

Pastor's Paragraph

Congratulations on calling Rev. Jay Stewart as your pastor. This will mark the beginning of a new era at Dwight Baptist Church, and I pray that it will be the most God honoring and God blessed in the history of the church. There is a whole world of ministry that begins next door. With the coming of a new pastor, you will have a new vision and a new compassion and a new energy to do a new thing for the kingdom of God and His church. I will watch prayerfully in anticipation of the new works God is doing. It is exciting to be on the leading edge of His will and purpose.

The season of Advent and Christmas is also the season of Missions. As we look to the celebration of Christ's coming, we will be involved in sending the Heralds of His peace to the ends of the earth. Remember that all we give, 100% to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goes directly to missions. Because of the situation in our economy, over 600 missionaries will not be replaced in 2010. Retirements, etc. will shrink our missionary force. The challenge for those who can is to be more generous than ever.

Our goal this year is \$7,700. Last year we greatly surpassed a similar goal. Let's do it again and keep missions in the heart of our ministry.

With the soon coming of a new pastor, my time as your Interim Pastor is drawing to a close. It is a great privilege to serve with you in these days of transition and anticipation. To God be the Glory for all He is doing.

Have a Blessed Christmas,
Bro. Vince

December Happenings

- 1-EBA Secretaries' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., NLC
- Staff Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m., Bro. Vince and Lynda's house.
- 4-Women's Brunch and Bake Sale, 6:00 p.m., Cost: \$5.00
- 5-Breakfast With Santa and Bake Sale, 8:00—10:00 a.m., Cost: \$3.00
- 6-"Christmas in our Town", Tour of Homes, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Cost: \$5.00
- The Christmas Shop will be open Dec. 6, 13, 20.
- Monthly Deacon's Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 7-Betty Pruett's Class Christmas Party
- Vernell Bowen Circle, 6:30 p.m., Everyone bring your favorite goodies.
- 10-Deacons' Banquet, 6:00 p.m., The Fish Market, all widows and widowers invited as guests of the Deacons. Transportation will be provided, if needed. Everyone who is coming needs to make reservations. Please call the Church Office.
- 13-Senior Adult Brunch, 9:30 a.m., OFH, All Adult Classes invited, Please bring your favorite brunch goodies.
- Lottie Moon Ingathering, Goal: \$7,700.00
- Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Dinner Theater, 6:00 p.m., Cost: Adults, \$8.00, Children under 12, \$4.00
- Tickets available from any Youth.
- 15-Haydon Klein's Class Christmas Party
- 16-Monthly Business Meeting, Following Bible Study
- 19-Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
- 20-Church-wide Christmas Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Bring your favorite Brunch Goodies!
- The Adult Choir Cantata, "Carols, Candlelight and Communion", 6:00 p.m.
- 23-Candlelight Service
- 24-25 Church Office closed in observance of the Christmas Holidays
- 31-Family Night 6:00 p.m. — ?



Congratulations
to Chris and Candy Teague
who were married on October 24.
God's blessing on you both.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$7,700.00, Ingathering December 13

Deacon Family Ministry

Deacon of the month:
Harold Mabrey
580 Pleasant Valley Rd
Rainbow City, AL 35906
Home: 442-7449 Cell: 390-5685
Deacon Families

Jeff Barron
Cecil & Ollie Brown
Keith & Leah Garner
Penny Godfrey
Amber Godfrey
Ron & Connie Jones
Cassie Mann Hyatt

Matt Moon
Scott & Kelly Moore
John Sharpton
Kim Talton
William & Marion Ware
Max & Martha West
Mary Ellen Williams

Attendance and Stewardship for November

Tithes and Offering	\$34,285.71
NLC	8,594.10
NLC Monthly Needs	8,768.58
NLC Balance as of 9/25/09	\$424,561.99
Music	50.00
Sound/Video	345.00
Special Youth	165.00
Thanksgiving Offering	266.00
Total Offerings	\$43,705.81

