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A story that never gets old...

Jesus was born into the world and into our hearts!

Merry Christmas from your church staff!

Rick, Dale, Bob, Will, Jan and Dickie



Do YOU believe? ...that Jesus is the Son of God
Do YOU belong? ... to the Family of God
Are YOU becoming? ... the person God created you to be

Rick's Write 

Dear Church Family,

This sure is a bad time to talk about sacrifice! I mean, who has time to sacrifice and who has money to sacrifice? There's only so much of me and what I've got to go around! During the holidays every where I turn there is something else demanding something of me. It sure does cost a lot to celebrate Jesus' birth!

There's cards to send (and postage went up again this year). There's gifts to buy (and our list is longer this year). There's eating to plan for, buy for and prepare for (and nobody wants to diet this time of year). There's decorating to do (and I know I have to replace those confounded lights this year). There's charity to attend to (and more people than ever, it seems, need it).

Just getting through this time is itself a sacrifice. Just try to find a free night on my December calendar! And all I want is just a little "me time," just a quiet house, a pot of good coffee, and that book I've been trying to get around to reading. But, alas, time is fleeting and it'll be another year before I know it. (Maybe it will snow so deep this winter I'll have few options but to read that book and drink coffee!)

This sure is a bad time to talk about sacrifice. Just let me add up the cost of celebrating Jesus' birth!... Maybe I can do some sacrificing in 2014.

But, can I say, that the more I think about it — and pray about it — the more God shows me that this is the best time to talk about sacrifice. Sacrifice is what Christmas is all about! God sacrificed His very Son. The moment Jesus took that first step toward earth it was a sacrifice. His birth really announced His sacrifice that would come thirty-three years later on a cruel cross. You think it costs you a lot to celebrate Jesus birth? Think about the cost to God!

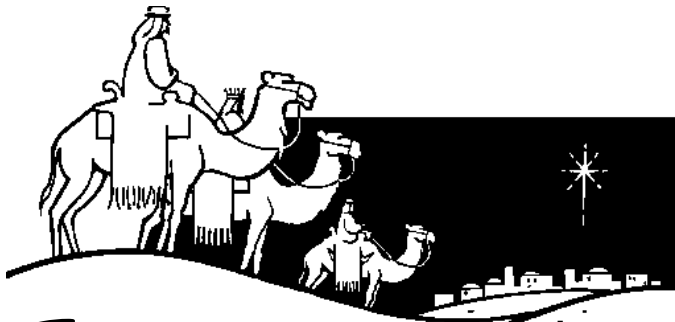
And then, the chosen theme of this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis is "TotALLY His." The theme speaks of the need of all God's children to devote themselves fully to God and willingly sacrifice for the cause of God's Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Could it be that God is calling you to make a sacrifice — even during this busy and expensive time of the year? It very well could be. May we all be faithful and obedient. And then, may we find a least a few moments to sit worshipfully with God and watch as He pours out His Spirit upon His children and His Church!

Love,

Rick

TOTALLY HIS
HEART, HANDS, VOICE



The Journey of Christmas

Christmas Sermon Series
Each Sunday in December
10:00 AM

Dec. 1st: **"The Light Has Come"**
Children's Christmas Program at 6 pm.
Birthday Party for Jesus will follow program. Please bring a stocking stuffer for ages birth-6 years. This will benefit our clothing closet families. Snacks and cupcakes will be provided.

Dec 8th: **"This is Christmas"**
Choir presentation 6 pm. Join us for a night of worship!

Dec. 8th: **Supper at the Hamricks'**
Rick & Sandy invite you to their home before or after the choir presentation for supper! (4 pm-5:30 pm or 7 pm until)

Dec. 18th: **Christmas Caroling**
Meet at the church at 5:30 pm. We will visit shut ins, then return to the church to share a meal together.

Dec. 22nd: **Candlelight Christmas Worship at 6pm**

Dec. 29th: **New Year Prayer Service at 6 pm**

TOTALLY HIS

HEART, HANDS, VOICE

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions**

Week of Prayer: December 1-8

Offering Goal: \$7500.00

The Friendship Sunday School Class is offering a special Christmas card service for our church. Dec. 1st—Dec. 22nd, bring your cards to the drop box in the vestibule. Also, check your family's alphabetized box for cards you may receive. Please donate your postage money you would have used, to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.



