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LIBERTY.....FOR ALL

*"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine:
and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*

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Week Of a thrill of **HOPE**

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Created by Claire Cloninger and Camp Kirkland
Arranged and Orchestrated by Camp Kirkland

Sunday, December 17th, 2006
6:00 P.M.

Prayer for
International Missions
December 3-10, 2006



**That all peoples
may know Him**

Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering Goal: \$5,000

The purpose of Liberty Baptist Church is to **magnify God** through **reaching people** and **developing members toward Christ-like maturity**, preparing them for **personal ministry** and **worldwide mission**.

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FROM THE OF THE PASTOR

I hope each of you had a special Thanksgiving holiday. It is good to be back home. We enjoyed our time away in Florida (and the many miles along the way!), but we certainly missed our Liberty family. I've already heard great reports from the last two Sundays with Stephen Katz and Joel Rainey. I hope each of you was blessed and encouraged. Now we hit the ground running as we face the December calendar. I look forward to this season with you.

On this Sunday, December 3, we have the opportunity as a church family to make some important decisions together. The 2007 budget will be presented for approval and the Finance Team will make some recommendations to be voted on. These include a recommendation (upon request of the Personnel Team) to pursue a full-time staff member for the music and student ministries of the church. As your pastor I ask that you come to the meeting having prayed and sought the heart of God in regards to the budget and the recommendations.

Finally, let's be faithful in our giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions. We will have a "Missions March" on December 10th. You are encouraged to bring your LMCO gifts on that day, but we will also be receiving the offering throughout December. Also on the 10th, Charles and Phyllis Hardie (IMB Missionaries) will be speaking in our morning service.

Pastor Lance



LIBERTY LIGHTS

Striving to Live as Children of Light
Ephesians 5:8-11, 13, & 14a

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission Fair Project Work Night - Sunday, Dec. 3rd

Sub Sale - Sunday, Dec. 10th

Mission Fair - Sunday night, Dec. 10th

Christmas Party - Friday, Dec. 15th

Our youth will be preparing a display for the country of Turkey for our Missions Fair. All youth are invited to the Bright's house on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 5:00p.m. to work on the project. We'll have dinner and spend a couple hours working on the project.

Our next fundraiser will be a Sub Sale on Sunday morning December 10th. The cost of each sub is \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Orders are due by Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

Our Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15th. We will begin at the Salindong's home at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and then go to the Bright's home about 7:30p.m. for dessert and the gift exchange. Bring a white elephant gift, under \$10, for the exchange. Sign up in the youth room so we can ensure enough transportation for everyone.



PRAYER POINTS

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6 talks about the child who will be born to us. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. This question could be posed to each one of us: are we letting Jesus be our Wonderful Counselor?

It's good to look at the Hebrew words. *Wonderful* comes from the Hebrew word "peh'-leh", meaning miracle, marvelous thing, wonder. *Counselor* comes from the word "yaw-ats", meaning to advise, determine, devise, guide, purpose. Our Lord has miraculous, purposeful advice to give any believer. Here are some things to keep in mind.

Understand that His plans are the plans to follow. Since His ways are higher than our ways (Is 55:9), and His plans are meant not to harm us but to prosper us (Jer 29:11), we should accept His plans over ours. He is superior. (Col 1).

Seek God wholeheartedly for His plans. We do not need to "make up" any plans for our life or ministry and run the risk of pursuing our own imaginations. (Is 65:2) We need to ask God for His plans. Jeremiah 29:12-13 says: *"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."* James 1:5 also states that if we ask God for wisdom, He will give it generously.

Submitting to God's leading. Sometimes we do not submit to God's revealed plan because of sin we will not give up; sometimes it is because of fear. If sin is the cause, confess it to God. He's faithful and just and will forgive you of that sin and cleanse you of all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:9). If you suffer from fear, consider praying that God would perfect you in His love. Perfect love casts out fear. (1 Jn 4:18).

