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Just a thought....

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

**Union University  
2012-2013 West TN  
Ministers Conference  
The Power of the Gospel  
Romans 1:16**

**Dec 4** The Gospel  
and Advent

**Jan 8** The Gospel  
and Suffering

**Mar 5** The Gospel  
and the SBC

**Apr 2** The Gospel  
and Community  
Outreach

**May 7** The Gospel  
and Race



**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering  
And  
Season of Prayer  
For  
International  
Missionaries**



**Church News**

**Holladay Baptist** recently honored Mrs. Louella Bowman on her retirement as treasurer for the church. She was honored on October 28, 2012 with a plaque. She has served the church for 31 years as treasurer. Congratulations on a job well done Mrs. Bowman.

**Eastside Baptist** in Camden ordained Hunter Jones to the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, November 4. Hunter is available for supply, interim, and pastor. If you need further information on Hunter, contact the Mission Center and talk with Bro. Jimmy.

**Mt Nebo** enjoyed a good turnout for their annual hayride and fellowship. They had a Thanksgiving Dinner after church. They will be having a church wide Christmas Dinner at the Country and Western in December.

**Christmas Programs**

**Bruceton FBC**— Dec 9 at 6:00 pm the children musical “The Christmas Shoe Tree” and “Soles for Souls” shoe drive for new or gently used shoes. Then on Dec 16 at 10:50 am the musical “Worthy of Worship”.

**Camden FBC**-Dec 8 at 6:00 pm and Dec 9 at 10:30 am will be presenting a Christmas musical titled “God’s Speaking”

**Eastview**— Mr. Roger Cowan (former music director) will be singing Christmas music on Dec 23 at 11 am

**Huntingdon FBC** –Dec 2 at 6:00 pm the children musical titled “The Great Christmas Giveaway” and Dec 16 pm at 6:00 pm the Adult Musical titled “A Christmas Prayer” They will be having “Candles & Carols” on Dec 24 at 6 pm.

**McKenzie FBC**-Dec 9 at 6pm the children musical titled “O’ Little Christmas Town” and Dec 16 at 6 pm the adult musical titled “Silent Night”. They will be having a candlelight service on Dec 23 at 6:00 pm.



At this time of the year, we all are thinking of the blessing that have been ours over the past year. Thanksgiving has passed and our thoughts turn to the Christmas season. Our hearts and attention to this time of the year cause us to be thankful and share gifts with one another because of the greatest gift that has been given. That gift is eternal life through faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for bringing us to a point in life when we trusted in you as our personal savior. Help us to tell others what you have done for us. Because we are thankful, there are some prayer requests for our churches that I wanted to share with you. Put these on your prayer list and lift these needs to the Lord.

1. Please remember to lift up Concord Baptist Church and their church family in these days. Many of you may not know that their building has been in a state of repair for the past several months. God provided an unoccupied church building in McKenzie for their use during the time they have been misplaced. Repairs are being made with the hope of being back in their church before too many more months.
2. The I-40 Truck Stop has a new building for those who choose to worship there on Sundays. Please remember to lift Bro. Keith and the ministry there in prayer. Bro. Keith conducts at least 4 worship services each Sunday and also ministers to the truckers during the day. Mr. Leon Smith and Mr. Dwight Baldwin are faithful workers at the truck stop as well. Please lift each of these men to the Lord. Many thousand CDs with testimonies and sermons are duplicated and shared each year through the ministry.
3. Eastwood Baptist, Republican Grove, Eagle Creek and Atwood are without pastors at this time. Pray that God would soon send the man He wishes to serve in these different churches. Some have interims and some have different preachers filling the pulpit each week.
4. Pray for all of our churches as we approach this Christmas Season. Many of our churches will be having children's Christmas programs and many will be having adult Christmas programs. Pray that we will not forget the reason for the season. "For unto us a Savior is born." He is still the reason for the season.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone



The TN Baptist Disaster Relief chainsaw and recovery teams were sent into New York and New Jersey in response to the destruction by Hurricane Sandy. The state feeding unit was sent to New Jersey, although they did not have to cook, they delivered food and shared the love of Christ to everyone.

OUR HEARTS TO OUR  
Master,  
to OUR  
Marriage,  
to OUR  
Ministry

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." - Psalms 51:10*

Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat  
February 21-23, 2013

## December, 2012

**Dec 2-9**, Week of Prayer for International Missionaries & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**Dec 25**, Merry Christmas!

**Dec 24-Jan 1**, CBBA Office Closed

**Jan 1**, Happy New Year!



## Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

**Jan 5**, CBBA WMU Cluster Meeting, Camden FBC, 10:30 am

**Jan 14**, CBBA Pastors Conference, Rev. Willie McLauren, **6:30 pm -8:30 pm**  
Call the Mission Center if you plan to attend

**Feb 11**, Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers, McKenzie FBC, McKenzie, 10 am -Noon

**Feb 12**-Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, 6:30pm-8:30 pm



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## Lottie Moon @ work

Consider the average costs of supporting one missionary:

- \$136 day
- \$958 week
- \$4,150 month
- \$49,800 year



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