Ministry Opportunity: You can sponsor a child from the Clothing Closet, and provide toys for Christmas. Toys need to be collected by Dec. 4th and will be distributed Dec. 8th. See Chrissy Helton for more information.



Dec. 15th at 6 pm

Once again we will make this our gift to the community! The meat is provided, everyone bring vegetables and desserts to complete the meal; as we share this meal and Christ's love to our community. Come be blessed!

A Word From Dale: With Christmas upon us and New Years just around the corner I thought this little parable may inspire you to celebrate our Savior and reflect on your life. Jesus left His mark! Are you leaving your mark or, another way of looking at it, is God leaving HIS MARK on the world through you. God Bless! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Love Ya, Dale <><

PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.
3. You will be able to correct mistakes you will make.
4. The most important part of you will always be what's inside.
5. On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.
3. You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.
4. The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.
5. On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to serve God in everything.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily. -- Author Unknown

Youth Stuff

Youth Christmas Party

December 6th @ 7 PM

Bring a *gift for the gift game* and *3 canned food* items for the food pantry for the hungry. Supper will be provided.

Winter Retreat 2014

January 17-20 - Gatlinburg, TN

- Registration / Information Packet are available on-line or outside the office.

Youth Parents!

Please sign up for Youth Meals. Contact Chrissy in order to get on the schedule to help provide a Youth Meal. 704-473-4193
Thanks!

Mission Serve 2014

July 5-12, 2014 we will be going to serve and share the gospel in Walterboro, SC. Fundraising will begin in November for this mission trip.

December /January Meeting Info:

Dec. 1 - Children's Christmas Program & Birthday Party for Jesus

Dec. 8 - Adult Christmas Musical "This Is Christmas" / Youth Christmas Party (see announcement above)

Dec. 15 - Church-wide Christmas Dinner

Dec. 22 - Candle Light Christmas Service / Youth to Dairy Queen afterward

Dec. 29 - New Year's Prayer Service / No Youth Meeting (Dale is out of town)

Jan, 5, 12, & 26 - 6 PM Youth Meeting

Jan. 19 - Winter Retreat - No Meeting

Missions & Ministry News:

Deer Hunters Take Note:

Burns FFA Hunters Helping The Hungry Project wants to partner with you. Legally harvest deer and take them to Deer Dynasty (1661 Mooresboro Rd. Shelby, NC 980-295-0533) then Burns FFA along with other sponsors pays the processing fee and the meat is taken to UCAN to be distributed.

One Harvest Food Ministry takes orders monthly. Contact Crystal Grier to place an order or the menu is on the Polkville Baptist website.

Operation Christmas Child Update

So far God used PBC members to pack 182 boxes . Also 1300 boxes were dropped off here to be taken on to Gastonia and then Charlotte. Praise God and please continue to pray for this ministry.

Sr. Adult News

Sr. Adult Christmas Party

December 12th @ 11:37 AM

Bring a gift for the gift game and some canned foods to help stock our food pantry. The meal will be provided by the church staff.

Sr. Adult Lunch Trip

January 9th to my favorite little Chinese Restaurant in Cherryville.

Bring money for lunch.

Sr. Adult Outing

January 23rd

Destination TBA. Ideas are appreciated.



More Than A Song.....

“This Is Christmas” December 8, 15 at 6pm

Come and join us for an evening of worship celebrating the birth of our

Savior! The Choir will be sharing the message of hope and redemption for everyone. December 15th we will be singing as a part of our Community Christmas dinner for those who are in need in our community. We look forward to sharing the gospel through music “God so loved the world ...,”

Disciples Making Disciples As the New Year begins, I pray that you will make a commitment to grow as a disciple of Christ – not just a spectator, but seeking to find your purpose in Christ and be a servant for the kingdom. We are called to make disciples and at the core of what we do we want to continue to offer training in sharing your faith and then helping others on their faith journey. We will have a variety of training opportunities and studies to help you grow in your faith.



*Sharon and I want to wish
you and your family a merry Christmas!*

Bro. Bob

Coming Soon

Sunday January 5 - February 9

You’ll Get Through This

**Sunday Morning Sermons and
Sunday Evening Teaching**

Based on Max Lucado’s newest Book

You fear you won’t make it through. In the pits, surrounded by steep walls and aching reminders, you wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten?

Bible Drill



The holidays take a toll on practice time! **Children Drillers** are through practicing on Sunday nights until Dec. 29th. Parents, please encourage your driller to study as much as possible. When we come back, we will have only a few weeks until the **Church Drill (March 2)** and the **Associational Drill (March 9)**.

