



It is the tradition in our family to take down the Christmas decorations in our house and store them away for the next 11 months. I know some like to keep the decorations out much longer. Some even keep them out all year. But for us, the house is decorated for Christmas from after Thanksgiving until the first week in January.

There was a lot of effort expended hanging lights, decorating trees and the placing the miscellaneous items throughout the house (inside and out). In my family most of that effort was expended by Frances. She loves to decorate for Christmas.

It is easy to wonder as those decorations are taken down, placed in storage boxes and put away for the year, was it worth it? So much effort was expended for a few short weeks.

Then I think about the joy of looking at the tree, the sight of coming home to a house lit with lights, and turning the corner in a room or hallway and seeing a nativity or Christmas item and I know it was worth it.

What a shame it would be as we pack away the decorations, if we also pack away the joy, the good will, the desire to do something special for others. It would be an even greater shame to put the Christ Child in a box and hide Him away in the attic of our heart.

If you are looking for a resolution, consider spreading some Christmas cheer once a month for each month of 2014. Let's keep the reason for the season, the reason for all the year.

Your co-laborer.

*Bro. Mike T.*

R. G. Lee Spring Semester  
**RGL 454 - Southern Baptist Life**  
 Tuesdays and one Thursday  
 6:30-9:30 p. m.  
 January 14 —March 11  
 Cost: \$75.00  
 Teacher: Dr. G. M. Thrower



This class is a required class for the certificates and the A. A. degree. It may be audited for no credit.



**REMEMBER:** Buying your V.B.S. material through the Association costs you the same, but helps our assoc.

In January you may order your sampler kits. There is a change this year from one kit to multiple kits.

- The Jump Start Kit for directors (\$34.99).
- The Preschool Starter Kit (\$99.99). Everything needed for a class in each age level, except extra teacher and pupil material.
- The Children Starter kit (\$99.99). Everything needed for a class in each age level, except extra teacher and pupil material.



The 2014 Standard Mileage Rate has been set at 56¢ per mile. This is 1/2¢ less than in 2013. — [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

**Please Note These up-Coming Events:**

- ✠ Feb. 11- Financial Seminar - Jackson
- ✠ Feb. 13 - VBS Director & Pastor Clinic
- ✠ Feb. 20 - Executive Board
- ✠ April 10 - VBS Workers and Leaders Training



## BALANCE SHEET

**Dec. 31, 2013**  
 General Budget

Initial Bal.	9,429.84
Church Rec.	9,439.88
Other Rec.	+ 1,298.26
	20,167.98
Expenses	- 13,427.75
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 6,740.23</b>

### Other Funds

Designated	\$ 11,173.75
DOM Disc.	\$ 795.65
Missions Fd.	\$ 1,802.43
Contingency	\$ 13,999.79
Cent. Fund	Variable

### YTD Activity

Inc.	136,904.53
Exp.	135,872.87
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$ + 1,031.66</b>

**Budget for Year:**  
**136,401.00**

**Income/Budget + 503.52**  
**Expense/Budget - 528.13**

### BIRTHDAYS

10	Jason Varnick
11	Tammy Young
13	Linda Comer
13	Keith Runyon
13	Jimmy Minor
16	Rodney Hardin
17	Michael Thrower
29	Charleen Dickson
29	Terri Jo Renfroe
31	Lyndi King

### ANNIVERSARIES

2	The David Phillips
7	The Ben Wood's

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2013 — December 31, 2013)  
 Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

	CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Initial Bal.	Barren Springs		346.00
Church Rec.	Bath Springs	150.00	1,950.00
Other Rec.	Beacon		1,000.00
	Bear Creek	118.41	1,671.55
Expenses	Beech Lake *	50.00	650.00
Budget Bal.	Bible Hill *		1,320.00
	Bunches Chapel*	16.47	269.50
	Calvary	226.14	2,819.21
	Chapel Hill *	182.00	4,190.18
	Corinth	100.00	1,200.00
	Crossroads		943.44
	Cub Creek Hall	16.65	133.09
	Darden	300.00	300.00
	Decaturville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	150.00	1,800.00
	Fellowship		
	Flatwoods	613.41	5,790.42
	Hopewell	200.00	2,400.00
	House of Wor.		613.61
	Huron	315.82	1,228.39
	Judson		400.00
	Lexington, 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,666.66	18,337.76
	Mt. Ararat	454.62	5,909.67
	Mt. Gilead	325.00	4,309.00
	Mt. Zion		530.77
	New Beech G.		450.00
	New Hope		600.00
	Parsons, 1 <sup>st</sup>	885.97	10,936.64
	Perryville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	50.00	435.00
	Pine Grove		4,586.20
	Poplar Springs*	1,275.00	8,477.00
	Ridge Grove		
	Rock Hill	302.00	5,033.78
	Salem		347.24
	Salttillo		1,679.00
	Sand Ridge	856.68	11,165.30
	Sardis	143.16	2,060.46
	Sardis Ridge		300.00
	Scotts Hill	252.11	3,639.60
	Southside		50.00
	Twin Oaks	201.42	2,417.17
	Union	437.17	5,364.29
	Union Grove	150.19	2,643.34
	Wildersville		1,890.11
	<b>TOTALS</b>		
	* multiple checks	<b>\$ 9,439.88</b>	<b>\$120,157.72</b>

