



On **Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon** we are going to have a **“Happy Birthday Jesus”** Party. It will be primarily for the children but the parents are invited to come and celebrate with us. We will have a birthday cake with candles and games and kool-aid and all the trimmings of a real birthday party. We will tell the story of Christmas and sing carols and share with everyone there how much Jesus loves them.

As adults, we don't have many birthday parties. Eventually we reach the point where we would just as soon forget our birthdays. But there is one birthday that we will never forget and that is Jesus'. As we approach Jesus' birthday I want to ask you two personal questions for you to ponder: **What from this past year are you thankful to God for? And since its Jesus' birthday, what gift will you give him this next year?**

If you want to come to Jesus' birthday party I want you to know you are welcome. But if you don't I challenge you to really think about the two questions.

From the Carlisle home to yours we wish all of you the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Year. We love you so much. Thanks for the privilege of being your pastor.

Bro. Craig



Thanks to all who donated coats for our Coat Drive and bags for EBA Missions Center and Shoe Boxes for our Global Outreach Ministry: Operation Christmas Child. (we had 70 boxes)

Thanks to Debbie Elliot, our Homebound Director and her crew who made and delivered our Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets to our shut-ins.

Senior Adults: Don't forget our **Christmas Luncheon at Rainbow Community Center on Wednesday, December 7th, at 10:30 am.** Our meal is being catered by our own “Ms Jean” Fussell. Mary McClain is in charge of decorations. Our Extra Mile Offering will be given to EBA Missions to purchase hens for family Christmas Baskets. We will also do a **“Dirty Santa”**, so bring a \$5 limit gift (wrapped).

Thanks also for the gift for Staff Appreciation. Debbie and I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas.

Bro. Don



- Ronnie

It's Christmas time at 12th Street! We hope you will take advantage of every musical program this Christmas season. On **Sunday, Dec 4th, all three of our Children's Choirs will present “The Great Gift Exchange”**. It is always a special treat to see and hear our children at Christmas time. Then the following **Sunday, Dec 11th, our Chancel Choir will present “A Christmas Celebration 2011”**. We will be featuring our praise team on a couple of songs, several soloists, and of course our

Chancel Choir. The musical selections range from light-hearted Christmas songs to the Christmas story - and all the way to singing about “The NEXT Time He Comes”. This will be an especially exciting time this year, since this will be our first major choir musical in our new building. You will enjoy it, I am sure!

And then, of course, everyone will want to be a part of our **annual Candlelight Service**, which will be on **Dec 18th** this year. This is always a special service for our church, with traditional Christmas carols and scriptures. The simplicity of this service strips away all the excesses of the Christmas season, taking us back to the original Christmas story, and peace on earth... good will to men.

Mark your calendar to **be a part of all three of these special nights in December**, and invite your friends and family members to join us, also. We hope to see each one of you here!



Advent Services

NOVEMBER 27th - Candle for the Prophets

DECEMBER 4th - Candle for the Angels

DECEMBER 11th - Candle for the Shepherds

DECEMBER 18th - Candle for the Magi

DECEMBER 25th - Candle for the Savior

We live in a very busy world. It seems that everyone is on the go, and especially during the Christmas season. We are “going” shopping. We are “going” to visit relatives . . . “going” to see Santa . . . “going” to various parties. Much of our energy and time is used up in “going.” Please remember that approaching Christmas is Advent. The word “advent” means “coming,” and implies anticipation and preparation. Is it possible that we can get so involved in “going” that we miss the very purpose of celebrating God's great Gift, the “coming” of His Son, Jesus”

