

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

OUR GOAL - \$35,000

By now, church members should have received their Christmas Missions Offering envelopes. We encourage you to give to the offering of your choice and return your envelope to the church in person or via mail by December 15. You are also welcome to complete the honorarium/memorial form if you choose to do so. We will display an international flag for each \$1000 we receive. Thanks again for continued support of our international missionaries.

TOKYO, JAPAN

How do journeyman missionaries in Tokyo make new contacts and friendships during this CoVid-19 time? Several are using online events like "Cultural Exchange" or "International Friendship Café," joining with Japanese young adults who are interested in meeting foreigners.

One journeyman missionary, Abbey, went to a Napalese restaurant to see if she could have any conversations with the owners. She asked God to bring her to the restaurant during a quiet time so that she could talk with the young Napalese woman who owns the place with her brother. She has two young children who have not been going to school because of the virus. After a couple of months of visiting, eating, and talking, the Lord led Abbey to a time when she was the only customer! During that conversation, the owner asked if Abbey could come to her home and teach her children English. Pray that as she goes into this home, Abbey will find the right stories, the right methods to work with the children, and opportunities to bring the good news to this whole family.

THANK YOU CARD

Our church family received a thank you card from Becky Lowe. Please stop by the information board beside the office to see this and other items of interest.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will have a Youth Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 16, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. We will have games, food and fun! All youth are invited! God Bless, *Matt and Amy*



FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (12-6-20)	\$	18,437.75
Year to Date Requirements	\$	704,485.25
Year to Date Receipts	\$	707,717.55
Christmas Missions Goal	\$	35,000.00
Christmas Missions Receipts	\$	10,330.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Dec 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Dec 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Thursday Dec 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Please call the church office (338-7776) and schedule your time choice. Or sign up with the link below:

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



A SACRED SUMMARY

The simple shepherds
heard the voice of an angel
and found the Lamb;
the wise men saw the light of a star
and found their Wisdom.
~ *Fulton J. Sheen*

HOLY MATRIMONY

Every married couple (or those thinking of getting married) is invited to come take a minute to stop and refocus on our spouses and our marriages. You will really enjoy our speaker, Greg Boone. It will be a time to just strengthen each other as we get ready to make 2021 the best it can be. Please call the church to sign up for Saturday, Jan. 15 from 2-6:30. This part is free, and you can add dinner/date at Sullivan's for a small fee.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Sun. Safety Team	Brian Moon, Jack Marshall Mac Horton & Chris Mumblow
Wed. Safety Team	No activities at the church
Deacon Worship Service Team	Jimmy Ouzts, Greg Tysl Randy Fagg & DuPre Keys
Counting Committee	Lynne Chandler, Zelma Finley & Jane Green

Extended Session

<u>Nursery</u>	Russ & Amber Tysl
<u>2's - 5's</u>	DuPre & Emily Keys

Sign Up Genius used by Extended Session:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AA8A823A7FF2-fall> Please click on this link to sign up to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. We will begin a new rotation in January. Parents please sign up at least 3 times and we are asking our other members to come alongside our young families in any way you can to help serve our youngest members. It is such a blessing!!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 13

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship

Monday, December 14

8:30 a.m.	WEE School
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Tuesday, December 15

5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 a.m.	WEE School
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party at the Youth Center

Thursday, December 17

5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School

Friday, December 18

No WEE School

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY

SUNDAY SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020 **10:00 a.m.**

Pre-Service Music Matt Limbaugh

Processional

Advent Carol *Joy to the World*

Lighting of the Advent Candle *JOY* Nick & Whitney Kirby

Welcome T. Dale Lynch

Invocation Nick Kirby

Worship Medley *Good Christian Men Rejoice*
While by the Sheep We Watched

Choir Anthem *Who's the Little Baby*

Children's Message Matt Wurst

Message in Song *What a Strange Way to Save the World*
Donna Finley and Doug Finley

Sermon *Rekindled Joy* T. Dale Lynch
Luke 1

Departing Carol *Emmanuel*

Benediction T. Dale Lynch

Postlude

(Our worship is live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. so you can worship with us from any place and at any time.)

The links for the worship service are below:

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

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

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

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

It is about family

The biblical Christmas story revolves around a family. It is about a mother, father and a child and guests. Family has always played a big role at Christmas for me. Getting together to enjoy a wonderful meal, seeing my cousins and of course handing out more gifts. Everybody was happy and the house was filled with love and laughter.

The family get-togethers are more rare today. I don't think we make enough time, especially at Christmas, to enjoy the precious gift of family. The love of family helps us get through tough times. We can count on family to always be there.

Christians are part of the family of God. We know we can count on God and we should always feel we can count on each other. It is a very joyous moment anytime I can get together with my family of faith, especially at Christmas!



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