## Church News

**BUNCHES CHAPEL** - Services on the 15<sup>th</sup> were canceled because of the weather. We ask you to continue to pray for the sick, those in nursing homes, those who have lost loved ones, our President & elected officials, churches without pastors, & the missionaries. We wish everyone a healthy & happy New Year. If you are looking for a church home we invite you to visit us.

**CHAPEL HILL** - Join us in prayer as we seek a new Pastor. We had a wonderful revival with Teofilo & Cristina Gruita, an evangelist from Romania. Three were saved & baptized & 1 joined by letter. The renovation on our church building is complete & looks great. The adult choir performed for Christmas on Sun Morning, December 22, & the children performed at the evening service. Afterwards we had a birthday party for Jesus with cake & ice cream. Devin Davies went to the Operation Christmas Child processing site in North Carolina to help with the shoeboxes. She reported it was a very uplifting experience. The Cowboy

Preacher, Eddie Martin, held our mini revival services which begin on New Years Eve & will continue through January 2. Services on January 1 & 2 will begin at 7pm. We are in the process of making plans for the New Year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> community-wide fellowship will be January 8 at 6pm.

**CROSSROADS** - We continue to grow under the new leadership of Bro. Hunter Jones. This year we participated for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Operation Christmas Child & did an outstanding job. In December the church was decorated with poinsettias which were given in memory/honor of loved ones. The children had a Veggie Tales movie night with pizza & goodies. They made & decorated Christmas cookies. We also participated in "food for families". The nonperishable foods went to the Shepherd's Fund in Parsons. On December 18 we had Christmas goodies & the children performed. Since our new church building was dedicated in July the children have been collecting money which was used for a special Christmas project for some families in our community. Our new

The Pastors' Conference programs for the month of January will be a study of the Epistle to the Colossians. We encourage you to join us each Monday at 8:30 for this time of looking deeper into the Word of God.

church website is [www.crossroadsbaptist.info](http://www.crossroadsbaptist.info). Check us out; we have lots of pictures. Hunter Jones, Pastor.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - Everyone enjoyed our guest speaker, Jerry Jones. We look forward to having him back in January. We've had several Christmas fund raisers. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions was taken during one of the AM services. Our Christmas fellowship meal was on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Angel children/baskets were completed & distributed. Happy New Year to everyone. Jeff Todd, pastor

### 2014 BFFD 2014 Bible Fun Field Day 14 Look It Up

March 22, Linden Valley  
Conference Center

Track 1: 9:45am - 3:45pm

Track 2: 11:00am - 4:45pm

For Children grades 1 - 6,  
leaders & parents

Online Registration begins Jan. 6.  
For more information or to register  
online go to [www.tnchildhood.org](http://www.tnchildhood.org) or  
call 800-558-2090, ext. 7905.

### TEN CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs	FBC, Lexington
Bath Springs	Judson
Chapel Hill	New Hope
Fellowship	Salem
Flatwoods	Sardis



### Check "Upcoming Events" on [www.brba.org](http://www.brba.org) for changes and additions

#### January

- 1 Office Closed
- 3 Ministers & Spouses Banquet
- 6 Pastors' Conf. - Colossians 1
- 4 Assoc. WMU Leadership Team Mtg.
- 13 Pastors' Conf. - Colossians 2
- 14 R. G. Lee - Session 1
- 16 Missions Council
- 20 Pastors' Conf. - Colossians 3
- 21 R. G. Lee - Session 2
- 27 Pastors' Conf. - Colossians 4
- 28 R. G. Lee - Session 3

#### February

- 3 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Jerry Jones
- 4 R. G. Lee - Session 4
- 10 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Lewis Screws
- 11 Financial Seminar, Calvary, Jackson
- 11 NO R. G. Lee - Valentine Break
- 13 VBS Director & Pastor Clinic
- 17 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Michael Penny
- 20 Executive Board and R. G. Lee
- 24 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Steve Echols
- 24 VBS Assoc. Team Training
- 25 R. G. Lee - Session 6

#### March

- 3 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Dale Gravatt
- 4 R. G. Lee - Session 7
- 9 Time Change - Spring Forward ☺
- 10 Pastors' Conf. -

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