- 1 - Zac Clay, Matthew Delarosa, Susan Ford, Corban Stone
- 2 - Sandra Sprayberry
- 3 - Jane Stewart
- 4 - Joseph Dye, Jimmie Mosby
- 5 - Mike Mitchell, Adam Taylor
- 6 - Marie Haygood, Audrey Lovvorn, Frances Roberson, LaKeitha Williams
- 7 - Ann Head, Laura Nesbitt, Rhonda Shah, Peggy Stone
- 8 - Steve Johnson
- 9 - Sandra Oliver, Bobby Owens
- 10 - Linda Jones, Clay Riley
- 11 - Janet Moon, Sue Ford, Amanda Robinson
- 12 - Mary Helen Johnson, Nancy Mason
- 13 - Gabrielle Jones, Misty Parker, Pat Thweatt
- 14 - Houston Stallings, Wanda Tedder
- 15 - Cherry Brown
- 16 - Anna Beth Giles, Arline Sprayberry
- 17 - Lana Cornutt, Cameron Gray, Landon Sparks, Ray Williams
- 18 - Becky Curvin, Krista Hatley, Judy Head, Scott Simmons

- 19 - Rachel Drummonds, Shawn Nesbitt, Luke Parker, Pat Thompson
- 20 - Michael Brannon, Courtney Callis, Joey Hooks, Kenny Norwood, Alison Roberts
- 21 - Lonnie Johnson, Angela Mayo, Gaige Tedder, Evelyn Westcott
- 22 - Opal Mayo, Malcolm Prater, Mason Prater, Audria White
- 23 - Ron Hill
- 24 - Joe Davis, Paul Fields, Harold Igou
- 25 - Sandra Coffey, Donna Gladden, Tammy Hatley
- 26 - Emily Hall Hewell, Emily Hill
- 27 - Kaci Kelley, James David Robinson III
- 28 - Ed Rogers, Mary Watson
- 29 - Tyler Mason, Debbe Young
- 30 - Jill Albert, Ron Bagby, Blake Chappell, Shelia Rogers
- 31 - Sebastian Barnette, Donna Giles



Hopkins Chapel Mission

a few chips from

Greeting from your mission church, Hopkins Chapel! A special thank you to the Maverick Sunday School Class. For five years they have helped us at Hopkins to have a Thanksgiving Dinner. With their prayers, love, and financial aid we have been able to feed all that attended. The least we fed was 45 people, the most, 95. God bless all who provided food and help. Without you we would not have made it. I want to leave you with these words: *I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I may not pass this way again.*

God bless you!

- from Bro. Wallace and Staff

Exciting new Christmas series begins this Wednesday Night- “A Christmas Story”

Christmas is such a crazy time. Students are busy dreaming about what they want to get, and parents are shopping frantically for what they want to give. We all become consumed with malls and wrapping paper. *It's a Wonderful Life* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* play on TV and Santa Clause poses for pictures with every excited (and screaming) child. At church we tell the story about shepherds, angels and a manger, but so often the significance of the story is lost because it seems like just one more holiday tradition. Or we've heard it so much that we don't hear it anymore. Our upcoming series is going to tell the Christmas Story—but in a slightly different way.

Our Christmas Party is Wednesday Night December 14th at 6:30 in The Factory

We are helping a family again this year for Christmas. Please bring \$5 to help buy gifts for them. What a blessing it is to be a blessing to someone else!

From my family to yours- Merry Christmas!! We love you!

Zac, Rachel, Austin, Becca and Chapman

Zac Clay Student Minister



HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE
INGATHERING DAY for LOTTIE MOON MISSION OFFERING
DECEMBER 4th \$ 30,000.00 Our Goal

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
DECEMBER 4 - 11, 2011

WATCH FOR INFORMATION SOON for Everyone - Etowah County YELLOW DOT PROGRAM coming to our church!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

The family and friends of Mrs. Rosa Smith at her homegoing on November 21st
Tammy and Terry Clayton and family at the homegoing of her brother, Barry Daverson, November 20th
Philip Scott and family in the death of his mother, Mrs. Arthell Scott, on November 27th
Bro. Don and Debbe Young and family in the death of Debbe's mother, Mrs. Virginia Dye, of Granite City, IL
George and Myra Cash and family in the recent death of their grandson