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Big Hatchie Baptist Association

# HERALD

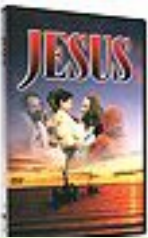


**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING**

**NATIONAL GOAL  
\$175 MILLION**

Week of Prayer for  
International Missions  
December 4-11, 2011

## Jesus Film Distribution / Crusade Update



28,600 DVD's **HAVE BEEN PURCHASED!** Through a special grant these DVD's were ordered through NAMB for .50 cents each. Plans can now be made for the distribution of the Jesus DVD's to every household in Big Hatchie and preparations for an Associational Crusade to take place in **2012**. Volunteers will be needed from every church to serve in many different capacities to make this event a reality. God is good and His timing is perfect.

**Thanks to all our churches and individuals who have prayed for and given financially to make this event possible!**



**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

**Minister's & Spouse Christmas Dinner**



**Oak Grove Baptist Church**

**4048 Hwy 59 W. Covington, TN 38019**

**What to Expect:** Meal & Entertainment      \$25 per couple      \$12.50 per person

Details about Meal and Entertainment will be mailed to each Pastor.



**FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS, Stan Smith**



Psalm 100 is a perfect description of the attitude of my heart for what God has done for Big Hatchie Baptist Association. When I first came as your Director of Missions, one of my desires was to find a way to share the gospel to everyone in the geographical area of our association. As I prayed and asked God for direction, He impressed upon my heart to share the JESUS film to every household. I shared this vision with our Missions Development Council and then to all of our pastors at a special dinner asking them to pray for God's direction in this matter. At the Executive Board Meeting in July, 2008, it was approved to have the JESUS Distribution followed by an associational-wide Crusade.

The best cost of the DVDs that we could get was \$2.75 per copy. Needing over 28,000 DVDs, the cost of purchasing would be almost \$80,000. To date over half of our churches have given to this project along with individual gifts totaling almost \$40,000. Last week I received an email from Larry Gilmore, TBC Evangelism Director, stating that a grant was given that allowed churches and associations to purchase the JESUS DVDs for .50 a piece. Thanks to Clay and Greg Gilbreath for their assistance in expediting the purchase of the JESUS DVDs, they have been ordered and we are expecting delivery at any moment. What would have cost \$80,000, God provided a means for us to purchase them for \$14,300. Praise the Lord and again Praise the Lord!

Now we must begin to plan and prepare to carry out this enormous task that God has made possible. Be praying and watching for more details and information. **Give Thanks Unto The Lord for He is Good!**

I was saddened to hear of the resignation of Doug Buchanan as pastor of Brighton Baptist Church for health reasons. We served together as pastors in another association and I am so thankful for his faithful leadership of Brighton Baptist Church as well as his support and involvement in Big Hatchie Baptist Association. We wish him and Janet well. God bless you!

This year's Tennessee Baptist Convention was a wonderful meeting highlighted by a great celebration of worship with soul-winning testimonies from individuals and churches as well as strong evangelistic messages. The messages from the Pastor's Conference are on DVD's available at the associational media center for checkout. Thank you for allowing me to represent our association.

Monica and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and also a Happy New Year since this Herald will be for December and January.

For His Glory, *Stan Smith*



<i>Restricted Gifts</i>	<i>Oct. 2011</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2011- Oct. 31, 2011</i>
Ashport	0.00	0.00
Beacon Light	0.00	0.00
Beaver	250.00	250.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Brighton	366.75	366.75
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Calvary Hill	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	322.22	322.22
Cornerstone	130.00	130.00
Covington First	833.33	833.33
Cross View	0.00	0.00
Crossway	0.00	0.00
Durhamville	0.00	0.00
Faith	500.00	500.00
Fellowship	718.19	718.19
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	0.00	0.00
Fulton	15.90	15.90
Garland	511.87	511.87
Gateway	792.45	792.45
Grace	887.98	887.98
Hope	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00
Keeling	742.20	742.20
Liberty	500.00	500.00
Mason First	203.63	203.63
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	350.00	350.00
Neighborhood	20.00	20.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	500.00	500.00
Promise	0.00	0.00
Rialto	41.48	41.48
Ripley First	0.00	0.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
Smyrna	380.26	380.26
Spirit Filled	0.00	0.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00
Western Valley	142.99	142.99
Woodlawn	0.00	0.00
TBC	987.00	987.00
Other	500.00	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,696.25</b>	<b>\$ 9,696.25</b>

