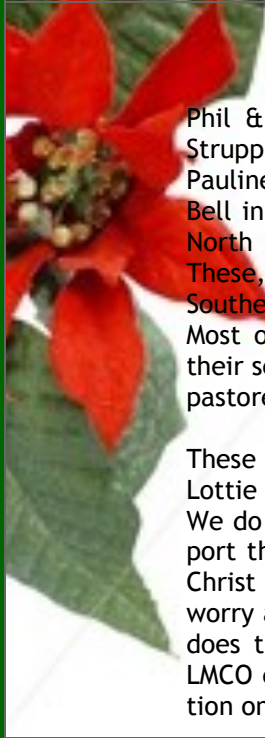


EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Phil & Kristin Calvert in South America. Pete and Susan Strupp in East Asia. Linda Sue in South Asia. William & Pauline Eardensohn in Sub-Saharan Africa. Randy & Joan Bell in Europe. Rick & Sue in Central Asia. Joe & Carol in North Africa. Chuck & Jennie Garcia in Southeast Asia. These, and about fifteen other families, are international Southern Baptist missionaries on my personal prayer list. Most of them I have either been privileged to minister in their setting with them or they spoke in the church I pastored.

These people are the reason that my family gives to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We do not give to support an organization. We give to support the people who have responded to God's call to share Christ cross-culturally. We give so that they do not have to worry about raising financial support. The giving our church does through the Cooperative Program combined with the LMCO enables these missionaries to focus all of their attention on the tasks of evangelism and church planting.

Our church has a wonderful history of giving to the LMCO. We no longer have the luxury of having a couple of families "making up the difference" so that we can meet our giving goal. Instead we have the calling of sacrifice and obedient giving.

It was in the context of missions giving that Paul wrote: "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19 HCSB). You cannot ask God to fulfill His promise if you do not meet the conditions. The conditions (explained in Philippians 4:10-18) are sacrificial and generous giving to missions.

Love you all,

Pastor Steve



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

What is the goal for this year's offering? The goal for the 2011 offering is \$175 million.

What is the 2011 theme? The 2011 theme is "His heart, His hands, His voice-I am Southern Baptist missions."



Emmanuel Baptist Church Goal:
\$42,500.00

Given to Date:
\$3,970.00

What will **YOU** give?

This Sunday, December 11 Special Guest Speakers For Worship

Leadership Meeting for all leaders for the Life Action Summit. Anyone interested in knowing more about this challenging, life changing, program is invited, too. Meet in W-109-111. Also, Church Council should attend this meeting on Sunday. Questions? Contact the church office at 327-4771.

This Sunday, December 11th during Bible Study we would like the Youth and all Adult classes to meet in the Worship Center with our guests from Life Action Summit. If you are in worship just stay and if you are coming to Bible Study come straight to the Worship Center.

Furniture Ministry is in need of beds and couches. People are desperate to have even a mattress to keep their children off the floor during these very cold months. Call the church office or Larry Rieker if you can help.

Free Flu Shots
Health Department Clinic
Next 2 Fridays

The hours are:
8:00 am-12 Noon and
1:00 pm-5:00 pm



Join us for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday December 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to this special evening of worship.

Join us on Sunday, Christmas Morning, December 25 at 9:00 AM Emmanuel Baptist Church. NO Sunday Morning Bible Study and NO PM Service on Christmas Day.



Christmas Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 pm
Make a brand new reservation for this special dinner.
Prices will be the same:
Adults \$4.00 Children \$2.00 Household Limit \$12.00
When you purchase your ticket on Wednesday evening you will receive a menu to fill out. Mark only the items you want. The ticket will

be picked up from your table. Be sure to include your name on the ticket. Before you sit down stop by the dessert table and select a dessert and go to the drink table for ice tea, water, or coffee. The staff will serve you your meal at your table.

Sunday, December 11, 2011
Monthly Business Meeting immediately following evening worship.

Ladies Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 10 @ 10:00 am

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and cookie swapping. If you bring 3 dozen you can select 3 dozen assorted cookies to take home with you.

If you bring 1 dozen you will take home 1 dozen. Come and touch base with friends you don't see very often and enjoy and admire the beautifully remodeled fellowship hall.

