

## Financial Summary

	November 4, 2007	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 5,454.66
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,600.97
Total Offering		\$ 7,055.63
	November 11, 2007	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,385.15
Designated Gifts		\$ 466.05
Total Offering		\$ 3,851.20
	November 18, 2007	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,679.35
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,077.70
Total Offering		\$ 3,757.05
	November 25, 2007	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,959.52
Designated Gifts		\$ 261.75
Total Offering		\$ 4,221.27

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## December Birthdays

12/1	Beth Reavis, Faye Lakey
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/4	Heather Dortch, Chase Nelson, Delese Venable
12/5	Hannah Litaker
12/7	Bob Spencer
12/11	Zachery Beaver
12/12	Edna Bond, Vicki Boyce
12/15	Marty Daniels
12/16	Irene Cheek
12/17	Kenley Flynn
12/19	Kathryn Ashworth
12/20	Elvert Lakey
12/21	Andy Smith
12/22	Tony Nichols, Jackson Striplin
12/24	Ethan Reavis
12/25	Michael Lauten
12/27	Avery Lindley, Tammie Weavil
12/28	Robin French, Russell Grose
12/29	Pamela Trivette
12/30	Wayne Bottoms
12/31	Clinton McCann

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# Union Cross Baptist News

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JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS  
THIS CHRISTMAS;



Dec. 2, 7pm – The Chrismon Program

A joint service with our Moravian neighbors

Dec. 8, 7pm – Children's Birthday for Jesus Party

Dec. 9, 7pm – Children's Christmas Program

*Bows of Holly* followed by a Christmas social & a visit from Santa Claus

Dec. 14, 7pm – Youth Christmas Party at the Litakers

Dec. 16, 11am – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata

*The Love of God at Christmas*

Dec. 16, 5pm – Covered Dish Christmas Supper

Dec. 16, 6pm – Youth Lessons & Carols Service

Dec. 19, 7pm – Candlelight Communion Service

MERRY

CHRISTMAS



**MARK'S MUSINGS**

Welcome to December, that crazy, joyous, hectic, holy time of the year. For many years I have felt that I'm running on two tracks simultaneously during this season. One track is what I call the secular Christmas season. We all know it and some of us even love it. It's filled with frantic trips to the mall, desperate efforts to think of a decent present for that hard-to-buy-for family member, lots of parties, and too much food. And at the end of that season is Christmas Day. Finally, Christmas has come and it's all over.

The other track is the season of Advent. Advent pulls us back, invites us to reflect, calls on us to wait to see what God will do. In a culture that has become saturated with the secular Christmas season, Advent has become, for me, a somewhat subversive observance. It goes against the grain. But then, so did Jesus. Advent is a season of preparation, reflection, and waiting. But then, when Christmas finally comes, the Christ Mass, it is not the end of anything. It is the beginning of the story, the story of God's most surprising work and most wonderful gift.

I think it is possible to run on both tracks at once. I'm not a Scrooge about the secular season. I'm one of those who loves it. But in the midst of all the busy-ness, may we all let the subversive tug of Advent call us to deeper remembrance and more profound worship, so that when Christmas comes, it will come not just as a relief, but as the joyous celebration of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Grace and peace,  
Mark



**Senior Moments Highlights**

We will be having our Christmas party on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Litakers' house. We will be loading up and leaving the church around 11:15am. We will eat lunch, and play our Santa gift game there. Suggestion for a gift is a Christmas ornament. So bring a covered dish and a dessert for a fun fellowship. For more information contact Brenda Grose.

**Nursery Schedule**

December 2, 2007 (Sun)	Delese & Alan Venable AM Alice Striplin 7:00 – 8:00 PM
December 5, 2007 (Wed)	Kathy Horton
December 9, 2007 (Sun)	Jennifer Lindley AM Nancy Clodfelter 7:00 – 8:00 PM
December 12, 2007 (Wed)	Jean Foster
December 16, 2007 (Sun)	Mattie & Clint McCann AM Kathryn Ashworth 7:00 – 8:00 PM
December 19, 2007 (Wed)	Barbara Snyder
December 23, 2007 (Sun)	Teresa & Breanne Riggs AM No Evening Activities
December 26, 2007 (Wed)	No Evening Activities
December 30, 2007 (Sun)	Charlene & Jordan Dunlap AM No Evening Activities

**Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule**

Dec. 2, (Children's)	Jennifer Lindley & Bill Grose
Dec. 2, (Wee)	Sharon Thompson & Beverly Weavil
Dec. 9, (Children's)	Mike Simmons and Delese Venable
Dec. 9, (Wee)	Alice Striplin & Joan Honeycutt
Dec. 16, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
Dec. 16, (Wee Church)	Susie Hilton & Cathy Honeycutt
Dec. 23, (Children's)	Christy Litaker & Dale Lakey
Dec. 23, (Wee Church)	Marianne Casas & Cathy Beaver
Dec. 30, (Children's)	Julie Striplin & Sylvia Phillips
Dec. 30, (Wee Church)	Jane Sutphin & Carlene Compton

**Hey Youth!** Mark your calendars for our Christmas Party, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Litakers' house from 7-10pm. Bring a Secret Santa gift under \$10. Also, if you're going on the Ski Retreat keep in mind that your final payment will be due on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to that trip with you! Finally, we are registered for Passways camp at Wingate University for the week of June 22-27<sup>th</sup>. You can reserve your space now by paying your \$75 deposit! See Erin for more camp info!

**Calling all Kids!** Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Birthday for Jesus party. Be in the fellowship hall at 7pm to start the festivities. Then join us at 6pm on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to go Christmas Caroling! We'll visit some of our church family members and sing some holiday songs to celebrate the season with them. Don't miss out!



**Mission Project Update**

In November the Women On Mission donated breakfast items and snacks for the families visiting the Hospice Home rather than our standard cookie donation since the youth made cookies this month.

Fifteen fleece blankets and one quilt were completed and delivered for the Project Linus ministry who provides children in Brenner and Forsyth hospitals a "comfort" blanket during their stay. Also much needed items were also completed and delivered for the Newborns in Need organization. A very special thank you for the women who have been meeting and sewing at the church on Monday nights, and to the ladies who worked on projects in their homes.

There were twenty-three shoeboxes filled for the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Here again, thank you to all those who participated in this endeavor.

As in the past the WOM will be hosting the International Supper on Wednesday night, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and this year both the local Hispanic and Arabic churches have been invited. Plan to attend and bring your favorite international food dishes to share.

The WOM will meet on Monday night, December 10<sup>th</sup>, to assemble gift bags for our shut-ins. This meeting time will be in lieu of our regularly scheduled Wednesday night meeting. Remember to bring your specified items that night.

UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE – what better way to end a year! May we each pause to reflect during this Christmas season God's love for us and ponder in our hearts how we, individually and as a church body, can continue to extend that profound love to others.

**International Covered Dish Supper  
Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

You're invited to bring a covered dish that commemorates a foreign country & join us at 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, for a special supper to remind us to place our focus on Foreign Missions during the month of December. During December we receive an offering to benefit our foreign missionaries. Please prayerfully consider giving to the "Lottie Moon and/or Global Missions Offering." Envelopes are available in the Sanctuary foyer for your use.

