



By the Cross We Care
One Person at a Time

Barcelona Banner

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December 10, 10:30 a.m. —Christmas Choir Program

December 24, 5:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service /
Lord's Supper

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"And she shall bring forth
a son, and thou shalt call
his name Jesus; for he
shall save his people from
their sins."

Matthew 1:21, KJV



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

FOR THE

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING FOR INTERNA-
TIONAL MISSIONS**

OUR GOAL: \$13,000

(see page 7 for details)

From my heart to yours:



There are two Greek words for time found in the New Testament. One is Chronos and refers to passing time as measured by the clock and calendar. Our word chronology is derived from it. It is indicated by the rising and setting of the sun and the changing seasons. One year gives way to another. We live by this concept of time.

On a lighter note, Mickey Mantle once asked Yogi Berra, "What time is it?" In his inimitable style, Berra replied, "You mean right now?" It is always important to know what time it is!

The other word for time is Kairos. It points to an opportune time or a golden moment. Speaking of God's Kairos, Paul wrote, "When the time had fully come, God sent forth his son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). This is the Christmas story, a special moment in time! God sent his son to redeem us so that we might be adopted into his family. What glorious Good News!

Mark's Gospel begins with a Kairos announcement. "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15). Jesus Christ began a ministry he has now passed on to us. God came in human flesh. This is the incarnation. But we are the continuing incarnation as we live out the meaning of the gospel. As Paul put it, "Christ in you (us), the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

An unknown poet helps us to understand and apply the message of Christmas year around.

When the song of the angels is silent,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and the princes are home,
 When the shepherds are again tending their
 sheep,
 When the manger is darkened and still,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost
 To heal the broken
 To feed the hungry
 To rebuild the nations

To bring peace among people
 To befriend the lonely
 To release the prisoner
 To make music in the heart.

Jackie and I wish for you a blessed and Christ-filled Christmas. It is a joy to serve with you at Barcelona Road Baptist Church. May we worship faithfully during this Christmas season and give generously to the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield



ADVENT

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated, and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense.

Attendance & Finances

	SS	Sun AM	Wed.
10/01/23	96	106	57
10/08/23	107	129	59
10/15/23	101	112	56
10/22/23	112	120	60
10/29/23	104	120	49

OCT. BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$76,190.42



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| 3—Linda Carpenter | 16—Christie Rimmer |
| 4—Susan McCarty | 18—Elaine Patterson |
| 4—Wendell Moffitt | 19—Salinda Hayden |
| 5—Hilde Simmons | 21—Gretchen Hewitt |
| 6—Holly Anderson | 24—Shirley Hart |
| 7—Sharon Grazier | 26—Billy Ray Woolsey |
| 9—Mickey Davis | 27—Jon Stubblefield |
| 10—Claudette Stefanski | 30—Anne Iley |
| 13—Carolyn Bostian | 30—Bob Smith |
| 13—Homer Mohn | 30—Barbara Powell |
| 15—Jacob Gilmer | 30—Larry Powers |
| 16—Shella Clancy | 30—Ralph Wagner |
| 16—Dianne Latiolais | |



DECEMBER 25—JANUARY 1



**Join us as we study the book of ACTS
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30—Fellowship Hall
Led by Ruth Manweiler**

Coffee and cookies are provided. The Book of Acts is a continuation of Luke's Gospel and follows the disciples as they spread the word of Jesus throughout the nations. Contact the church office for more information.



- 1—Bill and Carol Fincher
8—Mark and Susie Andrews
8—Jimmy and Maggi Payne
14—Bill and Becky Bettis
29—Mike and Judy Dacus
31—Diane and Homer Mohn



**DECEMBER 5
CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 PM**

SHOEBOX DEDICATION, NOVEMBER 12



Carolyn Moffitt, Children's Director, is shown with some of the children at the shoebox dedication.

Your generosity filled boxes for 306 children around the world.



2023
306
BOXES



THERE WILL BE NO THIRD
THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP/GAME
DAY IN DECEMBER

SEE YOU ON JANUARY 18,
2024, AT 10:00 A.M.!

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR



The flower calendar for the year 2024 is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers, you may sign up there, or call the church office at 501-922-0692, or send an email to brbc3office@att.net.

