Please be in prayer for our Kenya Mission Team!

*Did You Know?*

God pulled together a very unique team this year. We will be joined by a team from New Covenant Fellowship Church in Louisville, a trio of doctors and nurses based in Ohio and another team of physicians that will meet us in Nairobi.

We will be providing an eye clinic to distribute 400 pairs of glasses. We will also provide medical clinics throughout Soy and Eldoret. Water filters and training will be included for residents around Soy.

Marilyn Rhoads  
Steve Kovaka  
Lisa Mauch  
John O'Shea  
Tracey Brink  
Steve Boyd  
Sharon Hamilton  
Bonnie LeCompte  
Tom LeCompte  
Dr. Kathy McDonald
I want to thank SBC for the Christmas food basket. This is the 3rd Christmas I have received it and I and my family are very appreciative. Everyone that has ever brought a basket has been so nice!!

Joyce Kingsolver & family
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2  Josh Brink, Megan Evans, Melissa Sangster
3  Kathy Greenwell
4  Jennifer White
5  Grace Shin, Hailey Coffey, Olivia Coffey, Alex Cline, Mark Cox
7  Michelle Isenberg
8  Tim Pardee, Joyce Young
9  Eusebio Barrera, Dianna Stover
10 Lauryn Romine, Heather Hendricks
11 Emerson Hendricks
12 Larry Curry, Leo Young
13 Denise Miller
15 Russ Jones, Erin Bailey, Haylee Lowe
16 Ashley Boyd, Albert Duncan, Danielle Hall, Sasha Cox
17 Mike Moore, Jim Axline
20 Eric Bland
21 Mattie Johnson, Ryan Hunter, Anne Waterman, Lauren Kute
22 Ashley Rose Bland
24 Mike Forman
25 Bailey Sowder, Bea Magallon
26 Marsena Vaughan, Tyler Griggs
27 Sydney Rogers, Izzy Potter
28 Kaylee Lloyd, Aiden Perkins, Megan Banks
30 Megan Magallon, Ken Hyde, Charles Hall

Don’t see your name?  
Let us know and we will add you.

New Coupon Class
January 21
9:30am-12:30pm
$10 per person
Led by Erin Moreno
Sponsored by the Women’s Ministry
Sign up at the Welcome Center.
Childcare not provided.

Dear Simpsonville Baptist Church:
Thanks for the visits, cards and food following the death of Stan. Thank you also to those who contributed memorial gifts in his memory and for the many prayers on our family’s behalf. When he was able, he enjoyed worshipping with each of you. God will always see us through these difficult times and many times he uses good friends like you.

Nellie Garrison

Men’s Open Play Basketball
Begins
Sunday, January 15
1:30-3:30pm

PRAYER MEETING
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Crafts for Christ Group
Resumes
Monday, January 9
at 10am

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

2011 proved to be a busy and productive year for the Property Team. Our job list consisted of one hundred projects and with the help of volunteers we were able to complete approximately 65 of those projects between May and December. While most projects were small and could be completed by our volunteers we had a few larger projects that relied on the time and talent of our Property Team. In 2012, the Property Team will complete projects such as the storage shed and the student basement remodeling. A big thank you to our team members: Jerry Gordon, Al Poulter, Jerry Ray, Gary Stewart, and Gwyn Trumbo. Special thanks also to Larry Curry, Lisa Davis, and Scott Sageser who rotated off the team in August. Please keep your eyes and ears open for the next church work day.

Denise Miller
CHRISTMAS MINISTRY REPORT

Colonial Hall: For the first time Colonial Hall had a float in the Shelbyville Christmas parade! A big thank you to the Mike Moore family, Johnnie Gowin family, Hunter Lumbatis, Lisa & Luke Daugherty, Olivia Coffey, Denise Long, Ed & Shirley Ragan, who helped to make this day a special one for the residents.

We also provided a Christmas party for the 54 residents complete with a ham dinner. The teachers at Heritage Elementary provided and passed out beautiful gifts for each resident. A big thank you goes out to the Kevin Daugherty family, the Moores, Sadie Igleheart, Vera Stewart & Stanalee Gowin for providing dessert and to Ed & Shirley Ragan for providing the meal.

