

PENINSULA

BAPTIST CHURCH

...Pointing the way to life.

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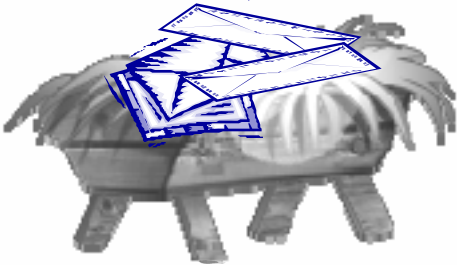
MISSIONS OUTREACH



A Word from Our Pastor



Next Sunday, December 21, in the morning services, we will receive our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This is one of the most meaningful and blessed services of our church year. We will also have a flags of the nations processional highlighting the countries where members of Peninsula have gone on mission. The way we receive the offering allows us the opportunity to come in processional and place our gifts in the manger in the front of our worship area. Over the years, it has been a very moving and thrilling experience for me to see the children, youth and adults, one by one, place their gifts in the manger in a public expression of worship and love for the Lord Jesus and for the lost of the nations of the world. This year's offering will be especially significant in the light of the world's economic situation. In a world of uncertainty, people are seeking meaning and hope. There is an openness to the things of Christ because the things of this world have failed to satisfy the needs of the heart. Only Christ can meet that need. Through your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, our missionaries are able to **GO TELL** the story of Jesus.



Give so they can

GO TELL

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Southern Baptist missionaries can't carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth without our support. How much will you give? Our challenge to Peninsula Baptist Church is to give \$10 for each unreached group - \$65,080. We can reach this goal. Think about what you're spending on Christmas gifts. Consider giving your biggest gift to God – through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Because you give, the lost are hearing the story of Jesus. Our Lottie Moon offering will be received next Sunday, December. 21.

PRAYER LIST:

The following members were added to the prayer list this past week. For a complete list of prayer requests, please pick one up by the water fountain near the offices. Please contact Terri Holbrooks with updates on any prayer requests made. 704-664-2958 ext. 204 or terri.holbrooks@peninsulabaptist.com

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| ♥ Brenda Lee | ♥ Eric Sutton |
| ♥ Sam Ivill | ♥ Tammie Elliott |
| ♥ Roy Brewer | ♥ Patty Hardin |
| ♥ Katie Maness | ♥ Anita Morris |
| ♥ Jeff Blessard | |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- ◆ Jordan Burge
- ◆ Nicholas Burge

CONGRATULATIONS:

... to proud grandparent, Flint Adair, on the birth of grandson Maxwell Franklin Comer who was born Dec. 1, 2008. He weighed 8 lbs 7 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Parents are Robin & Tim Comer.

POINSETTIA ORDERS:

It's not too late to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$8.

They will be available for pick up after the Worship Service on Dec. 21. Please contact Pam Beam

704-664-2958 ext 202 or email at pam.beam@peninsulabaptist.com



HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES:

From now until Dec. 10, the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Inc. are teaming up to send holiday cards to service men and women in the US and around the world. The public is invited to send holiday cards along with a message of thanks and cheer. Send all cards to: **Holiday Mail For Heroes**
P.O. Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

iCONNECT:

There will be no iConnect tonight. Don't miss the Christmas musical.

iFAITH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

Today is the deadline to register and PAY for the Christmas Party. This year we're going to have dinner here, then load up the buses and head to McCadenville to see the lights. After that, we'll go to Laser Quest for 3 hours of late night laser tag! If you want to be included, you need to pay TODAY! The cost is \$20 and you can place your payment in an envelope and drop it in the gray box outside Daniel's office.

iFAITH PARENTS:

In order to make this year's Christmas celebration really special for your teenagers, we would like to ask you all to help. We need some help in the following areas...

- Decorating the fellowship hall
- Baking simple desserts: brownies, rice crispy treats, and cookies
- Serving and cleaning up the meal.
- Chaperoning the trip to McCadenville and Laser Quest.

If you can do any of these, please contact Lisa Mauney at 704-746-1788 or lisa.mauney@peninsulabaptist.com.

iFAITH SHOPPING AT HANES MALL:

iFaith goes Christmas shopping Dec. 22nd. We're getting on "big yellow" and heading to Hanes Mall to do our last minute Christmas shopping. You must sign up online by Thursday, Dec. 17. There will be no walk-on's allowed. You must have an updated medical release form on file in the church office to go.

iCONNECT's LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE:

Our iConnect small groups have set up their post office again this year. Bring your Christmas cards for anyone in our church family and they will be placed out for each family to pick up. We request at least a 10¢ donation for each card. The location is in the lobby by the preschool stairs. Cards can be brought in until Dec. 21.