Attendance

Enrollment	620
Members	957
Visitors	30
Total	987
Average	197

December Birthdays

1-Haydon Klein	-Tate Nance	-Becky Swindall
-Sue Myers	15-Charles Brackett	24-David Cochran
3-Kathleen Stedham	16-Sam Elkins	-Mary Lois Hearn
4-Jerri Mackey	-Logan Glenn	25-Donna Ball
7-Delsie Yother	17-Jonathon Davis	-Justin Mabrey
9-Rosalind Cornutt	18-Jason Rogers	-Tyler Stewart
-Heath Holland	-Kate Snead	26-Annette Ferguson
12-Kevin Hill	19-Marie Dew	28-Bobby Colegrove
-Chris Teague	20-Trey Barnes	-Tim Hyatt
13-Eleanor Cheaves	-Jerry Cheaves	29-Chris Burnette
-Linda Hall	-Margaret Cranford	-Greg Fails
-Gladys Lancaster	21-Hoyt Johnson Jr	-Amber Godfrey
-Bill Teague	-Connie Roebuck	30-Howard Carroll Jr
14-Kristen Hood	-Gauge Tedder	30-Nelle Stowers
-Kelly Moore	22-Jody Holland	31-Carolyn Chavers

Sympathy

The Church extends Christian love and sympathy to:
Tim Robertson and family in the loss of his mother, Joy Robertson.
Peggy Kerr and family in the loss of her sister, Evelyn Braswell;
the family of Louise Brown;
the family of Roy Buchanan;
the family of Mary Warsham.

Writings of Paul

Where did the month of November go? Before we get turned around 2010 will be here! Let me say thank you for a great month of activity and fellowship!

To everyone who attended on November 4 the concert by the Men's Chorale from The Baptist College of Florida, thank you! We had an evening of praise and worship that was unlike anything we have done this year at Dwight. If you missed this event, you truly missed a blessing! Maybe we can have this choir next year on a Wednesday or Sunday! Thank you to Peggy Logan and company for feeding the choir.

The Adult Choir is currently working on the Christmas musical Carols, Candlelight and Communion to be presented on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m.. Mark this date on your calendars and join us for this seasonal celebration!

Thanks to everyone who worked on the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project. We collected 234 shoe boxes to be sent around the world. God will bless this act of kindness in ways we can not know until we get to Heaven! God bless you!

Jay Stewart and family are coming to Dwight Baptist Church! Bro. Jay will be in the office on Monday, December 21. Please pray that God will sell their house in Georgia. Pray for Candi, Nate and Callie as they say goodbye to friends and classmates. I have been in their shoes, and it's never easy to uproot and leave friends and what has been familiar. We are blessed to have the Stewart family joining us at Dwight.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the Christmas season. Cindy and I love you all!

Blessings,
Paul

Memorials

... **Valda Harris** by: Eleanor Kilpatrick. ... **J. W. Ball** by: Joe & Iva Patty; Mike Patty; and The Art Payne Sunday School Class. ... **Danny Harbison** by: Jerry & Arris Chambers; The Adult Choir. ... **Amon Preston** by: Pat Byrum. ... **Sherry Guttry Simmons** by: Jerry & JoAnn Waits. ... **Louise Brown** by: The Class of Mary; Gene & Yvonne Burgess; Janet Semrick; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Chambers. ... **Roy Buchanan** by: Peggy Buchanan & Family; Charlie Brown; Jack's Coffee Club; Pat & Shirley Thomas; Julian & Joyce Martin; The Rebekah Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, TN; Donna & Wayne Cox; Dr. & Mrs. Felton Davenport; Jo Cameron; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Chambers; Gene & Yvonne Burgess.

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to my Church Family for their prayers, visits, cards and support during my illness. You really ministered to Ray and me when we needed it most. A special thank you to Bro. Vince for his pastoral care during this time. We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving Church Family.

God's Blessing on you all,
Ray & Juanita Bradley

To my Church Family: thank you so much for all the kindness shown during the passing of my brother. The meal and monetary gifts were really appreciated. You are such a special and loving Church Family!

Kathey Fails

Thanks to each and everyone of you ladies at Dwight Baptist Church. The meal was delicious that you prepared for our entire family. Thank you for each card, thought, deed and prayers for us. You are a special group of ladies!

Kathey Fails & Tracey Thrower

I would like to thank my loving friends for the prayers, visits cards and gift certificates for flowers I received in the death of my sister. Also for the food and flowers from the church. Please keep me in your prayers. May God bless you.

Love,
Polly Gilbert

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Christmas Shoebox Goal: 233, Received 234!