Youth & High School Drillers WILL meet Dec. 4th & 11th. We will resume Jan. 8th.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Love, Mary Canipe, Larry Canipe, Luke Beam, Marty Jones, Dianna Geiger, Pam Meade & Penny Tanner

Coming Feb. 8th....Polkville Baptist Church’s 1st Women’s Conference:

SHOUT! With a Voice of Triumph! More details to come...Paige Beaver will be ministering with the Word! Mark your Calendars!!

December Birthdays

12/01 Dan Biddell John Thompson	Joseph Wright	12/23 Jennifer Lackey Bessie White
12/02 Jack Wilson	12/14 Nicholas Biddell Alex Burns	12/24 Abby Hamrick Holden Shuford
12/03 Ruth Powell	Michael Ledford	12/25 Noel Powell
12/05 Amanda Blanton Megan Carpenter Michelle Davis	12/15 Lisa Carpenter Bethany Meade	12/26 Andy Elmore Laura Gammons
12/06 Ella Beam	12/17 Austin Milling	12/27 Robert Dayberry Lydia Hendrick Mary Spake
12/07 Howard Johannessen	12/18 Matt Clayton	12/29 Henry Clayton
12/08 Lula Mae Blanton Johnny Ruppe Ramona Toney	12/19 Emily Beaver Rachel Elliott Alisha Williams Revonda Wyatt	
12/09 Joanna Helton	12/20 Bob Hendrick Taylor Lackey Dale Milling Adriene Parker	
12/10 Luke Beam Tony Beaver Ruby Stone	12/21 Barry Beaver Brenda Cook Emily Parker Shannon Vegh	
12/11 Justin Elmore	12/22 Bill Elliott, Sr.	
12/12 Damon Cook		
12/13 Savannah Jones Colton McMurry Nikki Watts		



January Birthdays

01/01 Jimmy Beaver Dale Byrd Karen Costner Winston McKee	Lillian Threewits	01/24 Brandon Toney
01/02 Sherri Connor Lynn Davis Tina Greene	01/16 Mason Blanton Robert Mathis	01/25 Don Peeler Jamie Wilson
01/04 Chris Blanton Robert Davis	01/17 Linda Bridges Bill Helton	01/26 Holly Cape Haley Cook Michael Sain
01/05 Johnathan Christian John McSwain	01/18 Kevin Milling	01/27 Mason Bralley Michelle Threewits
01/07 Charlene Weaver	01/19 Al Eatmon Joyce Greene Ashley Melton	01/28 Linda Byrd Robyn Cook
01/09 Lynn Richard	01/20 George Creach Madison Mowery	01/29 Linda Cook Stevin Walker
01/10 Isaac Connor	01/21 Chris Carroll Jacob Greene Shirley Grier Diann Langley	01/31 Ruth Creach Jerry Silver
01/11 Jacob Rayborn	01/22 Jan Crow Alisa Goad Katelyn Price Joe Wright	
01/12 Lucas Beam	01/23 Donna Thrift	
01/14 Betty Byrd Sarah Grier		
01/15 James Burns Helen Silver		





Welcome to PBC

We would like to welcome the following into our fellowship:

Isaac & Angie Hannah joined Sept. 29th with a transfer of letter.

Paige Beaver joined Nov. 17th with a transfer of letter and her daughter Malia Paige joined by profession of faith & is awaiting baptism.

Please help us keep the Prayer Ministry Update list as current as possible. Call the church office with any information. (704-538-7464) Thank you!

In the event of inclement weather, we will follow our snow policy. A phone message will also be delivered concerning schedules.

Nursery Schedule: Dec./Jan.

12/1	Crystal Grier & Kathrine Carver
12/8	Rick & Tammy Falls
12/15	Jeff & Nikki Cook
12/22	Kim Swink & Haley Cook
1/5	Lalisa & Katie Carpenter
1/12	Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie Phillips
1/19	David & Karen Gosnell
1/26	Susan & Emily Beaver

Preschool Worship:

December: Ronetta Lackey

January: Mary Canipe

CONGRATULATIONS



Born Oct. 28th Willow Davis

Parents: Will & Michelle Davis

Adopted Nov. 11th Eli Carpenter

Parents: Craig & LaLisa Carpenter

**For the most up-to-date information,
catch us on the web at:**

www.polkvillebaptist.com

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