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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This Christmas you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children, ages 2-14, in a country like India or Africa by using a simple shoe box.

*Operation Christmas Child* is an easy mission project that every member and family can participate in. For most of the children, this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. Our goal this year is to have 100 shoe boxes by Sunday, November 13.

**You can help by filling a shoe box with gifts or by bringing individual items and placing them in the boxes in the hall near the preschool area.** A list of needed items is available .

# THE MESSENGER

**Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church**

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# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

**Will you join us and commit to pray daily for our church—for 40 days until November 9, 2011?**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11

## MEMORIAL

In memory of **Allen & Lynn Herman** by Ann Herman

## USHERS

Mitchell Cunningham, Chairman, Phil Humphries, Jimmy Ray Tooley, Roger Henson, Roger Fowler, Tim Turman

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

**If you are unable to stay, please notify the contact person or switch with someone. We still have openings...if you are interested in volunteering. Our babies need your loving hands.**

Contact Person: Kim Stewart, 230-7994

October 9

A.M. Kristy & Chris Smith, Babies  
Sharon Sudduth, Cecilia McKee, Ones

Crystal & Jeff Jones, Twos & Threes

P.M. Ansley & David Welchel, 5:00 p.m.

Terry & Jenny Nobles, 6:00 p.m.

October 16

A.M. Becky Corley, Alyson & Jonny Corley, Babies  
Kristy Stewart, Kala Barnette, Ones

Cheryl & Kyle Herman, Twos & Threes

P.M. Andrea & Josh Corley, 5:00 p.m.

Becky Corley, Alyson Corley, 6:00 p.m.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Shirley West—Patewood

Betty Herman—Crepe Myrtle Cottage

At Home: Lucille Campbell, Ruth Stokes, Barbara Corley, Carroll Pittman, Adam Morris, Donna Lemmons, Lanny Kemp, Susie Horton, Anlee Pittman, Tim Wilson, Ron Stokes, Vivian Burrell, Oran Howard, Patricia Lee, Mary Warlick, Betty Hand, Stanley Bayne

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Greer's 5th Annual Tractor, Auto, Motorcycle and Engine Show—Pleasant Grove Ball field. BBQ Plates (11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.) \$7.00 per plate. Proceeds go to American Cancer Center. (Friends of Sonny Boroughs Honorary Cancer Team—Sponsors).

## AN INVITATION

Come and celebrate a new journey for Deborah Trammell in the adoption of Jordyn Gosnell. A drop-in "Adoption Shower" will be on Sunday, October 23 at the Ministry Center from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Deborah is registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Babies R Us.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

October 9—15

- 9 - Jonathan Bull
- 10 - Denise Plumblee, Bryan Robison
- 11 - Gail Campbell, Richard Pickens, Mitchell Cunningham, Olivia Cantrell
- 13 - Carroll Pittman, Laura Massengale, Eric Davenport, Miller Greene
- 14 - Charles Fisher, Patrice Humphries
- 15 - Betty Herman, Phyllis Campbell, D.J. Hammett

## FROM OUR PASTOR

There are many Christians going to church in America today, whose faith has gone dormant. They would never admit that of course. They would claim to have faith in God and His Word. They stand in church on Sunday mornings and sing all of the songs.

But if you watch carefully, you will see a hybrid Christianity. You will see people who think that the object of Christianity is to read the Bible every day, try to live a good life as best they can, and thus earn God's approval.

Their key word in describing the Christian life is "struggle". They say such things as "I'm struggling to obey the Lord and do His will. I'm doing the best I can. We all struggle you know." What this reveals is a Christianity focused on our ability rather than God's.

Whatever happened to the truth that we do not earn our way with God but rather receive His grace by faith? Like the Galatians, we have walked away from something vital. No wonder the apostle Paul sent them a stern letter that said, "*Are you foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?*" (Gal. 3:3).

True Christianity is, rather, to know Jesus and trust in Him, to rely on Him, to admit that all of our strength comes from Him. That kind of faith is not only what pleases God, but is also the only channel through which the power of God flows into our lives so we can live victoriously for Him. It is what Paul meant when he wrote, "*I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength*" (Phil. 4:13).

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What a wonderful day we had together this past Sunday. I would like to personally thank each of you who participated in our 175th celebration. To each committee member, singer, greeter, ushers, and each of you who came just to worship and celebrate what God has done (and will do) here at Mt. Lebanon, you helped make Sunday a tremendous success! Thank you!!

Pastor Mark



## JANIE CHAPMAN OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS

Mt. Lebanon's goal is \$1,800.00.  
\$1,566.00 has been given to date.

## FLU CLINIC AT MT LEBANON Tuesday, October 11—4:00-6:00 p.m. Sign up on bulletin board

## XYZ EVENT

Lunch at FLC, October 7 at 11:30 at the FLC. Meat and Drink will be provided. Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert. Mt. View Clinical Research will have program about diabetes.

## LADIES MINISTRY NEWS

**Ladies and teen girls—Want more friends, more laughter, and more fun? Come to our S'More Fun Campfire Party!** Bring your outdoor chair and join us for supper around the campfire on Saturday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Vic and Gail Campbell—3855 Pennington Rd., Greer. Sign up by October 9th at the Ladies' Ministry table. Question—call Debbie Conwell, 895-9710.

**NGU Women's Auxiliary Board Luncheon**—Friday, October 28—11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sign up by October 19 at Ladies' Ministry table. Cost: \$10.00 (payable at the door).

## WOMEN OF FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Ladies, come join Women of Faith Sunday School Class as we begin a new study call "*Anxious for Nothing*" by John McArthur. The Bible study will begin on Sunday, October 16th. The book you'll receive is \$10.

## AWANA NEWS

John 1:23 "*He said, I (am) the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.*" John knew who he was and what he was called to do.

God has a plan for your life, just as He did for John the Baptist. The Lord created you with a purpose in mind. Your talents and abilities were given to you to fulfill His purpose.

Listeners are needed from 5:40-6:20 p.m. in the Sparks department. This is the K-5-Second grade. If this is you, come. I promise you will be blessed. What greater gift then to share the Word of God with a child.

Awana Commander , Sharon Sudduth

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CARE Group 1 at MC</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacon's meet at MC</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>Worship hour</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Awana</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting,</b>
		<b>Music! Missions! &amp; Munches!</b>
		<b>Preschool—Youth at FLC</b>
	<b>7:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Adult Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CARE Group 2 at MC</b>

## Greeters

Paul & Glenda Chapman, Terry & Jenny Nobles, Sunday School  
Gretchen Bishop, Yvonne Fortner, Worship  
Greg Campbell, Jon Corley, Anthony Stewart, Gary Bridwell, Eric Davenport, Outside Greeters

**STAFF ON CALL— Curtis Murphy, 803-518-5276**  
**DEACON ON CALL—Michael Campbell, 895-0707**

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

For urgent prayer concerns, please contact the church office, 895-2334 or Sharon Turner, 895-3168.

## SHUT-IN MEMBERS OF THE WEEK (Send a Card)

Irish Nodine

## LAST WEEK'S RECORD

**The online version of the Messenger does not contain our weekly financial history**

**Our church is supported entirely by tithes and offerings and it is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered them.**