**Tracy Hofmann
Prayer Coordinator**



**Men's Breakfast
Saturday, December 2nd
8:00 AM
Bring a breakfast food to share!**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Praise & Prayer Walk

All women (and their children) are invited to join us for a Praise & Prayer Walk on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at Watkins Park in Mt. Airy. Bring your favorite Psalm to recite (read) while we walk and/or some praise music. See you there!!

Women's Tea

Ladies mark you calendar to join us for the "Tea" at a local tea house on Saturday, January 13th. This will be a time of fellowship and outreach – bring a friend!! More details to follow in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Women's evening Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We will meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesday through May for 10 weeks. We will be using *"Lord, I Need Grace to Make It Today"* by Kay Arthur. It is a devotional study on God's power for daily living, no matter what you are facing; He has chosen to display His magnificent strength in our weakness. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Darlene.

The Thursday morning Bible Study group will resume on Thursday, January 11th at 9:30 a.m. This group will be studying *Beloved Disciple* by Beth Moore. Childcare will be provided for this group. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Bonnie Metcalf.

To The members and guests of
Liberty Baptist Church

Paul and Judy Mied cordially invite you to witness
the celebration of marriage between
Anna Marie Mied
And
Joshua Caleb Kouпка
On Sunday, the third of December,
Two Thousand and six
At two o'clock in the afternoon at
Liberty Baptist Church



Keep the date of December 9th, at 6:00 p.m. open for our children's gingerbread house making event. This is another fun time for our children at Liberty and their friends. They will be constructing a gingerbread house or church, lathering it up with frosting and decorating with

candy. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board for you to sign up your children. We are asking each child to bring with them a bag of can of white frosting and a bag of candy to be used for decorating. Hot chocolate and snacks will be served. The children's creations will be kept at the church overnight and be on display in the front foyer for viewing on Sunday morning. Please stop by and view their "works of art" after the morning service.



Lance Metcalf	12/7	Melissa Lenk	12/20
Sarah Metcalf	12/7	Boh Mulder	12/22
Connie Casamento	12/9	John Ely	12/25
Teresa Cope	12/9	Kerry Aston	12/27
Austin Miller	12/9	Dalton Drews	12/27
Richard Barron	12/10	Brady Moore	12/27
Ruby Van Huss	12/10	James Bright	12/31
Paul Lenk	12/14	Anderson Lenk	12/31

Brett & Jessica Perron – 12/19
 Dan & Jean Wilder – 12/31

Church Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
10/29	96	132
11/5	74	111
11/12	66	92
11/19	56	84
11/26	62	91



MISSIONS NEWS

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$5,000

December 10th is an exciting day in the life of our church!

Beginning with our guest speakers in our morning worship service. IMB missionaries, Charles & Phyllis Hardie have served in Taiwan, Siberia, Czech Republic and are now serving as prayer coordinators for Central & Eastern Europe.

While we will be collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas offering during the entire month of December, bring your offering to the service on the 10th and participate in our "Missions March"

All of our adult Sunday School classes along with the youth, RA's & GA's have been busy getting ready for our Missions Fair on Sunday evening. Join us in the fellowship hall to see how God is at work through our IMB missionaries around the world.



(as of October 22, 2006)

2006 Total Budget (Jan-Dec)	\$306,544
2006 General Fund Budget	\$291,544
General Fund Budget to Date	\$264,048
General Fund Receipts to Date	\$243,592

If you regularly contribute to Liberty Baptist Church and want to receive a year-end statement of giving for income tax purposes, you will need to use a numbered offering envelope. Envelopes are assigned by and available from Richard Barron.

CHURCH STAFF

Lance Metcalf, Senior Pastor
 Kim Bright, Church Administrator
 Connie Casamento, Music Director
 Brenda Mulder, Custodian

DEACON OF THE WEEK

December 3 Paul Lenk
 December 10 Richard Barron
 December 17 Paul Mied
 December 24 Boh Mulder
 December 31 John Ely