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A Visit With Dr. John

The Christmas season is here. There are so many things I like about it.

I enjoy Christmas music. It does seem, however, that the radio stations I listen to have as their favorites some songs I don't like. The church music at this time of year normally is so upbeat, inspiring, and uplifting. I hear some new songs occasionally that I like, but the traditional hymns, some centuries old, are the meat and potatoes of my Christmas music diet. In fact, I have said to several people that I could not imagine celebrating the Christmas season without the old songs familiar to me all my life.

At The Church On Boll Weevil Circle, where I am Pastor, three Sunday nights and one Wednesday night are given over to Christmas music. The first Sunday night will be a presentation by the choir. The second Sunday night will be led by the children. The third Sunday night will be led by our praise team. One Wednesday night will find us caroling. To see children and adults praising God and being so involved in His church is a blessing to me.

People often remark about the giving spirit of people being more evident at this time of year. I think that is true. Of course, there still are some Grinches and Scrooges in our midst, but many people give, give, and give some more. Even today, a small business owner called me to ask if I knew of some people his business could bless during this Christmas season. We have churches and individuals who will "adopt" groups of people to honor with a fantastic meal and gifts.

Besides these kinds of things, the people in our churches give through lots of channels during this season. The people in our churches gave 11, 524 shoeboxes to the Operation Christmas Child Ministry. At the same time, our folk were giving backpacks to the Delta ministry in Mississippi. Others were supplying stockings to be given to Native Americans in Dakota. Many of our people will be baking cakes and other goodies for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Some will receive a special Children's Home offering at this time of year. To top it all off, churches will give to the Christmas offering for International Missions, which will be the largest designated offering given by Southern Baptists.

They are lots of other reasons I like the Christmas season, but I will stop with these two. I'm glad we celebrate the birth of Christ with singing and giving. Very appropriate!

Remember to pray for the people affected by the fires in Tennessee and those hurt in the tornadoes. We do have Disaster Relief workers dispatched through our State Convention. Some of our members will give to help meet needs caused by these disasters.

HAVE YOU HEARD???
A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM
December 17th at 5pm

Tour the shops, hear the news, and discuss among yourselves what it means! But beware of the Roman soldier on horseback!
 You'll end up at the live nativity and experience the powerful emotions that reflect the night our Savior was born. We'll conclude with a time of fellowship and Christmas caroling.

County Line Baptist Church
1000 Hwy 92, Enterprise, AL 36330



Our Christmas shoe box count is...**11,524!**
 Thanks to all who gave!
 Thanks to those who worked to make it happen!

Attention Children's Leaders
The Coffee Baptist Children's Committee invites you to a meeting January 31, 2017 at 12 noon.
 Place: Church on Boll Weevil Circle
 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, AL
Lunch will be served

The committee wants to share with all the Children's leaders in our churches about things available for children this year. Make plans now to be a part of this meeting.

First Baptist Kinston will host the 2nd Annual Community Christmas Choir "**This is Christmas**" on **Sunday December 18, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

In addition to the host choir, members from the following local churches will be participating in this year's event: Bethel Baptist, Beulah Baptist, and Brooklyn Baptist.

For more information call Bob at 334-470-4673
The church address is 230 College Street, Kinston, AL

Calendar of Events

December

- 25 - Christmas Day
 - 26 - Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- There will be no Ministers' Meeting in Dec.

January

- 01 - New Year's Day
- 02 - Office closed for New Year's Holiday
- 10 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 15 - Santity of Human Life Sunday
- 23 - March 13 - Samford Extension begins
- 24 - Senior Adult Lunch - 11:00 a.m.
- 26 - Ministers' Meeting - 10 :00 a.m.
- 27 - Deacon's Training

Mark Your Calendar.....

January, 2017

- 10 - Executive Committee Mtg. - 7 pm
 - 23 - Samford Extension begins - 6 pm
 - 24 - Senior Adult Lunch - 11 am
 - 26 - Ministers' Meeting - 10 am
 - 27 - Deacon's Training - TBA
 - 31 - Children's meeting - 12 Noon
- We will give more details in a later issue.



Samford Extension
Spring Term A

January 23 - March 13, 2017
Study will be on Revelation

Spring Term B

March 27 - May 15, 2017
Study will be:

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Classes begin at 6 p.m.
To pre-register call:
Dr. James Preachers
475-5089

Classes are held at CCBA Office

We will give you the information about our Coffee Cakes for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home in our next newsletter. As this newsletter is being printed, we are looking forward to a great amount of participation from our churches. Please be a part of this great ministry.

Joy To The World!



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11