vimeo.com/event/112562>

[GROUP PUMP RESUMES ON JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>!](#)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

<b>Sun. Safety Team</b>	Jeremy Stone, Patrick Stone Joey Lance & Chris Rogers
<b>Wed. Safety Team</b>	<u>No activities at the church</u>
<b>Deacon Worship Service Team</b>	Chris Mumblow, Jerry Thomas Johnny Lee Smith & Russ Tysl
<b>Counting Committee</b>	Mandy Gravina, Gale Pruitt & Tammy Moon
<b>Extended Session</b>	
<u>Nursery</u>	Joseph & Katie Engram
<u>2's - 5's</u>	Whitney Kirby & Ashlyn Wilson

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

<b>Sun. Safety Team</b>	Brent Thomas, Travis Thomas Hal McDowell & Jeb Fisher
<b>Wed. Safety Team</b>	<u>No activities at the church</u>
<b>Deacon Worship Service Team</b>	Polly Gilreath, Jeremy Sauceman Randy Fagg & Michael Gilreath
<b>Counting Committee</b>	Bill Pitts & Norman Smith
<b>Extended Session</b>	
<u>Nursery</u>	Mandy Gravina
<u>2's - 5's</u>	April & Madeline Knight
<b>Sign Up Genius used by Extended Session:</b>	
	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AA8A823A7FF2-fall">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AA8A823A7FF2-fall</a>

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### ANMED

David King – (Johnny Lee Smith, deacon)

### SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church family expresses Christian love and sympathy to:

- ~ Kelly Bell in the loss of her father, Jim Addis
- ~ the family of Evelyn Callaham
- ~ the family of Jimmy Little
- ~ the family of Brenda Davidson

**THE BELL TOWER WILL NOT BE PRINTED  
THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Prelude *We Three Kings* Guest Instrumentalists  
Processional  
Advent Carol *Joy to the World*  
Lighting of the Advent Candle LOVE Frank & Mandy Gravina  
Welcome T. Dale Lynch  
Invocation Nick Kirby  
Children's Message Jennifer Wilson

### **A Country Cantata**

*O Come All Ye Faithful* Wendy Jones  
*Away in a Manger* Julia Gilreath  
Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-21  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Katy Sauceman & Donna Finley  
*What Child is This?* Jacob Wurst  
Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7  
*Silent Night* Julia Gilreath, Wendy Jones, Katy Sauceman  
*Hark The Herald Angels Sing* Donna Finley  
Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-18  
*Go Tell it on the Mountain* Austin Finley  
Closing Remarks T. Dale Lynch  
Closing Carol *Emmanuel*  
Postlude Guest Instrumentalists

Guest Instrumentalists:

Luke Johnson-Mandolin, Kayla Wells-Fiddle, Glenn Pace-Bass

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### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

It is about Christ

Christ, the gift to the world, came bringing Love, Peace, Joy and Hope. How important are these four in our life? Is it something you just read about or is it what Christ intended it to be; something we live out and share with others each day of our life? These four gifts are not wrapped in paper with a bow on it. They are like jacket; a visible, warm expression of who Christ is in our own life. They are gifts we wear each day and freely give away. Every day should be Christmas for the Christian because we are filled to overflowing with these gifts each day. The more we give away the more of these gifts we receive from God.

*God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.* 1 John 4:16b

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.* John 15:27

*These things have I spoken unto you, that my Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.* John 15:11

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.* Romans 15:13

May the love of God enfold you. May the light of God surround you. May the power of God protect you. May the presence of God watch over you. Wherever you are, God is.

Merry Christmas!

Randy



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