Committees For December

Deacon of the Month: Harold Mabrey

December 6, 2009

Children's Worship: Rhonda Tucker
Preschool Worship: Greg & Kathy Fails
Nursery:
Bed Babies: April & Kevin Glenn
Creepers/Toddlers: Chad & Becky Snead
2 Yrs: Jerri Atkins & Jennifer Gilbert
Pager Station: Jerri Atkins
Prayer Team: Carolyn Chavers & Marie Boyd
Ushers AM & PM: J. L. Bellamy, Lonnie Cheaves, Clyde Dial, Greg Edge, Jeff Hathorn, Joe Logan, James Sprayberry
Teller Committee: Margaret Fails, Betty Brooks, Polly Rogers, Faye Stowers

December 13, 2009

Children's Worship: David & Kelly Cochran
Preschool Worship: Candice Williams & Lauren Rule
Nursery:
Bed Babies: Anita Hathorn & Leah Garner
Creepers/Toddlers: Don & Jackie Williams
2 Yrs: Michelle & Daniel Bomtrager
Pager Station: Cora Lou Staggs
Prayer Team: Larry Bellamy & Harold Mabrey
Ushers AM & PM: Ray Bradley, Bobby Colegrove, Kim Gilbert, Pat Haynes, Jeff Hopper, Scott Moore, Dennis Tucker
Teller Committee: Lonnie Cheaves, Barbara Payne, Jackie Thrower, Debra Nance

December 20, 2009

Children's Worship: Greg & Jennifer Edge
Preschool Worship: Jimmy & Kris Martin
Nursery:
Bed Babies: April Klein & Amanda Rogers
Creepers/Toddlers: Jody & Kayla Holland
2 Yrs: Matt & Sheri Logan
Pager Station: Candice Williams
Prayer Team: Marie Bailey & Christine Lancaster
Ushers AM & PM: Blake Hudson, Sonny Kerr, Wes Klein, Wayne McCluney, Harold Milner, Neil Thrower, Tom Wiggonton
Teller Committee: Betty Pruettt, Jimmie Bailey, Pam Christopher, Ann Carroll

December 27, 2009

No Children's Worship:
Preschool Worship: Ralph & Kim Dyer
Nursery:
Bed Babies: Pug Mabrey & Carolyn Chavers
Creepers/Toddlers: Tracy & Shaugni Thrower
2 Yrs: Donna Wall & Trudie Turner
Pager Station: Neil Thrower
Prayer Team: Pam Christopher & Joyce Teague
Ushers AM & PM: David Cochran, James Cranford, Sam Elkins, Bill Minshew, Steve Reagan, Jerry Rogers, Rodney Thompson
Teller Committee: Margaret Cornelius, Gene Burgess, Haydon Klein, Howard Carroll Jr., Shirley Thomas

**Merry Christmas
 from your Church Staff,
 Bro. Vince, Bro. Paul, Joyce, Pam,
 Peggy, Kelly, Marie, and Jerry!**

Thank You's Continued

The family of Danny Harbison thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. We would like to say thank you, our Church Family, for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during Mother's sickness. A special thank you to Brother Vince for all the visits he made. They meant a lot to all of us.

Louise Brown's Family
 Jackie, Judy,
 Richard & Eddie

Thank you to the following people for their kindness and generosity in helping to make our soup luncheon a great success. Jackie Ryan, Dot Elrod, Joyce Teague, Peggy Logan, Dean Bynum, Marie Boyd, and Peggy Kerr. This would not have been a success without us all working together. Thank you supporting us.

The Decorating Committee
 Chris Burnette, Anita Hathorn,
 Mary Jo Brannon, Carolyn Chavers
 Cindy Dean, Polly Rogers

Thank you so much for the purple and gold floral arrangement. Due to error on the obituaries (me), he was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School, 1950, and was very proud of his school.

Thank you and God Bless,
 Doris Buchanan

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**WHO'S
 WHOSE MISSING?
 MISSION?**

**LOTTIE MOON
 CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

National Goal: \$175 million

Dwight Baptist Church Goal

\$7,700.00

Ingathering December 13

Dwight Baptist Church
 has extended a call to Rev. Jay Stewart
 to be our Pastor, and he has accepted.
 He will be in the Church Office on December 21 and
 will be in the pulpit on December 27.