Christmas Food Boxes: The church family stepped up to not only provide 33 food boxes for needy families this year but also Christmas gifts for local children. A big thank you to Charlie Wallace’s Sunday School class, Sharon Kramer, & Doug Wilkins family for going the extra mile to make sure these children had a great Christmas! The AWANA kids worked together to provide 5 of those baskets!


Living Nativity: Our Living Nativity had about 40 people involved each night. Approximately 175 people stopped by to enjoy seeing the Word of God come to life before their eyes. Each of our guests received a card that included scripture, a small gift, and in invitation to our Christmas worship services. A big thank you goes out to Dale & Sharon Kramer for organizing this event and to Cecil Jones' Sunday School class for presenting it to the entire church family on Sunday morning as we arrived. (On a side note, the left over gifts, which included Christmas themed scripture verses, were taken to JT's restaurant, Hucks and Short Stop in Simpsonville who agreed to hand them out to their customers!!)

Students Christmas Caroling: Our students shared the Christmas spirit with some of our neighbors and homebound families with a night of homemade bread! There was much visited were very appreciative.

Thank You for sharing the love of Jesus with our community!
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

It’s hard to believe that 2012 is here! January is the beginning of a lot of great things in the Kid Connection ministry.

We have tons of fun coming up in AWANA this spring. January 4th is the start date for the AWANA spring semester. Wed, January 11th we will be hosting Linda Otterback as our guest missionary speaker during worship time. Linda is a volunteer with the Mission Service Corp of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Everyone will be able to fulfill the requirements for the missionary section of their books on that night, so make sure you are present! Wed, January 18th is Organized Mass Chaos night, which is more fun than we’re probably allowed to have! Sunday, January 29th is Sparks Sunday School day. The Sparks club will be going to Gatlinland after Sunday School on that day. Cost: $5 and Sunday School attendance.

We will resume Kid Connection church on Sunday, Jan 1st. We will begin a Fun Foundations of Faith series entitled “Theo”. You can check out a preview at http://www.theopresents.com/videos/episodes/

Our Kid’s Ministry Team (KMT) will be having a 2012 planning luncheon on January, 8th at 11:45. We will be reviewing the 2012 ministry year and putting into action the plans for the first quarter. Exciting stuff!

Kid Connection Club is a new Kid Discipleship time that will begin January 22nd at 5:30. This will be a flexible time of Missions, Bible lessons, music and all kinds of cool stuff to help our kids grow in their service to Christ.

Coming Feb 22nd is a Created Creatures animal show with real live animals from 6 different continents! Check it out at http://www.animaledzoocation.com/

We want to thank the following groups for their mission efforts in December:

- AWANA clubbers and their families for donating enough food to fill 5 food boxes for families in need this Christmas.
- The third grade Sunday School class rang the bell for the Salvation Army and delivered food baskets.

Nursery Ministry

Nursery Ministry is integral to all we do and offer. Granted some families choose to keep their young children with them in worship, but most families choose to utilize our nursery for ages 0-2 years. As you know, we are a volunteer organization and we especially need parents to take their turn.

We realize that parents volunteer their gifts and services in many areas. Some of those areas include children’s church, S.S. teaching, music ministries and more. We desire to be fair and equitable in our expectations of your service and help.

Patty Wentworth, this year’s nursery coordinator, is sending out a proposed schedule for 2012. We want to offer our support for her work and for the nursery ministry as a whole. The nursery coordinator position is so difficult that we often find it hard securing a volunteer for more than a year. We thank Patty for her willingness to help organize our coming year.

We thank each of you for this important ministry to our church family, guests, and not least of all, our precious children.

Shari Thompson and Steve Boyd
As a year comes to an end, it's a fitting time to count your blessings. What do you see when you look back on 2011? I can see the Lord's hand at work in different ways and many areas of our church. Most recently we presented a dinner theater called “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” and it was a success in all the ways that only God could have imagined!