UPWARD BASKETBALL REFEREES:

The Upward Basketball is in need of referees to help in all divisions for games on Friday or Saturday, during the season. Games will begin on Jan. 16. If you are interested in refereeing, please sign-up on-line by going to www.peninsulabaptist.com and click-on: **Sports**. The link is on the main sports page. There will be a mandatory referee meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30pm. If you have any questions about refereeing, please contact Roger Brown at 704-400-3266.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please join us this week as our classes discuss Christmas through the words of Isaiah. We will see the things he showed us 700 years before Christ was born. Learn the detailed prophecy, and you will understand the preparation God made as he prepared to send His Christmas Gift to us in Bethlehem. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 a.m. (at Brawley Middle School and at PBC) and 11:00 near the church Media Center. Our Greeters will be glad to help you find a class.

MISSIONS IN 2009 - Opportunities to Go!

Next year will hold many opportunities to serve Christ. Several of the opportunities already planned include:

- ◆ June 21-27 - St. John's Mission Trip
- ◆ June 27-July 4 - Family Mission Trip to NYC
- ◆ August 8-14 - Cook for Children's Camp in Casper, Wyoming
- ◆ August 10-14 - Family Mission Camp, Caswell Beach, NC
- ◆ Sept. 8-13 - Graffiti School Supply Sale, NYC
- ◆ Additional opportunities could exist in Kenya, China and Honduras.

If you have an interest e-mail

David.Simon@Peninsulabaptist.com

ADULT CHOIR:

Peninsula's very own adult choir will be singing at this year's "Holidays on Broad & Main" on Friday, December 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This will be downtown in front of the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Bring the whole family and enjoy all the activities that begin at 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE UPDATE:

The three motions that were presented at the Church conference, on November 30, have been approved as presented.

PENINSULA'S ADVENT GUIDE:

To look at the guide and put Christ in the middle of your Christmas go to www.peninsulabaptist.com



**See you tonight at 6pm
for the last performance
of this year's Peninsula
Christmas Celebration.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 12/14 Peninsula Christmas Celebration
- 12/19,20,21 Berea Baptist Church Singing Christmas Tree
- 12/20 Willing Workers SS Class Party
- 12/24 Church Office Closed
- 12/25 Church Office Closed
- 12/26 Church Office Closed
- 1/1 Church Office Closed

This week at Peninsula!

Dec. 14-Dec. 20, 2008

(Items in blue are not routine items)

SUNDAY

8:30; 9:45, 11:00 a.m....Worship Services..... FLC
9:45, 11:00 a.m..... Sunday School..... classrooms & BMS
11:00 a.m New Life Bible ClassE-10
..... No Regular Evening Activities
6:00 p.m..... Peninsula's Christmas Celebration FLC

MONDAY

8:00 a.m English As A Second Language..... F-32
9:00 a.m Homeschool Classes..... Main floor
4:00 p.m Upward Basketball Practice..... FLC
4:00 p.m Upward Cheerleading Practice..... F-24,25,26,27
6:30 p.m Faith Lessons..... FH
8:00 p.m College Bible Study..... Caribou Coffee

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m English As A Second Language..... F-32
4:00 p.m Upward Basketball Practice..... FLC
4:00 p.m Upward Cheerleading Practice..... F-24,25,26,27
6:00 p.m Homeschool Support Group Mtg FH

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m English As A Second Language..... F-32
10:30 a.m Weekday Preschool Christmas Program FLC
6:00 p.m PBC Orchestra Chapel
6:30 p.m Divorce Care E-12
6:30 p.m Wednesday Night Sunday School E-13
6:30 p.m Prayer Meeting..... E-10
7:00 p.m Worship Choir..... Chapel
8:30 p.m Worship Team FLC

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m English As A Second Language..... F-32
9:00 a.m Willing Workers SS Breakfast..... Off Site
9:15 a.m Staff Meeting F-33
10:30 a.m Weekday Preschool Christmas Program FLC
4:00 p.m Upward Basketball Practice..... FLC
4:00 p.m Upward Cheerleading Practice..... F-24,25,26,27
6:30 p.m Upward Basketball Referee Mtg..... F-26,27

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m Men's Fraternity Chapel
8:00 a.m English As A Second Language..... F-32
6:30 p.m Bible Study-Chinese E-10
6:30 p.m Adult Choir Singing Downtown
7:00 p.m iFaith Christmas Celebration..... FH & Off Site

