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a note to you,

I was thinking the other day about a friend who has now passed on. I've been part of this association, in one position or the other, since 1984. I was on the personnel committee when Bro. Mack Pressley was DOM of Boones Creek Baptist Association. So in his memory I found his Tidings message, from December 1994, to include in this issue.

"MACK CHATS

I don't know what's gone wrong with the calendar. It seems to be haywire. I'm not sure, but I think these electronic calendars run faster. We just celebrated Christmas and it is here again. It never went that fast when I was a boy. I thought that Christmas would never get here.

There wasn't a Macy's in Jefferson, North Carolina, but Nicholson's put up a tree and had a couple of tables of toys and games. The tree had ropes made from crepe paper with icicles and shiny balls hanging all over it. I don't remember that it had lights. I didn't get to town much at night in those days, so I don't remember seeing lights if they had them. Jefferson had electricity in those days, but we didn't have it on the farm.

After a trip to Nicholson's store I became excited about Christmas. That store had everything. On one side, there were groceries. Shelves of canned goods, a stalk of bananas hung from the ceiling, a big box contained fat side meat and in the back of that was a barrel of turpentine and another with kerosene. On the other side were the "dry-goods." Shoes, overalls, Sunday clothes and hats, curtains and shades just about anything that "a body" could need.

As if that was not enough to make your eyes pop out, there was hardware in the back. My Daddy went there to get horseshoes, bolts and other things needed in his blacksmith shop. Hold it! That's still not all there was to that wonderful store. It had a balcony across the back. That's where the caskets were --- I didn't want anything to do with that area.

Well I started out talking about how fast Christmas comes these days and rambled. Santa didn't bring as much in those days: a pocket knife, a dollar watch, a red wagon or for the girls a doll or tea set, but when Christmas did come we treasured and appreciated the things that we received.

Not long before my Mother's death, at the age of 89, she told me that one of the things that she was most thankful for was that they were always able to get something for us and share food with others, kinda simple wasn't it. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Love, Bro. Mack"

Mildred and I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Another year is almost gone and it has passed by quickly. Thank you for your participation in the association activities this past year and I look forward to a great year in 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.

Yours in Christ, Bro. John

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Disaster Emergency Relief Volunteer's needed. For more information call the office at 859-744-0037.

II Corinthians 8:20-21

**20-Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:
21-Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**

You can donate to the Boones Creek Baptist Association Camp or Camp Building Fund in MEMORY of or in HONOR of a Love One. Please write on your CHECK MEMO if you have restrictions on the use of the funds.

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR -Please pray for Boones Creek Baptist Church in Lexington; Central Baptist Church in Winchester; Clay City Baptist Church in Clay City; Faith Baptist Church in Beattyville; First Baptist Church in Irvine; Jeffersonville Baptist Church in Jeffersonville; Providence Baptist Church in Irvine; Providence Baptist Church in Winchester as they seek a pastor for their church.

News & Upcoming Events from the Association and our Churches

Camp– We will be having 5 weeks of camp this next year with the addition of Sunrise Children’s Services week. Please begin praying for the 2018 camp season.

Executive Board Report–The December meeting was the Christmas dinner with 77 in attendance from 17 churches. The meeting was held at the camp. Thank you to Peggy Glover for cooking the meal. It was wonderful.

Boones Creek-We are kicking off our 4th season of Upward Basketball and Cheer! Come see our athletes play Saturday mornings in January and February from 9am to noon!

Calvary-Our Children’s Department will be presenting the drama, “It All Happened in the Country” on Sunday, December 17th @ 11:00am and 6:00pm . We will be having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 24th.

Central-In November the LLL Club went out to lunch at Natural Bridge with a tour of color changing trees on the way back. LLL Band will be performing in several different places during the holidays. The office of Central will be closed on Thursday November 23rd and Friday 24th for Thanksgiving. In December our Worship Ministry will be performing their program on December 10th in the morning worship time. We have already started hosting Upward basketball and cheerleading on Saturdays for the next few months. Also for month of December, we will have our annual Candlelight Service on December 24th. We will have this in the morning worship time (10:45am) along with communion also this day. The Central Baptist Church will be closed on December 25th and 26th for the Christmas Holiday. January we will have our annual Bowling night at Galaxy Bowling in Richmond on the 14th from 5-9pm.

Clay City-Pastor had heart problems-had surgery, men of church stepped forward and had services. One by letter. Future plans are to get church back in order. Church to have Christmas dinner at Michael’s on December 13th.

Ephesus-The Mission of the Month is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our WMU delivered Christmas gifts to the young ladies at the Sunrise Home in Morehead on December 7th. We also collected food items for Operation Happiness in Clark County and shoebox ministry gifts for the Owsley County Health Department. Bro. Todd graduated with a doctor of ministry decree in expository preaching from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on December 8th. Our annual Christmas program was held on December 13th with a drama by the youth and children’s groups, congregational singing, poetry, and special music. Cottage prayer meeting scheduled at the home of Tommy and Jennifer Webb on December 14th. We are having Christmas Dinner at Michael’s Restaurant on December 16th. Deacon elections will be held on December 17th. Following morning worship service on December 17th, we will have lunch at the church followed by an afternoon of Christmas caroling to elderly and shut-ins. We will host the Clark County Homeschool Association Christmas Party on December 21st. A special Christmas Eve service will take place at 5:00pm on December 24th.