- We involved more than 52 people in the drama, including direction, acting, set design & construction; also had at least 30 more people involved in table and room settings and decorations, ticketing, lights & sound, food preparation, and more! All three nights ran incredibly smoothly, which is a huge “praise God” factor because with that many variables, there were bound to be more challenges than there were. Also, it was a terrific win to involve so many people, including kids, who had never been part of a drama or dinner theater before, and they were awesome!

- The choir had a robust 25 people who were involved with singing songs from “Noel: Night of Everlasting Love,” and a casual listen would have led you to believe it was a choir of a hundred. They were incredible and brought the worship of our God to a sensitive and heartfelt place.

- Numbers are not the best ways to judge success; only God can judge whether or not the offering was a success for His kingdom. But we can look at all three nights and rejoice that we served food to over 775 people and at least 200 of those were guests from the community, many of whom have no church home! We received many comment cards from people who wanted information on the church and also how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ! It’s a BIG WIN when the gospel can be shared and the local church can be highlighted to people who may not know Him.

We also saw a big increase in praise choir participation this year as we switched our Awana program to Wednesday nights and allowed more adults the chance to bring their kids to a great, quality discipleship program at the same time as choir practice. That has been a huge blessing to see and I’m praying that God continues to grow us!

Our church had some setbacks in the area of international missions when the tsunami hit Japan and the resulting radiation made it difficult to travel. We are still praying for the nation of Japan and its people finding Christ. But we were able to really push our attention towards a health clinic and mission trip to eastern Kentucky, along with several other churches, and see God’s people work together in strong ways. We served in the area of Inez, helping area ministries, such as Haven of Rest, and a church plant through physical work, evangelism, and a Touched Twice medical clinic.

We had a large group from our church working in a 25 mile radius as well as other groups who joined us. Besides the Haven of Rest, we painted and restored a church in West Van Lear; we had a group led by Ken Hyde who painted, did construction, and built a deck for a dynamic church plant in Paintsville called Mountain Community Fellowship; there was another group serving at a ministry called ARO (Appalachian Reach Out) working with a huge food and clothes closet and doing a local VBS. We offered a revival service in Inez and prepared for a Touched Twice clinic on a Saturday where people received free medical/dental/vision care as well as spiritual counseling. Posters were up all over the towns and there was excitement in the air!

We had nightly worship services and got to baptize (in a swimming pool) a young woman named Kelly who had dedicated her life to Christ and has since visited us here at SBC where several from our group are continuing to mentor and care for her!

There was also a short mission trip to Mt. Vernon, IL, helping a church plant with new building construction. This trip was led by Bob Gordon, and from all accounts, it was a memorable and God-honoring trip. There were many local ministries supported by our church this past year as well: a clothing and school supply giveaway at Meadowridge Apartments, continuing ministry to Colonial Hall, our ALC Baby Bottle campaign where money was raised for A Loving Choice, and many more.

We started using our Missions Cove as a ministry center where we collected everything from school supplies and medicine to backpacks and suitcases and food for people in need. Whenever you see something highlighted for a particular month, remember that when all of us work together, we can make a big difference in that particular ministry.

There are many more ways that God has blessed the ministries of SBC this past year, and I'm sure you can list some that I have missed. Thank you for being a part of a church body that chooses to love God and grow together and serve the world! And thank God for making it all possible and giving us the chance to be a part of His over-reaching plan!

Matt Garner
Mission Totes
January Focus: Kenya Mission Trip

Your donations of over-the-counter medicines will enable us to provide quality medical care for the 2010 mission trips. In many cases the same medicines that we use cheaply can cost a farmer more than a month’s wages.

Benadryl, Claritan, Zytec, Visine
hydrocortisone cream 1% Neosporin
antifungal creams insect repellants
Ibuprofen for adults, Aleve diaper rash ointment
Prilosec, Zantac, Pepcid ear wax removal kits
psoriasis topical creams plantar wart removal pads
creams and lotions for dry skin
cough and cold medicines for both children and adults

Please note that all products can be generic!
Donations should be taken to the Mission Cove.

