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215 E. Ettels Lane
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IN GOD WE TRUST

Church-wide Farewell Fellowship
for the Kirkpatrick family will be held on Sunday night, December 17th in the FLC immediately following the December business meeting. Plan to attend and bid farewell and best wishes to Tyler, Chelsi, Max & Calvin.

Thank you!

“Jayne and I would like to thank all of you for your kind words of encouragement, support and prayers for my recent knee surgery. All went as planned, and I am progressing well and will be good as new very soon! God is good!

God bless you all,
Tony Pelaski

Christian Love & Sympathy
is expressed to Grace Click & family in the loss of her daughter, Anita Gallick.

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	96	AM	135
Youth	10	PM	74
Children	14		
Preschool	12		
Total:	132		

Offering Information

Budget Needed: \$ 10,742.00
Offering Received: \$ 8,921.24
Designated Other: \$ 2,107.00
Total: \$ 11,088.24

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

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Calendar of Events

Sunday-Sunday, December 3-10

Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$23,000.00

Sunday, December 10

Worship Choir Christmas Cantata - 6:15 PM

“The Song Heard ‘Round the World” by Joseph M. Martin

Church-wide fellowship following the Cantata in the FLC

“Bring Your Favorite Goodies”

Friday, December 15

Youth Christmas Party - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 17

Praise Ringers - 10:45 AM

Business Meeting (voting on 2018 budget) - 7:00 PM

Church-wide Farewell to the Kirkpatrick family Fellowship following business meeting in the FLC

Tuesday, December 19

XYZ luncheon in the FLC - 12:00 PM

Wednesday-Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - January 3, 2018

Indiana Schools Winter Break

Wednesday, December 20

Meal at 5:45 PM

Church-wide Christmas Caroling - 6:30 PM

Hot Chocolate & Cookies after the caroling in the FLC

Pastor's Paragraphs

Thanks to the JOY Class and the Mark Class for the great annual Christmas Breakfast last Sunday! Everything was great! The food and fellowship were out of this world! Thank you JOY class for your “sweet” and generous gifts you gave our family. We appreciate that grace and kindness more than you know.

Thanks to God for the great services we’ve had recently. We’ve had the Hanging of the Green, the preschool and children’s choirs, youth choir, the annual JOY Class and Mark Class Christmas breakfast, and other special Christmas season events. You gave a truckload shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child! Thanks also to everyone who helped and participated to make these gatherings, services, and events special.

Plan now to attend our Christmas Cantata, “The Song Heard ‘Round the World,” next Sunday night (Dec. 10). It’s going to be a great opportunity to worship and fellowship together. Invite a friend to this special service. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come. This is a built in opportunity for each of us to reach out to others in the name of Jesus.

Your prayers for our international missions and missionaries transform lives. Your gifts to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering transform lives. Pick up a prayer guide at the welcome center and pray each day for one of the eight missionaries highlighted in the guide. Give as God leads to provide resources for our missionaries. All of the funds given to the Lottie Moon offering go to the mission field to make disciples and multiply churches. None of it is used for administrative needs. Our national Southern Baptist goal is \$160 million. Our church goal is \$23,000.

For 2015 (the most recent statistics) our IMB missionaries shared the gospel with 1.9 MILLION people, 175,290 people became believers, 15,058 pastors were trained, and 6,138 new churches were started. And the work continues. There is no greater investment I know.

See you in church! *Bro. Russ*

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 10

8:45 AM	Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
6:15 PM	Worship choir Christmas Cantata “The Song Heard ‘Round the World” Church-wide fellowship following the Cantata “Bring Your Favorite Goodies”

Wednesday, December 13

5:45 PM	Meal: Pizza, breadsticks, salad, dessert
6:15 PM	“Ignite” Bible Study (Youth) TeamKid (Grades 1-6)
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study/Prayer Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:45 PM	Praise Ringers Handbell Team

Thursday, December 14

8:30 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Denny’s
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Friday, December 15

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	Men’s Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service -Praise Ringers
6:15 PM	Worship Service
7:00 PM	Business Meeting - voting on 2018 budget Church-wide Farewell fellowship for the Kirkpatrick family in the FLC

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 PM	XYZ luncheon in the FLC Going to Cheesecake Factory for dessert
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A Word from John

Our preschool choir, children’s choir, and youth choir have all done a wonderful job of leading us in worship this Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who came out to worship with us and support our young people in these worship services. Your presence and words of encouragement mean a lot to these young people who are a vital part of our church family.



“The Song Heard ‘Round the World”
A Christmas Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Presented by
The Worship Choir

...featuring many varieties of song and worship found throughout the cultures of the world, while celebrating the unity we have in the gospel of Christ.

Sunday, December 10th at 6:15 pm

Fellowship following in the
Family Life Center
Bring your favorite goodies

Upcoming Christmas Events **Monday, December 4**

JOY Class Christmas Party at FSBC - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 10

Worship Choir Christmas Cantata - PM Service
Church-wide fellowship following program in FLC

“Bring Your Favorite Goodies”

Friday, December 15

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17

Praise Ringers - AM Service

Wednesday, December 20

Meal at 5:45 PM

Church-wide Christmas Caroling at 6:30 PM

Cookies & Hot Chocolate after Caroling
in the FLC

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

No evening service or activities

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 27

No evening service or activities

Sunday, December 31

No evening service or activities

XYZ Group Update

The XYZ group will have soup & sandwiches (provided) on Tuesday, December 19 at 12:00 PM in the FLC. Then they will go to Cheesecake Factory for dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This is the week of Prayer. Prayer guides are in your bulletin today and at the welcome center.

Please pray for our missionary outreach. Pray for God's leadership in your giving. Our church goal: \$23,000. National Goal: \$160 Million (100% of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to the Mission Field.)