



The *TIDINGS*

Dr. Stan Wafler, Associational Missionary
Bro. Jimmy Burroughs, Transition Assistant
December, 2017

Please distribute to your congregational leadership

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jesus is the reason for the season!

She shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

Dear Fellow Laborers,

I want to wish you and your family and church family a blessed and merry Christmas.

As we enter this wonderful season, we are reminded that Christmas is about giving. At the first Christmas, God gave the greatest gift ever given to man: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we could receive the gift of salvation and eternal life in His Son. Let us give unto Jesus what the shepherds gave on that first Christmas: *glory and praise*. "Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psa. 29:2).

We are grateful unto God for another gift He has given unto us, our new Associational Missionary Dr. Stan Wafler. Bro Stan, Pam and children will move on the field by the end of December and officially begin the work the first week of January. We welcome the Wafler's to our association!

I am grateful to serve as your Transition Assistant. I welcome the opportunity to assist you in evangelism, discipleship and mission endeavors. If you need a supply preacher, don't hesitate to call me.

Bro. Jimmy

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Your Gift Transforms Lives

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19).

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an opportunity to do ministry and missions in all the world and to be witnesses unto Jesus unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Operation Christmas Child

OCC was a great event and mission again this year. Two drop off centers in our association has given the following reports.

Sand Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington
2,533 boxes

First Baptist Church, Parsons
1,991 boxes

Total boxes collected
4,524

These boxes will be 4,524 gospel witnesses in the world! Thanks to everyone who made up these boxes and to Sand Ridge Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Parsons for being the drop off centers for our association.

Church Security Plan

You may contact Amber Robertson at the Henderson County Sheriff's Department to make an appointment for deputies to visit and conduct a security analysis of your facilities and to discuss security plans with the pastor or church staff. The Henderson County team will also work with the Decatur County churches.

Appointment contact, Amber Robertson 731-798-0024,
amberwood_911@yahoo.com

For further information contact Micah Renfroe 731-602-1280.

Congratulations

To these churches for the years of kingdom work
 Mt Ararat 150 years
 Bear Creek 175 years
 New Hope 175 years
 Ridge Grove 175 years
 Union 175 years

Beech River Baptist Association Women's Conference

Union Grove Baptist Church
 February 17, 2018.
 Speaker: Leigh Ann McCoy

Pastors Conference

Monday 8:30 a.m. at the Resource Center

12/04 Bro. Ryan Keaton . . . Lexington First Baptist
 12/11 Bro. Jamie Sprayberry . . . Greate Life
 12/18 Bro. David Phillips . . . Rock Hill
 12/25 Christmas Day . . . No Pastors Conference
 01/01 New Years Day . . . No Pastors Conference
 01/08 Dr. Stan Wafler . . . Associational Missionary
 01/15 Bro. Terry Rhodes . . . Bunches Chapel
 01/22 Dr. Chris Young . . . Union
 01/29 Bro. Micah Renfroe . . . Mt. Gilead

West Tennessee Pastor's Conference

Tuesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.
 Union University
 West Tennessee Ministers of Music
 Christmas Musical

Disciple Now Weekend

First Baptist, Lexington
 February 2—3, 2018

Praying for our Churches Seeking Pastors

Barren Springs	Calvary
Fellowship	Huron
Pine Grove	

Mission Trip Opportunity

Lexington First Baptist Church would like to invite any members in the Association to join us on an evangelism mission trip to La Jicara, Nicaragua July 6-15, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$1,300 (includes airfare, lodging, meals, materials). A \$200 non-refundable deposit is due January 7, 2018. For more information contact Bob Hull at 968-3685 or bob.fbclex@gmail.com



BALANCE SHEET Nov. 28, 2017 General Budget

Initial Bal.	\$95,003.21
Church Rec.	10,874.52
Other Rec.	1,216.00
Expenses	- 3,448.11
Budget Bal.	\$103,645.62

Other funds

Designated	\$13,185.33
DOM Disc.	\$327.96
Missions Fd.	\$2,758.87
Contingency	\$14,062.23

CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2017 — November 28, 2017)

Thank you. Our Churches are our
 Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		.00
Beacon		750.00
Bear Creek	171.54	1,779.52
Beech Lake		50.00
Bible Hill		770.00
Bunches Chapel		271.69
Calvary	218.82	2,205.31
Chapel Hill	112.79	1,019.25
Corinth	100.00	1,800.00
Crossroads		1,447.96
Darden		300.00
Decaturville, 1 st	100.00	1,000.00
Fellowship		00.00
Flatwoods	513.62	5,666.59
Hopewell	100.00	1,000.00
House of Wor.	155.65	1,249.44
Huron		701.09
Judson		100.00
Lexington, 1 st	1,666.66	18,383.26
Mt. Ararat	412.19	4,165.66
Mt. Gilead	887.00	8,802.00
Mt. Zion	162.63	658.12
New Beech G.		600.00
New Hope	100.00	600.00
Parsons, 1 st	466.00	5,492.00
Perryville, 1 st	100.00	540.00
Pine Grove	359.40	3,367.37
Poplar Springs	749.00	5,471.00
Ridge Grove		00.00
Rock Hill	354.00	3,877.66
Salem		366.65
Sand Ridge	1,044.56	9,607.20
Sardis	167.32	1,426.87
Sardis Ridge	102.93	1,960.07
Scotts Hill	415.57	4,048.22
Southside		00.00
Twin Oaks	263.55	2,351.65
Union	1,734.73	7,694.17
Union Grove	216.56	1,280.76
Wildersville	200.00	900.00
TOTALS	\$ 10,874.52	\$101,706.32

