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Outreach Opportunity

Once again FSBC has an opportunity to **Show Christ's Love** by getting involved with the local school system by collecting food for students at the Clarksville Community Schools. Deadline for all food items will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Items needed are cereal bars, granola bars, pop-tarts, hot chocolate pkgs, instant oatmeal pkgs, macaroni & cheese cups, ramen noodles, individual peanut butter pkgs, individual Spaghetti-O's, peanut butter or cheese snack crackers, microwave popcorn, individual tuna or chicken salad kits, small boxes of raisins or craisins. Please remember that all cans must have pop-tops for easy opening. We will also be collecting money to purchase any items not collected. 36 students were provided for during the fall break. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Offering Information

Budget Needed: \$ 10,636.21
 Offering Received: \$ 8,800.00
 Designated Other: \$ 485.00
Total: \$ 9,285.00

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	84	AM	126
Youth	11	PM	61
Children	12		
Preschool	17		
Total:	124		

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,
 serving...in the name of Jesus
 Christ and for His glory.*

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Welcome Reception for Nick & Melissa Scott,
 Plan to join us in welcoming Nick & Melissa,
 our new youth minister & his wife, in a
 "Bring Your Favorite Goodies" reception immediately following the evening worship
 service on Sunday night, December 8th in the FLC.

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 6

HSM in FLC — 12:00-4:00 PM

Saturday, December 7

Ruth Class Christmas Party in FLC—11:00 AM—1:00 PM
 Praise Ringers, Youth Choir & Dr. Tom Seel at Riverbend—1:30 PM

Sunday, December 8

Preschool Choir, Praise Ringers & Orchestra in AM Service
 Children's Christmas Party in FLC—12:15 PM
 Church-wide Welcome Reception for Nick & Melissa immediately following
 evening worship service in FLC

Tuesday, December 10

XYZ Christmas Pitch-in Luncheon at 12:00 PM

Wednesday, December 11

GA's & RA's singing at Riverview

Pastor's Paragraphs

What a great day last Sunday was! What a blessing to hear and see live from our mission team in Mexico! Pray for them as they complete the last leg of their journey home. Pray for the gospel seed that was sown in the lives of the Mexican people they encountered.

Then, we launched our focus on "Totally His: Heart, Hands, Voice," our 2013 theme for the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We were able to view a short video clip prepared by our own Matt, Merilee, and Emma Dickey, currently serving as IMB missionaries in Southern Asia.

Sunday evening, we heard from IMB Missionaries to Asia. What a blessing to hear their stories of people, one by one, who had come to Christ through their witness.

Our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$17,000. These offerings help to keep missionaries like these on the field and focused on the work God has called them to do.

Sometimes I will hear someone say, "Why do we spend all this money to send people to foreign countries when there are so many needs here at home?" That is true. But it's not either/or, it is both/and. So as we send missionaries across the world through our offerings, prayers, and people; let's also walk across the street or drive across town to tell people in our own community about the good news of Christ and his gospel. People everywhere need the Lord. Less than 2% in Mexico are evangelical Christians; around 1% in East Asia are. Churches crowd the landscape in our own land. It would be sinful neglect to hoard the gospel and keep it to ourselves.

See you Sunday, *Bro. Russ*

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 8

8:45 AM	Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service - Preschool Choir Praise Ringers, Orchestra
6:15 PM	Worship Service Reception for Nick & Melissa in the FLC immediately following evening service - "Bring Your Favorite Goodies"

Tuesday, December 10

12:00 PM	XYZ Pitch-in Christmas luncheon
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Wednesday, December 11

5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Ham, au gratin potatoes, green bean casserole
6:30 PM	Mission Friends, GA's, RA's singing at Riverview Adult Prayer/Bible Study in choir room Youth Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary
7:40 PM	Handbell Team Rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, December 12

8:30 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
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Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM	Men's Intercessory Prayer mtg
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Children's Christmas Party

for grades 1-6 will be held on Sunday, December 8th, immediately following the morning service in the FLC. There will be food & games. For more information, please see either Sharron Richards or Rhonda Haycraft.

XYZ Updates

The XYZ group will be having their Christmas pitch-in luncheon on Tuesday, December 10th at 12:00 PM in the FLC. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

A Word from Nick

Greetings,

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2)

Instead of delighting in mocking and scoffing God with a lifestyle of sin and wickedness, this blessed man continually delights in God's instruction for his life. This "delighting" is taking pleasure in all that makes the God happy.

The key to delighting in God's Word is the spiritual discipline of continual meditation. Many times we think of this word negatively as something belonging to some New Age idea of trying to get in touch with the supernatural around us. But in this passage, meditate literally means "to murmur or mutter." This muttering occurs over and over again all throughout the day. In the book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, the author Donald Whitney states that meditation is, "deep thinking on the truths and spiritual realities revealed in Scripture for the purposes of understanding, application, and prayer" (48).

This meditation happens "day and night." It is a continual activity, which begs the question, "Where does your brain go when it's in neutral?" Does it go back to the counsel of the wicked, or does it seek the counsel of God?

In Christ,
Nick Scott

Upcoming Christmas Events in December Saturday, December 7

Ruth Class Christmas Luncheon in FLC -11:00AM
Youth Choir, Praise Ringers & Dr. Tom Seel at Riverbend at 1:30 PM

Sunday, December 8

Preschool Choir, Praise Ringers & Orchestra in AM Service

Children's Christmas Party in FLC—12:15 PM

Tuesday, December 10

XYZ Pitch-in Christmas luncheon in FLC - Noon

Wednesday, December 11

RA's & GA's singing at Riverview—6:30 PM

Sunday, December 15

JOY Class hosting church-wide breakfast in FLC—8:45 AM

Worship Choir—AM Service

Youth Choir—PM Service

Wednesday, December 18

Church-wide Christmas Caroling—6:00 PM

Hot chocolate & cookies afterwards

Saturday, December 21

Youth Christmas Party at FSBC—6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve—office closed

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day—office closed

No activities or services

Phone Directory Update

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Through the Bible in a Year

Dec. 4	Daniel 3-4 & 1 John 3
Dec. 5	Daniel 5-6 & I John 4
Dec. 6	Daniel 7-8 & I John 5
Dec. 7	Daniel 9-10 & 2 John 1
Dec. 8	Daniel 11-12 & 3 John 1
Dec. 9	Hosea 1-4 & Jude 1
Dec. 10	Hosea 5-8 & Revelation 1