Eastern Kentucky Shoeboxes
Thanks to all who gave and helped with the our Christmas shoebox project this year. SBC and Adventure Club had a combined total of 152 boxes and we had 148 boxes from other churches which we transported on a very rainy day to Martin County. We were very excited to also include 170 toys which were hand-made by the residents of the Shelbyville Masonic Home. Special thanks to Cindy Childers & Anne Kuhn for their leadership at Masonic Home and to Ed & Shirley Ragan and Jennie Chiba for delivering the boxes!

Larry & Linda Otterback

Did You Know?
We are making 1,500 salvation bracelets for our 2012 international mission trips! 500 will be used in Honduras and 1,000 will be used in Kenya.

Thank you to the following individuals that worked together to provide so many bracelets:
Linda Kerr, Shirley Ragan, Abigail Griggs, Tony Sanford, Marilyn Rhoads, 7th & 8th grade Sunday School class.

STEWARDSHIP

When will it be that we give More for Christ?

Watching the ads for Christmas, merchants all tell you that you need more and more of their products. Millions of dollars are spent in merchandizing techniques to get the public to let go of their money and pass it along to Wal-Mart, McDonald's and Apple...or any of the other companies in existence today.

Christ is asking more from you as well. He wants more of your time, talents and heart. Who will win this battle for your attention? Everything under your Christmas tree will eventually turn to ashes and dust. Investments made in His name and to His church are eternal. It's your choice to make - He gave us free will.

The idea of More for Christ is to take inventory of your giving level today, and take it up a level or two in 2012 and beyond. Would you be able to give $5 extra per week for example? Even if you are at the historical Biblical level of the tithe, see if you can give more of an offering. We all realize that the economic situation is tough right now for many people, but we ask you to count your blessings, then decide.

Please pray about this as a family. Our church has many opportunities to minister to those who are needing help in many ways - especially spiritually. The church programs need funding from the church members to do the greatest work on earth - leading people to Jesus Christ as their savior.

Charlie Wallace
Home Small Group Discipleship

We are offering a new discipleship series in homes beginning the week of January 22. This discipleship class is geared to supporting marriage and families. The discipleship study is written by David Platt, the author of the Radical book series. He imagines a time when Christians aren’t free to meet publicly to express their faith, thus, the title Secret Church.

A true small group has around 10-14 persons attending, allowing each person the opportunity and encouragement to discuss the theme. Small groups allow for friendships and care to develop. The purpose of home small groups is to fulfill the discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship functions of the church.

We will need 4-5 host homes. We will need facilitators for each group too. The structure of our home small groups is as follows: 30 minutes - video, 30 minutes - facilitated discussion, 30 minutes – share, care, prayer. Perhaps you would choose to develop a small group thru your S.S. class. We will have a small group leaders meeting on Wednesday, January 4. Please note the advantages of discipleship in the home.

1. Home small groups emphasize sharing your testimony and life experience of God’s grace.
2. Classes can be hosted on any evening of the week.
3. Homes provide an intimate and friendly atmosphere for attendees.
4. We suggest that homes meet every week or twice a month to maintain continuity.
5. Invitations to home Bible studies are more likely to be accepted.
6. Desserts can be served to increase aspects of fellowship.

Financial Peace University

Begins January 22 at 5:30pm
Cost: $100
Facilitators: Jerry Ray & Ken Hyde
Scholarships may be available

Jesus’ Message to the Church - contains 10 lessons.

Chapters 1-3 of Revelation contain God’s messages to the seven churches of Asia. See how His messages recorded by John so long ago still speak to the church today. Facilitator: Shari Thompson

This Precepts inductive Bible Study begins
Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm.
Workbook cost: $20
Sign up at the Welcome Center by January 4.
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Sunday, January 8 at 5:30pm

Please invite your neighbors to this free event! Pop corn & drinks included!

Preschoolers will be shown an age-related movie.

Simpsonville Baptist Church
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