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*“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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**BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
5:30 P.M.**

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 write this piece one week prior to Christmas, greatly anticipating a joyous occasion that will be shared with family members on both mine and Bonnie's sides. Jonathan will celebrate his first Christmas, but will probably only recognize that he has some new boxes, paper and bows to play with. May each of you have a wonderful Christmas celebration! Thank you to the sanctuary choir, Connie, and others for the presentation of "A Thrill of Hope" that reminded us that Jesus Christ is indeed our only true source of enduring hope.

As we begin a new year, there are several things I am looking forward to with anticipation as well. Liberty will begin a search for another full-time staff member to serve in the music and youth ministries. Please pray for wisdom for the soon-to-be-elected search committee as they seek God's direction in the process. We will also be hearing from the Finance Team concerning pursuing our goal of eliminating the remainder of our debt by January 1, 2008!

Opportunities for continued spiritual growth and service will be available. Sunday morning Bible study is always a great opportunity for you to join with your peers in a study, discussion, and application of Scripture to life. On Sunday evenings beginning January 7th we will share in a six-week study entitled "The Acts 1:8 Challenge: Empowering the Church to Be on Mission" to be followed by an eight-week video-driven study entitled "How Now Shall We Live" (by Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey). The ladies engage in two different studies this spring – one on Tuesday evenings and one on Thursday mornings (see newsletter articles for info). The men continue to read and discuss John Piper's *Desiring God* on the first Saturday morning of each month. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU to avail yourself to at least one of these opportunities in addition to your regular participation in Liberty's Sunday morning worship (where we have begun a series of messages in the book of John). Psalm 119:33-35 says, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, And I shall observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may observe Thy law, And keep it with all my heart. Make me walk in the path of Thy commandments, For I delight in it." Let us delight in being taught, in understanding, in observing, and in walking in the path of the Word of God!

Pastor Lance



LIBERTY LIGHTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 21st - Coffee & Donut Fellowship
Monday, January 22nd - Youth Team Meeting
Saturday, January 27th - Game & Craft night

Want to break out of the mid-winter blahs?!?! Bring a friend and meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27th for an afternoon of games and crafts. We'll play a touch football game (as long as the daylight allows), board games, ping-pong, and have a craft or two, and pizza for dinner.

STAY TUNED FOR FEBRUARY EVENTS



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 6th &
Saturday, February 3rd
8:00 AM

Bring a breakfast food to share!



Parent's Night Out
February 17th
5-7 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for this special event. In order to plan this event I'm going to need 5 adults to help me out on the evening of February 17th.

The children will enjoy an evening of dinner, games, crafts and a movie. Their parents will enjoy an evening out. Please check the bulletin board in the front foyer for a sign up sheet to volunteer or to sign up your children.

Thank you so much. Denise Riley

Sweetheart Banquet
Saturday, February 10th
5:00 P.M.

Adults, let's shake off those winter blah's and get together for an evening of fun and fellowship with each other. Hire a babysitter and put on your party mood! The deacon's will be serving us dinner and the pastor has some lively entertainment lined up. Beginning Sunday, January 21st, you can sign up and get your ticket for an evening that is guaranteed to be memorable.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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.

LADIES TEA
JAUARY 13th

GYPSY'S TEA ROOM, WESTMINSTER
12:15 P.M.

Cost is \$16.95 per person for Afternoon Tea. This includes: Scones with Clotted Cream & Spreads; Fresh Fruit; Tea Sandwiches & Savories; Assorted Sweets; and Sorbet. **Please sign-up by January 3rd.** Contact Darlene for more info or <http://www.gypsystearam.com>

Praise & Prayer Walk
Saturday, February 3rd

All women (and their children) are invited to join us for a Praise & Prayer Walk on Saturday, February 3rd 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!!

HOME TEAMS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
5:30 P.M.



Home
Teams

Check with your Sunday school class to find out where your class will be getting together for this time of fellowship. Bring a friend or two!!



"Run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and prefecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2 (HCSB)

Even though we are in the middle of winter it's not too early to begin planning and preparing for VBS. VBS is a great way for our church to reach out and minister to the children and families in our community. This year's theme **"Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made"** will get the kids into the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field by focusing on Jesus and following God's plan for their lives." (Lifeway.com)

In order to make our VBS a success we need you! We need teachers and helpers to work with the children from birth through 5th grade. The State Convention is offering several VBS Clinics around the area to give you a sneak peak at and training on how to use the materials. There will be other people from around the state attending that will also be a wealth of helpful hints for decorating, teaching, and how to handle those children that are challenging. If you are interested in working with the children in VBS and would like more information about the clinics available, contact the church office.



Paul Mied	1/8		
Bill Drews	2/1		
Stacy Roelands	1/10	Christian Dwyer	2/3
Iris Clovis	1/12	J.T. Bright	2/7
Judy Mied	1/12	Colleen Van Huss	2/11
Jean Wilder	1/15	Janet Osborn	2/16
Juliana Foster	1/17	Bonnie Metcalf	2/17
Jim Hofmann	1/19	Clayton Perron	2/17
Ron Frizzell	1/22	Ed Riley	2/26
Justin Riley	1/22		
Tim Stamper	1/24		
Wayne Pool	1/26		
Joyce Cope	1/28		
Don & Joyce Cope		1/10	
Don & Faustine Ervin		1/15	
John & Tina Lockwood		2/17	

Church Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
12/3	67	116
12/10	86	110
12/17	63	98



SNOW POLICY: In the event that Sunday services must be cancelled due to inclement weather, a message will be on the church's phone recording (410-489-4137) **after 8 a.m.** for morning and **before 4:30 p.m.** for evening activities. The announcement of the cancellation of other calendared activities will also be recorded.



(as of December 17, 2006)

2006 Total Budget (Jan-Dec)	\$306,544
2006 General Fund Budget	\$291,544
General Fund Budget to Date	\$280,551
General Fund Receipts to Date	\$259,613

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	January 7
Kim Bright, Church Administrator	January 14
Connie Casamento, Music Director	January 21
Brenda Mulder, Custodian	January 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Paul Lenk	February 4	John Ely
Richard Barron	February 11	Paul Lenk
Paul Mied	February 18	Richard Barron
Boh Mulder	February 25	Paul Mied