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**WEEKLY BUDGET**

Needed Weekly 2014	\$12,744.70
Received December 15	\$18,544.71

**OFFERINGS/DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Tithes and Offerings	\$7,333.42
Building	\$365.00
Keenagers (Dinner Bell)	\$86.00
M&M (Coats)	\$80.00
Lottie Moon	\$195.00
Uganda Mission	\$7,894.79
Floors	\$60.00
Poinsettias	\$7.50
GA'S	\$5.00
Children's Choir (T-Shirts)	\$40.00
Missions – Non Deductible	\$2,478.00
TOTAL	\$18,544.71

**FROM PASTOR JOEL**

*“And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”*  
Luke 10:2

Do you remember back in October when we joined together for a night of prayer to ask sincerely that the Lord of the harvest would send more workers into the field? We were reminded of the “urgency” of our mission, our “dependency” on our God, and our “expectancy” of the harvest. It’s amazing to me to see God at work! Since our time of prayer in October, we’ve had the incredible joy of seeing and celebrating the salvation of adults, youth and children in our faith family! We’ll be celebrating baptisms on January the 12<sup>th</sup> for some of these people who have been a part of God’s harvest here at FBC-SF, and I can’t wait to see

and to participate in the work of the harvest that God has planned in 2014 for our faith family.

Since our time of prayer in October, we’ve also seen God use our faith family to help to plant a Southern Baptist Church in the B-Line community at Angola. Some of you have already joined Henry and Connie in reaching out to the B-Line community, inviting residents to come and to worship and to hear about Jesus with this new faith family. As the New Year starts, I’m looking forward with expectancy to seeing the harvest for God’s Kingdom that our Lord has planned through Henry and Connie’s ministry at the B-Line. Let’s continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more workers into the field at the B-Line this coming year!

Since our time of prayer in October, we’ve also seen God send our faith family out into the harvest to all nations. As you are reading this article, nine members of our faith family are on the ground in Uganda, Africa for the sole purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many children and adults as God leads us to. As I write this article, I’m full of joy in just thinking about what God has planned for the FBC-SF mission team in Uganda. I hope that you’re praying for us this week. In fact, please take a minute right now and praise the Lord for sending us and pray to the Lord for the harvest (here in Uganda) as we tell others about Jesus. I’m so excited to see what God is going to do and for our team to get back and share with you about the work of the harvest that our faith family has been a part of in Africa.

So why am I talking about October in January? Because I hope that it will help us start this New Year in this way:

- (1) Thanking the Lord for how amazing He is and for how He’s given us the privilege to be a part of His harvest!
- (2) Praising the Lord for His salvation and for the lives that we’ve seen saved for eternity through faith in Jesus Christ in 2013!

- (3) Committing ourselves to pray with persistency and passion that the Lord would continue sending workers from FBC-SF into the harvest in 2014!
- (4) Watching with anticipation for what God has planned for 2014 in making each one of us more like Jesus in our lives!
- (5) Working with excitement in the harvest that God calls us to from St. Francisville to the ends of the earth!

What do you say? Will you join with me and start our new year this way?

All for Jesus,  
Pastor Joel

### CHURCH NEWS



It's here! We've started our daily Bible readings for 2014! We'll be reading through the Bible chronologically, and there's going to be two options for participation. Option one is to simply follow the reading plan that will be in the worship guide each week in our disciple-makers section. The other option is to purchase the "Reader's Guide to the Bible" by George Guthrie and to use this resource as a supplement to guide the daily readings. The book can be purchased from Lifeway for \$9.95. It can be ordered online at <http://www.lifeway.com/Product/readers-guide-to-the-bible-a-chronological-reading-plan-p005414497>. Join us this year as we study God's Word together!!

REMINDER: If you would like to receive text and email updates about church happenings, please go to the website and sign up. Thanks!!!

### B-LINE CHURCH PLANT

Volunteers needed to start and lead a children's program at the B-Line Community Church, which would consist of leading an hour program for children each week (Mission Kids, AWANA, etc.). The timing of the program offered would be flexible, based on when it would be convenient for the volunteers to help! Is God calling you?

