



The Light

DECEMBER 2016

*If you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star —
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.*

*You may not be aware of me
Amid the celebrations —
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do —
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.*

*You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came —
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.*

Love, Jesus

Our next **DBA PRAYER GATHERING** will be
December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Clause Chapel.
Please join us as Mark Mirza guides us through a special time of prayer.

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions
and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 4 to 11.

Praise the Lord!

Thank you to all the churches that have participated in the Pedals for Pastors,
the cost of **33 bicycles** have been collected so far!

**17 more bicycles are needed by the end of
the month to reach the goal!**

If your church has not yet participated and would like to, here is the information:
Pedals for Pastors seeks to provide 50 bicycles for pastors in India by the end of
the year. Currently these pastors walk a great distances in order to spread the Gos-
pel of Jesus Christ in India. Each bicycle costs \$80 and checks can be made out to
the Daniell Baptist Association.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's **Backpacks for
Appalachia**. A total of **1905** backpacks were collected for our region!
Thank you for sharing a gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need.

Pastor's Roundtable

Our quarterly Pastors/Ministers Roundtable discussion will take place on Thursday,
January 12th, at 10:00 a.m. at the DBA office.

All pastors are invited to attend. Please put this date on your calendar, make plans
to join us, and feel free to bring guests.

Ministry Partner News

**Bethel, Beulah, FBC Soperton, Harmony, Normantown, Tarrytown,
United Fellowship and Cross Timbers**
request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.

Paul Anderson Youth Home is presenting the play: The 12 Days of a Paul
Anderson Youth Home Christmas December 1st & 2nd
at 6:00 p.m. at FBC Vidalia.

Please visit <http://www.payh.org/christmas> for more information & tickets



Out of the Box

(Creative ideas to assist churches in reaching their communities for Jesus)

- * Stuffed stockings. Take a cue from Open Air Ministries Philadelphia and partner with other local churches to distribute overflowing stockings to low-income families in your area.

Each year, Open Air invites elementary students the church normally reaches—as well as other families in nearby low-income neighborhoods—to attend Christmas stocking outreach.

- * Christmas tree giveaways. Work with a local Christmas tree lot and school to buy and deliver free Christmas trees. Ask the school and your church to recommend families to receive the trees and a decoration box, including lights, ornaments and a tree topper.
- * Global Christmas. Defeat the Christmas spirit of consumerism and host a gift fair, featuring presents you can give to various families and communities in need—locally and abroad. Every Christmas, The Shoreline Church of San Clemente, Calif., hosts “Shops at the Shoreline,” featuring a shopping catalog and booths from ministries around the world.

The church coordinates efforts with global ministries to prepare the catalog, asking how they can partner with them for the holiday season. More than 20 ministries were represented in 2008. Shoppers can purchase everything from a cow for a family in a Third World country to gifts for local Birth Choice centers.

Each year, The Shoreline raises several thousand dollars to support global ministries.

- * Christmas camp. Offer free childcare to your community on Friday and Saturday nights—prime times for company Christmas parties and holiday shopping. Organize a crafts station where children can create homemade gifts for their families and friends.
- * The Joy of Christmas. Help families stretch their holiday dollars by providing food baskets and children’s gifts. For 14 years, St. John’s Episcopal of Wake Forest, N.C., has served families in need with its Joy of Christmas packages.

In September, the church provides school guidance counselors registration forms to distribute to families perceived to be in need. The families are encouraged to complete the forms and return them to the church. St. John’s members and guests then coordinate to provide and deliver Christmas gifts for each child in the family, a holiday meal, grocery store gift cards and pantry items.

“Some of these families have a tough time making ends meet or are unable to purchase gifts for all their children,” says coordinator Carolyn Stoklas. “Through this ministry, families who would otherwise be stretched with hardships during Christmas find blessings instead.”

- * Fido-sitting. Encourage people in your church to offer free pet- and house-sitting services to their traveling neighbors.
- * Free firewood. Help cut utility costs and secure permission to give away cords of firewood outside local grocery and home stores, as well as Christmas tree lots.
- * Packages for the troops. Contact the United Service Organizations to send packages to troops serving overseas. Fill each package with necessities and comforts from home: cards and letters of thanks, phone cards and a Bible.

Merry Christmas

Calendar of Events

December

- 01 Cake Collection for Baxley Children's Home, 7-9 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist
 04-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
 05 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, 6:30 p.m., Chapel of Santa Claus
 22 DBA Office closes at 12:00 p.m.
 23-31 DBA Office closed for the Holidays

January

- 1-2 DBA Office Closed for Christmas Holidays
 19 Administrative Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m., DBA Office

February

- 06-10 Mission Trip - Kantunilkin, Mexico
 23 Sunday School Workshop, FBC Mt. Vernon, 6:00 p.m.

March

- 5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
 6-11 DBA Dental Ministry, FBC Alamo
 13 WMU Spring Celebration, 6:00 p.m., Location TBA

April

- 17-21 Mission Trip - Fayetteville, West Virginia
 20 Administrative Team Meeting, DBA Office, 5:30 p.m.



DBA Treasurer's Report 2016

Date	Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net
November	7,136.55	(7,114.51)	22.04
Year to Date	139,766.32	(136,966.15)	2,800.17

Account	Balance as of: 10/31/16	Gifts	August Disbursements	Balance as of: 11/30/16
Acts 1:8	8,283.10	1.60	(925.00)	7,359.70

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