Be sure to say who you would like to honor or remember, or if it's a special occasion such as birthday or anniversary.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 INTERNATIONAL DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 ADVENT WORSHIP —Lunch-F'ship Hall	4 3:30 Handbell Choir	5 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Deacons Meeting	6 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 ADVENT WORSHIP/Choir Program 5:00 Faith SS Class	11 3:30 Handbell Choir	12 3:30 Ladies Bible Study	13 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 ADVENT WORSHIP	18 3:30 Handbell Choir	19 3:30 Ladies Bible Study	20 1:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 ADVENT WORSHIP 5:00 Candlelight Service/Lord's Supper	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30
	OFFICES CLOSED					
31 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service						

THE BIG SING

October 29, 2023



Benjamin Harlan, Director



Kennedy Turner, guest singer



Lynne Border, Organist



Mary Rich, French Horn



Ruth Manweiler, Pianist

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FOR THE

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR
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OUR GOAL: \$13,000

Morning Worship 10:30 AM featuring Rev. Elton Gray, guest speaker.

Elton is a retired missionary who served in Okinawa for 25 years.

Elton served our church as Associate Pastor for 15 years, having retired in 2014.

ALL-CHURCH DINNER WILL FOLLOW THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

DINNER IS FREE, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - CALL CHURCH OFFICE

MENU: CHICKEN AND PORK AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS/DESSERT

A ONE-DAY OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE OUR GOAL (\$13,000)

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO THE OFFERING,
EITHER BY

— AN ACTUAL FINANCIAL GIFT ON THIS DAY OR

— REGISTER A COMMITMENT CARD INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF GIFT

To be given by December 31, 2023

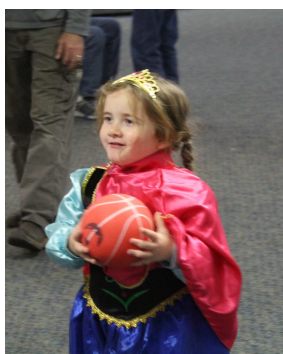
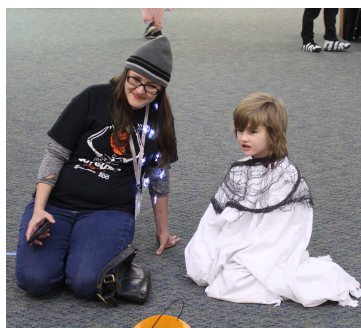
**THIS COMMITMENT CARD MAY BE CHANGED UP/DOWN OR DELETED BY
DECEMBER 31, SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. FINANCIAL GIFTS
AND COMMITMENT CARDS WILL BE PUT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND WILL
BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

DINNER WILL BE FILLED WITH LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SIGN THE RESERVATION SHEET
ON THE WELCOME DESK TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 2013





Library News

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

If you have ever read anything by Eric Metaxas (author of biographies of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther, and John Newton, among many other books), you will be happy to see that we have just added two of his books to our library! If you are unfamiliar with him, you will be in for a treat!

Fish Out of Water – “Metaxas writes from the heart with skill and humor. He is articulate, well educated, and is a modern person in touch with reality, meaning, beauty, and most importantly, with the miraculous and the supernatural. He is unique and rare, and has the courage to write about what is neglected and overlooked by secularists living in the modern world. He speaks poignantly to those victimized by post-Christian woke religion and who are numb, empty, and sleep-walking through life, attempting to live and love without the vision of Jesus.” — Don Wyrzten, Amazon reviewer

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (but were afraid to ask) - Eric Metaxas has been there, so he gets it—which is why he’s written this down-to-earth book on the big questions everyone asks (but not always out loud). Totally conversational and sometimes flat-out hilarious, this book asks:

- * How can a good God create a world that has evil and suffering?
- * Doesn’t science make God obsolete?
- * What’s the real story on miracles?
- * If God is everywhere, why go to church?
- * Don’t we already have God within us?
- * Isn’t God too busy running the universe to care about the details of my day?

These questions (and many more) get no-nonsense answers that don’t hide behind dull theological language. So get the lowdown (and more than a few laughs) on what are probably the most important questions anyone has.

Are you like me and enjoy reading Christmas books and/or watching DVDs during this season? We have a great selection! They will be highlighted throughout the two rooms of the library, so come see what you can find. A few examples:

Christmas in Winter Hill by Melody Carlson

Christmas Next Door by Susan Page Davis & Vickie McDonough

An Endless Christmas by Cynthia Ruchti

DVDs: The Nativity Story; Christmas in the Smokies; The Christmas Choir

***Have a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!***

Kay Dierks, Librarian

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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

**Deadline for articles is the
fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to
brbc3office@att.net or bring to the
church office.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM
(During school year)
Prayer Service - 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM

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Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM—2:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—11:30 AM