

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



The new year can be different if we seek God

2015 is quickly drawing to a close. Many different experiences were had by all. Some we can't remember and others we wish we could forget, but many of those in the middle are priceless. God blessed us in our daily walk when we seized the opportunities to grow in Him. As we enter into 2016, we don't know what is in store, but He does. What better way could it be? The words to the song ring true... "When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word, What a glory He sheds on our way! Let us do His good will; He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." How blessed we are that our God gives us such wonderful opportunities.

Be in prayer for the college students and adults that will be heading to PASSION in Atlanta. Pray for safety, but pray even more for a wonderful experience with Him.

The first Sunday in January is a great day to start new traditions. It is a great time to come to know Christ. It is a great time to renew our determination and hunger to grow in Him. None of these will take place automatically. 2016 can be different, but not unless we desire Him with all our heart.

*Happy New Year,
Bro. Travis*



Special thanks to those who helped with the musical

It's really hard to believe Christmas is over and we are looking at a new year.

I want to thank the choir, orchestra, drama cast, lighting and sound, set builders, and everybody else who helped with the presentation of

"Under A Starry Sky." So many people helped with a lot of different things that it took to get it done. I thought everything went great and the Lord was lifted up!

Very soon we will be starting on Easter, so get ready.

I pray that the New Year will be a blessing to you all!

I look forward to seeing you here in worship and Bible study, on Sunday.

John Herring

Teach your children to become men and women of God

What a wonderful Christmas that we all have had and the new year is hours away! I would like to encourage all of you this week with a small piece of a book that I am reading, written by Timothy Paul Jones and John David Trentham. The title of this book is called *Practical Family Ministry*. This book is great so far and I would encourage any parent to get this book as it is vital that you are learning ways to disciple your children at home on a daily basis.

The Home as the Hub for Discipleship is the subtitle that I read earlier this week and it discusses Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Most have us have more than likely heard this text at some point in our life. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might..." this is the verse that most people are familiar with. But do you know what the rest of the passage says? Verse 7 reads, "You shall teach them (these commands) diligently to your

children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Is this something that you do on a daily basis with your children? These commands are referred to as the Shema. These truths that Israel, God's chosen people, were called to by God to be able to raise their children to be Christian men and women.

So, sit down with your children and teach them the things of God. Don't wait for anyone else to do it on Sunday or Wednesday. Instead follow the calling from God to be a Godly parent. Read the Bible with them, pray with them, and most of all exemplify a Godly life for your child to follow. When you rise and when you lie down, let God be the central focus for you and your family's life.

*Blessings,
Kevin Barnette*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Dec. 17 *Glenn Booth*
Dec. 18 *Alan Springer*
Dec. 18 *Steve Mitchell*
Dec. 21 *Frank Flaig*
Dec. 21 *Parker Knight*
Dec. 22 *Matt Bagwell*
Dec. 23 *Wade Swindle*
Dec. 25 *Allene Wells*
Dec. 26 *Mike Ray*
Dec. 26 *Matt McGarr*
Dec. 26 *Nora Tindall*
Dec. 27 *Bonnie Gary*
Dec. 29 *Shirley Gary*
Dec. 29 *Lee Swindle*

Dec. 29 *Dale Thompson*
Dec. 29 *Macey Kate Ray*
Dec. 31 *Clint Davis*
Dec. 31 *Matt Knight*
Jan. 1 *Richard Castle*
Jan. 2 *Matthew Jenkins*
Jan. 2 *Mackenzie Reed-Wood*
Jan. 3 *Rudy Allred*
Jan. 4 *Louise Hill*
Jan. 4 *Hannah Graham*
Jan. 4 *Erin Ray*
Jan. 5 *Clemis Renfrow*
Jan. 6 *Brad Blaylock*

Thank you...

FBC Eupora Church Family,
Thanks for sending me the book on the history of the church! I tore it open and made a list of notes on pages because I grew up in that church — so many good memories! It was like walking down memory lane.

I am so looking forward to one day coming back and seeing all the improvements made! I know it will be awesome!

My little sister, Dot McCorkle, still drives from Louisville to attend many

events from time to time. We have also attended so many funerals at the church — so many choir singings — so many memories.

My choir director was little Mrs. Harpole and I sat in front of Mr. Miller and my guardian angel was Mrs. Miller. She taught me so much! She was a wonderful teacher. And she made sure I had shoes and some money in my pocket when the Glee Club went "on the road!" Miss Sarah was a walking example of "Feet to the Faith!" I was so blessed. Thanks again and God bless!

Lucy Brannon Thompson

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

January 3
4:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
January 6
6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30 Lifestyles WMU

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 12/20/15

Adult.....	160
Young Adult.....	9
College/Career.....	13
Youth.....	22
Children.....	21
Preschool/Nursery.....	22
Nursing Home.....	30
TOTAL.....	257

FINANCIAL 12/20/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$8,348.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,522.86
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$536,665.86
Gifts to Date.....	\$531,208.10
UNDER Budget.....	— \$5,457.76

BUILDING FUND 12/20/15

Current Balance.....	\$6,810.74
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ORGAN PIPE FUND 12/20/15

Current Balance.....	\$19,218.00
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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS 12/20/15

Lottie Moon Goal.....	\$27,500.00
Gifts to date.....	\$17,639.00
Short of goal.....	\$9,861.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 12/27/15

Adult.....	121
Young Adult.....	5
College/Career.....	7
Youth.....	17
Children.....	22
Preschool/Nursery.....	15
Nursing Home.....	18
TOTAL.....	205

FINANCIAL 12/27/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$27,819.44
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,522.86
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$547,188.72
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$559,027.54
OVER Budget.....	\$11,838.82

BUILDING FUND 12/27/15

Current Balance.....	\$6,845.74
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ORGAN PIPE FUND 12/27/15

Current Balance.....	\$20,218.00
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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS 12/27/15

Lottie Moon Goal.....	\$27,500.00
Gifts to date.....	\$25,559.00
Short of goal.....	\$1,941.00

CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray — Pastor
John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
Kevin Barnette — Youth Director
Charla Boatman — Children's Director
Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary
Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary
Marcelle Robertson — Custodian
Leanne McGarr — Librarian
Jo Faulkenbery — Church Clerk