First Baptist Irvine-Bro. Tony Horn baptized Alexa Bennetts, a nine year old girl. We are preparing for winter-our shelter and grounds. Our men work on all projects. Renovations nearly complete on the front. Our church was built in 1927 and from time to time things need to be done-Beautiful now!

Heritage-We hosted the Oneida Institute’s Choir for our Sunday morning worship service on December 17th. Served lunch and had fellowship with the Oneida kids afterwards. Way to serve church! We turned in over sixty winter coats this year from our annual coat drive for Operation Happiness. There were also several toboggans, gloves, and scarves given away as well. Thanks to everyone that gave and participated in this years coat drive. Heritage would like to invite anyone that would like to come, and join us for our Candle Light Service on Saturday, December 23rd @ 6:00 P.M. to please do so. We will have a brief service together and recognize the reason for the season together. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Christ filled New Year.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

International Mission Board Missionaries and North American Mission Board Missionaries names are listed in Mission Mosaic and Open Windows on their birthday. Pray for international missionary Daniel Wainright in France.

Jeffersonville–Our Fall Festival went very well. Chili supper, cake walk, silent auction, games for everybody. Sixty three present. Finished with a hayride. Veterans Day Sunday was celebrated with recognition of Veterans; Folding of the Flag. and what each fold represents; also the parade of flags of each Service. Christmas Dinner on the tenth of December. Our Christmas play will take place on December 17th. That morning will be Ugly Sweater Day, with prizes, a Christmas party with the Sunday School Department. Services for the 24th will take place as usual for Sundays; we will have donuts and juice for everyone. Come and join us. Tentative New Year Watch night services. Hope to see you all in Sunday School and Worship service. May God bless you all this Christmas Season.

Macedonia-We had great participation with the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Everyone brought their box and placed it on the altar and we prayed for the giver and receiver. We gave out our Thanksgiving food boxes to those in need in our community. The children are practicing for the Christmas play. We are very thankful for several ladies in our church who have made costumes, decorations and helped in every way possible. Looking forward to 2018 to see what God has in store for our church!

Mt. Olive-We enjoyed an evening with food and fellowship together. We took the children to see the movie Star and had a great time together. We look forward to what God has in store for us in the future!

Northside-November reminded us of our daily blessings and the many things to be thankful for. We were glad to have Bill Reed home from Florida and Texas. He worked with FEMA for 10 weeks inspecting homes. To thank our veterans we showed a film and had special music. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship at our chili supper on the 11th. We are excited about the many events coming in December. Dinners, hymn sing, cantatas, plays, caroling, and celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Panola-Our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner is December 17th. Our cantata “The Greatest Story Ever Told” is December 24th at 11:00 am. Baptisms keep happening at Panola.

Powells Valley-We started collecting food for Christmas food baskets. November 18th, we had a gospel singing with the Rhodes family. December 10th will be our church Christmas dinner. December 31st, we will have a candlelight service.

Providence-Clark-Enjoyed a delicious meal the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A time of fellowship was enjoyed. Planning a Christmas program on Christmas Eve in conjunction with the morning service.

Providence-Estill-Several special speakers this last month. WMU and Sunday Schools fixed several Thanksgiving baskets. Still working on Youth and Adult Christmas plays. Plans for float in parade. Enjoyed annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Reid Village-Had our annual revival November 5th-10th. Church Christmas dinner on December 2nd at 6:00pm. Participated in the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Christmas Cantata on December 17th. Children’s Christmas play on December 17th at 6:00pm.

Salem-Seven Veterans were recognized during the worship service on November 19th. Women on Mission and Adults on Mission were pleasantly surprised with the abundance of fruit brought in by the church. They were able to deliver 21 bowls of fruit. Salem’s Youth Group was invited to Broadway Church of God to demonstrate their puppet ministry. We are so proud of our young people. Looking forward to the Christmas play on Sunday evening December 17th at 6pm and Wednesday evening December 20th at 7:00pm.

Spears Mill-Spears Mill with the Lord’s help and blessings managed to send 300 shoe boxes to Samaritan’s Purse. We thank you Lord for this as it was done for your honor and glory. The Christmas cantata is ready. So let’s all enjoy the birth of Christ.

Spring Street-Thanksgiving dinner on November 19th and praise service on Tuesday, November 21st. Christmas program is being planned by youth on December 10th and cantata will be December 17th.

Thomas-Christmas play scheduled for December 17th at 6:00pm.

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

**Ephesus Baptist Church, Winchester; Rev. Todd Rader, Pastor
Faith Baptist Church, Beattyville; Seeking a Pastor
First Baptist Church, Irvine, Seeking a Pastor**