SATURDAY

6:00 p.m Willing Workers SS Class Party FH
5:00 p.m 3rd Grade SS Class F-26,27, Off Site

Happy Birthday to the following members of our congregation:

Dec 14: Matthew Hicks, Emily Entrekin, Savanna Locklin

Dec 15: Karen Brown, Bradley Talton, Edmund Jia, Edward Jia

Dec 16: Steven Tabor, Steve Coleman, Shasta Woodard, Kathy Lee,
Don Corns

Dec 17: Lisa Morris, Angela Brooks, Amy Brooks, Carmen Janis,
Lily Howard, Anna Smith

Dec 18: Missy Kistemaker, Stephanie Rhodes

Dec 19: Patrick Sibley, Carol Ramey, June Holdier

Dec 20: Herman Jordan, Jerry Pope, Linda Choate



CHURCH OFFICE	704-664-2958.....	FAX 704-664-3991
DR. ROBERT JACKSON	SENIOR PASTOR	EXT. 203
DR. HUGH COOPER	ASSOC. PASTOR & MINISTER TO SENIOR ADULTS	EXT. 214
REV. JEFF MARINOS	MINISTER OF MUSIC	EXT. 215
REV. DAVID SIMON	MINISTER OF EDUCATION & OUTREACH	EXT. 201
REV. DANIEL DYE	MINISTER TO STUDENTS	EXT. 205
REV. JOSH BENFIELD	MINISTER TO PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN	EXT. 217
REV. STEPHEN MANGUM	MINISTER OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	EXT. 206
PAM BEAM	PASTOR'S SECRETARY	EXT. 202
RENEE SEGER	RECEPTIONIST/EDUCATION & MUSIC ASSISTANT	EXT. 212
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.....	SPORTS/OUTREACH MINISTRY COORDINATOR	EXT. 207
CHRISTIE COOK	PRESCHOOL MINISTRY COORDINATOR	EXT. 208
SUNNY COOKE	WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	704-663-7100

VIPs for December 21, 2008

Please pray for these Volunteers in Preschool (VIPs) serving on the 3rd Sunday in December. Also, please pray for our faithful teachers, assistant teachers and team leaders who serve every Sunday in preschool. **Thank you all!**

8:30 AM—Upstairs
(3 and under)
 Carol Ramey
 Mary Ann Jordan

9:45 AM—Upstairs
 Amy Haga

9:45 AM—Downstairs
 Kamma Campbell
 Julie Henry
 Diann Cashion

11:00 AM—Upstairs
 Lynn Williams
 Vonnie Collins
 Pam Beam

11:00 AM—Downstairs
 Diane Carter
 Jeff Musick
 Phil Lucas

HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

Robert & Jeanne McNeil
 727 Isle of Pines Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Please consider mailing an encouragement card to our homebound member.

The deadline for information to be included in Bulletin is **Thursday Noon.**

Event Forms are required to reserve a room, put a date on the calendar and to approve church-sponsored events. Submit form to church office.

Cooper's Corner

In his portrayal of the nativity scene, Rembrandt focused attention entirely on the Babe in the manger. He did this by painting a shaft of light so that it falls exclusively on the Christ-child. Although he included other figures, they are shrouded in shadows. Rembrandt wanted nothing to detract from the significance of that baby...who was God in the flesh. He wanted Christ to be the sole object of adoration.

Oh how I wish that kind of celebration for us all. Christ is to be the center, not only of Christmas, but of all that we do. Just remember it is His birthday!

You Are Loved,

Bro Hugh

Record for Dec. 7, 2008

Attendance

Sunday School.....	463
8:30 Worship.....	201
8:45 Nursery	4
9:45 Worship.....	NA
11:00 Worship.....	395
11:00 Nursery	37
Total	406

Regular Offering:

Given 12/7/08	\$33,790.24
Given (YTD).....	\$1,468,731.56
Sales Tax Refund (YTD)	\$4,035.82
Expenses (YTD)	\$1,450,578.36
Budgeted (YTD).....	\$1,497,346.00
**Weekly need: \$30,558	

"Fulfilling Our Call" Fund:

Contributions 12/7/08...	\$5,466.25
— 11/30/06-12/7/08 —	
Contributions (YTD)	\$1,124,478.98
Interest/Other Dep ...	\$765,268.12
Dep. From Budget ...	\$293,416.00
Expenses (YTD)	\$816,016.06
Balance.....	\$1,367,147.04

Lottie Moon Offering \$1,013.70