## DECEMBER 2011-JANUARY 2012 Calendar of Events

Dec 1	6:30 pm	<b>Minister's &amp; Spouse Annual Christmas Dinner.</b> Entertainment included. Special update about the upcoming Big Hatchie Jesus Film / Crusade!
Dec-4-11		Week of Prayer for International Missions & <b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,</b> (LMCO)
Dec 5	10:30 am	Minister's Fellowship— <b>BHBA Office.</b> Followed by lunch at local restaurant.
Dec 6	9:30 am	Minister's Conference-(Christmas Music) <b>Union University,</b> Luther Hall 9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Program, 11:00 am Lunch
Dec 12	10:30 am	Minister's Fellowship— <b>BHBA Office.</b> Followed by lunch at local restaurant.
Dec 19	10:30 am	Minister's Fellowship— <b>BHBA Office.</b> Followed by lunch at local restaurant.
Dec 22-Jan 2		<b>BHBA Office Closed</b> for the Christmas/New Year's Holiday.
Dec 25		<b>Christmas Day</b> <i>Merry Christmas from BHBA to You!</i>
Jan 1		<b>New Year's Day</b>
Jan 10	9:30 am	Minister's Conference-(The Minister's Staff Relations) <b>Union University,</b> Luther Hall 9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Program, 11:00 am Lunch
Jan 10	10:00 am	<b>WMU Quarterly Meeting, Munford Baptist Church,</b> Pot-Luck Luncheon-Mission Action Project: Supplies for Thailand.
Jan 15		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Jan 9,16,23 &30		Minister's Fellowship— <b>BHBA Office.</b> Followed by lunch at local restaurant.



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**PRAISE** the Lord for the sweet spirit at the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer held at Grace Baptist on Nov., 7th. There were 22 with an offering of \$120.50 which goes to help Hatian and Jamacian women. Thank you, Grace, for the lovely coffee, and thank you, Bro. Bill Stamps for your welcome to us.

**PLEASE** contact me if you would like to serve on the Big Hatchie WMU Nominating Committee or the Myra Short Scholarship Committee. Appointments will be made on Dec. 13th.

**PROVIDE** leadership in your church for the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Christmas Offering. Also provide enthusiasm as we build a Missionary House in Mt. Juliet, TN. \$65,000 has already been given—the goal is \$300,000. Mail your check to the State WMU office; to Diane Sorrell, or I will take your money to Gatlinburg in March.

**PRAY** for the WMU Leadership Team as we meet Dec. 13 at 6pm at the Association Office. Bring a dish to share and wrapped Christmas ornament.

Six **PEOPLE** attended the New Testament for Newborns Orientation in October. Thank you Marilyn Maxwell and Chaplain Jordan.

### NEW TESTAMENTS FOR NEWBORNS

- Nov. 27-Dec. 3                      Calvary
- Dec. 4-Dec. 10                      Garland
- Dec. 11-Dec. 17                      Charleston
- Dec. 18-Dec. 24                      Smyrna
- Dec. 25-Dec. 31                      FBC, Covington
- Jan. 1-Jan. 7                          Oak Grove
- Jan. 8-Jan. 14                        Central
- Jan. 15-Jan. 21                        Brighton
- Jan. 22-Jan. 28                        Pleasant Grove
- Jan. 29-Feb. 4                         Gateway



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# Church News & Events

**Sanctity of Life Sunday**

**January 15**

**Day of Prayer for the SBC**

**January 29**

**Tuesday, January 10**

**WMU Quarterly Meeting**

**Munford Baptist Church**

- 1253 Munford Ave, Munford, TN. 38058
- 10:00 am Program Begins
- Potluck Luncheon to Follow the Program

The Mission Project for the January Meeting will be Supplies for Thailand.



**Operation Christmas Child**

We give Praise to our Lord for the responses of Big Hatchie churches to reach out in this ministry. Two hundred fifty-eight shoe boxes were collected at the association with numerous other boxes collected directly at Fellowship Baptist for this ministry.