If you want to be put on Henry's volunteer list, please contact Henry at [henry@fbcfla.com](mailto:henry@fbcfla.com).

### MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING FLOORING

The Hostess Committee began a fund several months ago to save money to replace the flooring in the multipurpose building. At this time we have saved **\$12,653.50** and cost estimates at this point indicate the cost will be approximately \$18,000-\$20,000.

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us Tuesday evenings for a Bible Study just for ladies at 7:00pm @ the home of Shannon and Melissa Hall. We are studying a 6 week series written by Priscilla Shirer on the book of Gideon. Next up: 1000 Gifts by Ann Voskamp - a study on the habit of thankfulness to usher us into God's presence.

Ladies Precept Bible study that meets Thursday mornings with Mrs. Diane Alise will resume on January 16, 2014! If interested call the church office or Diane Alise at 635-4710!

On Tuesday Evenings in the old Sunday school building there is a men's Bible study from 6:30-7:30pm. The current study topic is "The Foundations", a look at how a better understanding of the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis should and can impact our lives!

### SENIOR ADULTS NEWS



Senior Adult Luncheon

Monday, January 6, 2014

Kevin Couhig, the new Parish President will be our Guest Speaker!!

Please join us!

### **Rent-A-Youth**

Do you have any jobs that require a strong back or an able body? Well, here's your chance to get those jobs done. Stop by the youth office and fill out the form to rent a youth for your home or community project. Pick a worker, pick a time, and schedule to have one of our youth come out and get the job done. All you have to do is fill out the form and give your check or cash to Scotty, and it will be deposited into the student's account for Fuge and Mission trips during the summer.

### **Bayou Youth Rally**

Mark your calendars for January 19<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at the church at 4:30pm then head for dinner at CiCi's Pizza, then off to Istrouma for worship, then over to Bowl until midnight and finally finish at church for a lock in until 7am Monday! If you are interested in attending please see Scotty. Cost is \$15

### **Youth Sunday school**

Come hang with us on Sunday mornings! We start at 9:15am every Sunday! Be there!!!

### **Disciple Now**

Yes...you read correctly D-NOW is already being planned for 2014! Mark your calendars now for February 21-23, but more importantly begin praying for all who will be involved! Details to come!

## **PROJECT DOMINICANA**

### **Dominican Mission Trip**

**Deposit is Due by January 5<sup>th</sup>!!!**

There is still time to join Leslie and Rodney on the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. We will be able to take up to 6 people, so please let one of us know if you are at all interested. Please call Leslie at 635-5454. Please be in prayer about this trip!

Thank you, Leslie & Rodney Cooper

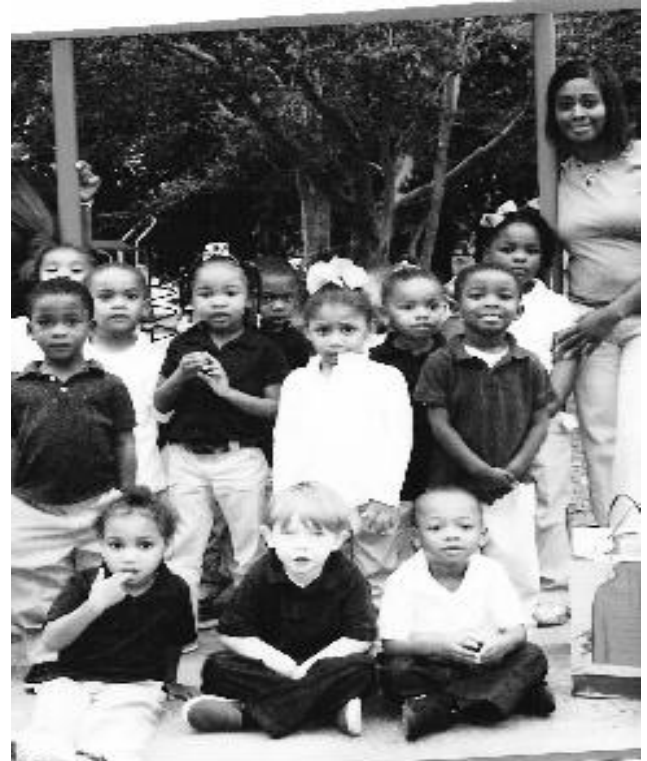
### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**



