

DECEMBER 23 ~ JANUARY 6

# THE CHAPEL CHRONICLES

## OUR PURPOSE:

To exalt the Savior, evangelize the sinner,  
edify and unify the saints, equipping them for ministry and service.

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM,  
**FEAR NOT;**

FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU

*good tidings of great joy,*  
WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

~LUKE 2:10



**Please join us as we continue the celebration of the Christmas Season!**

**THIS** Sunday, December 23 at 6:30 ~ Christmas Candlelight Service  
(There will be no Christmas Eve Service.)

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Dec.24 through Tuesday, January 1.  
Wednesday Mid-week service, Youth, Adult Choir and AWANA  
are cancelled for the holidays, Wednesday, December 26.

Youth and mid-week services will resume Wednesday, January 2.  
Youth Choir will resume Sunday, January 6.  
Adult Choir and AWANA will resume Wednesday, January 9.

# THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Faith Family,

What a great day with the Lord's people yesterday! As you know it was our Lottie Moon Offering ingathering day. All told, the Lord moved His people to give \$40,885.00!!! That is higher than our ingathering day last year! Our church goal for this year was \$30,000. And I might add, this is over that challenge goal from 2016 of \$37,500! To God be the glory great things He has done! One hundred percent of this offering goes toward the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. When the recent past President of the IMB, David Platt, took over a few years ago he inherited an organization that was financially unsound. Since 2010, the organization had spent \$210 million more than it had received. Anyone with a basic financial background knows this cannot continue indefinitely. Our international mission agency was a victim of its own success. Giving justified mission force expansion back in the early 2000's but the giving did not remain on pace to fund the expanded force. Dr. Platt had the unpopular, but responsible task of stabilizing the mission agency's financial future. You might wonder, "how was the IMB affording to operate that way?" The overage had been paid through reserve funds and selling missionary housing and other property overseas. But with dwindling reserves—the IMB got to the point where it only had enough cash for only two more years at its previous rate of spending—expenses needed to be cut. Those cuts came mostly by way of volunteer retirements so that around 900 jobs were cut at home and abroad. *"IMB is now in a much healthier financial position,"* said President David Platt, announcing a balanced 2017 budget during IMB meetings in February. Platt in IMB's press release. *"IMB is committed to a future marked by faithful stewardship, operational excellence, wise evaluation, ongoing innovation and joyful devotion to making disciples and multiplying churches among the unreached."* I commend and affirm Dr. Platt's courage to right the financial ship of the IMB so it remains viable for generations, should the Lord tarry.

Pushing back the darkness together, Bro. Todd

## What's Happening

### DECEMBER

DECEMBER 23

Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 1

Church Office Closed

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!

January

JANUARY 7

UPWARD PRACTICES BEGIN

JANUARY 19

UPWARD GAMES

JANUARY 26

UPWARD GAMES

February

FEBRUARY 2

UPWARD GAMES

FEBRUARY 9

UPWARD GAMES

**thank you** FOR YOUR SERVICE  
DURING THE  
BONUS TEACHING  
HOUR

DECEMBER 16, 2018:

Susan Wamble

Ashley Boyd

Shannon Lester

Pam Holcomb

Rick & Shirley Tallmadge

dates  
to  
Remember

**DEACON: DECEMBER 23**

Dewayne Tanton  
692-2992

**ALTERNATE:**

David Price  
879-4165



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**

9:00-9:30 A.M.  
Charlene Hendrix  
10:30-10:45 A.M.  
JoAnn Ruggeri

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

6:00-6:30 P.M.  
Library Closed

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**DEACON: DECEMBER 30**

David Price  
879-4165

**ALTERNATE:**

Todd Ball  
717-9036



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:00-9:30 A.M.  
Jennifer McAfee  
10:30-10:45 A.M.  
Mary Grice

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2**

6:00-6:30 P.M.  
Bonita Tanton

dates  
to  
Remember

**DEACON: JANUARY 6**

Todd Ball  
717-9036

**ALTERNATE:**

Zach Beggs  
267-8780



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00-9:30 A.M.  
Fayrene Baker  
10:30-10:45 A.M.  
Suzanne Parrish

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

6:00-6:30 P.M.  
Kay Garrison

 **A note from Bro. Allan**

There is not enough space in this Newsletter, nor a sufficient word in our

English vocabulary that can express my appreciation to all those wonderful people that gave up countless hours to make December a wonderful Christmas experience. Both children's programs were outstanding! The youth were exceptional in drama and song! The Adult choir and drama team astonished me with their talent!! The Word of God tells us in I Corinthians 10:31; "Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God." It is my desire that everything we do in the Music Ministry of Watson Chapel Baptist Church bring honor to Him and point men and women, boys and girls, to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. This is what brings glory to God!! I'm so thankful that the leadership teams of each musical had the same intention of heart as they directed and instructed those who participated.

I just want to take a moment to give a BIG thanks to those who were in charge of making it all happen this season. The Preschool children were directed by Darby Wall and Caron Taylor with the help of Megan Reed, Rufus and Marcia White. The Junior Choir was directed by Kandy & Gary McClain, Amy Allen and Janelle Blue. The Youth Choir drama was directed by Rosie McKinley and Crystal Ellis. The Adult Choir Drama was directed by Sandy Owen with Rosie McKinley as production director. All of this was made possible by our sound/lighting/computer technical crew; William Heird, Keith Wallace, Ricky Wallace, Clint Granderson, Gary McClain and Dwayne Kornegay. These guys are the best. A special thanks to Mark Fallis and Steve Ashcraft for the set construction and behind the scenes' work.

I am so blessed to be surrounded by such dedicated and willing people. May our Lord continue to honor all our efforts as we strive to serve Him with excellence.