**FBC St, Francisville Goal: \$4500.00  
Given ~ \$2,745.94**

**There is still time to give your offering.**

## **Thank you from the Head Start Kids!!**



**THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
We love the shoes and the jackets. Thank you for giving them to us.  
Thank you!  
PS. We reached our goal for the coats!!



## Poinsettia Memorials



Lisa Spiers – In Memory of June Yelverton and Gus Morrison

Katie Dutsch ~ In Memory of Paul Dutsch

Sandy and Family – In Memory of Ricky Dutsch

Henry and Fanita Goodfellow – In Memory of our parents and siblings

Kevin and Kellie Cornette ~ In Memory of Mary and Shirley Frazier and Malcom Cornette

Minnie Simpkins – In Memory of Floyd Simpkins

Jo Howard – In Memory of Don Howard and our parents

Jimmy and Ginger Harvey – In Memory of Jim Harvey, Claude and Adlell Johnson

Martha Hill – In honor of my Family

Sharon Leachman – In Memory of our parents

Sammy Patrick – In Memory of our son ~ Sam

Shelia and John Jennings – In Honor of our family

Beryl Eisworth – In Memory of Cynthia Fitch; In Honor of John Theriot

Pete and Ruth Bryant – In Honor of Cole, Presley, J.Paul, Drake, Amelia and William

Sarah Rogers ~ In Memory of parents and husband

Carolyn and Pete Pittman ~ In Memory of our granddaughter, Lily Smith and our parents

Milly and Howard Varner ~ In Memory of Joseph Varner

Rhonda Guillot ~ In Memory of Gaston Poret, Jr and Ross Breaux

Donna Felps ~ In Memory of Tyler Felps, Melba and Cappy Roe, Eva Berry and Albert Tynes

Perry and Charlene Brewer ~ In Memory of Terry Brewer, Our parents and Dale and Kathy Starns

## UGANDA MISSION TRIP

**Please pray for our Uganda mission team:**

**Joel Williams, Tiffany Williams, Alaina Williams, Cade Williams, Scotty Owens, Jerome Matherne, Genevieve Burnham, Melissa Hall, Mandy Marsalis, Michelle Coleman**

### Prayer Guide...

- Dec 26th-27th - Travel to Entebbe in Uganda, Africa
- Dec 28th - Travel to Jinja, Uganda; do ministry at the Children's Hospital there; travel to Busembatia village
- Dec 29th - Team will worship and preach at four different churches; return and do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in the village
- Dec 30th - Team will do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in another village and then return to Jinja
- Dec 31st - Team will travel to Kangumilira village and do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in the village
- Jan 1st - Team will do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in another village and then return to Jinja
- Jan 2nd - Team will travel to Dogusi island and do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in a village there
- Jan 3rd - Team will travel to another island around Dogusi and do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in a village there
- Jan 4th - Team will travel to another island around Dogusi and do VBS, men's and women's Bible study, and evangelism in a village there
- Jan 5th - Team will worship and preach on the islands and then travel back to Jinja
- Jan 6th - Team will be in Jinja
- Jan 7th - Team will travel to Game Park in Uganda
- Jan 8th-9th - Travel to St. Francisville, LA

## CDC Ministry



Valerie Herring is teaching our toddlers numbers and how to count.

Wow! Another year has come and gone. It's amazing how fast our little ones grow. We started 2014 out with a bang! Our students are progressing well and some are moving on up to a new classroom. The New Year's Holiday always brings around change and a new beginning. Everyone is excited for the New Year and the wonderful changes to come. All of us here at In the Beginning Child Development Center wish you all a blessed and Happy New Year!

Megan Welch  
Director