



A Note from Kay...

We are told to love God and to love people. One of our 5 Ws is to **Impact God's World**. Proverbs 18:16 says *"A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great"*. Who are the great? For sure when we do for the least of these, we have honored our Jesus and HE IS GREAT. All of God's children are great and we are to love them and care for them. We find ourselves in the presence of the great when we feed the poor, visit the sick, go into the prisons, work with or mentor kids at risk, take care of the homeless, help the single parent, widow, or orphan. We will have many opportunities to have a great presence of Christ in our community this next year.

- Work with the Salvation Army's "Feed My Sheep" to help prepare and serve food the 2nd Saturday of each month
- Be a Bell Ringer for Salvation Army: November 17—December 24
- Volunteer to help with Family Promise
- Join the Good Neighbor Team - Construction and repairs
- Join the Prison Ministry Team - Twice a month
- Mentor an at risk child in one of our schools (there are 4,571 in our area)
- Volunteer to help with Meals on Wheels - Contact Lori Schaefer at 778-4221
- Join your Life Group's on-going Mission Project
- Angel Tree - Donate money towards the purchase of a gift (\$20), Get an Angel's Tag and Purchase a gift (toy or clothing) or Help deliver gifts in December - contact Cheryl Jones

If any of these opportunities ring your bell...and you wish to serve and be in the presence of the Great, please seek more information from the church office.

Kay Bacon, Missions Associate

P.S. Thanks to each family that took part in our Brown Bag Food Drive!

Mission Trip 2012 Opportunities

Romania/Ukraine Mission Trip: April 18—May 4

Please pray for Gary Anthony and Kay Bacon as they take part in this trip with the Singing Men of Texas and as they also meet with our Partners in Deva, Romania.

Vermont Adult & Family Mission Trip: July 7-14

An informational meeting will be held in February or March.

A Missions/ Ministry team from Piermont will visit in late February.

Voices In Praise Student Choir Mission Trip
More information to come.

Hope for the Hungry

Mission Trip opportunities to Haiti: April 14-21,
May 26-June 2, July 21-28, August 18-26.

Help with construction, church partnership development, Vacation Bible School, Bible teaching, evangelism, and small group discipleship. If you are interested, please contact Danny Davis at Hope For the Hungry.



Acts 1:8 "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2011 MISSIONS TEAM

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Mission Temple - a big THANK YOU to our Life Groups



Caregivers Life Group - We purchased and shipped 3 outfits of mix and match clothes for two little girls and one little boy in Vermont. We also included school supplies to start the new year. We had help from others in our church, since we wanted to get these kids off to a new start.

4 yr. olds Life Group - collected food for CTLC.

Daily Living Life Group - On-going visits to Nursing Homes.

College Life Group - Collected pencils, sticky notes, toothpaste, and favorite food items to make care boxes for the incoming students at the University in Braunschweig, for our former youth intern Kris Huffman (who is a journeyman in Germany for the IMB) to use in his ministry. We worked together with several other churches across the US that Kris had contacted. When I mailed the box, we had 83 lbs. of items!

High School Life Group - Will continue their annual project of Angel Tree (which is a church-wide mission project held in November and December). They will do the shopping with any cash gifts donated, wrap the gifts and deliver them (each student chooses which of the steps they want to participate in).

Naomi Life Group - Each week our class takes a Love Offering, and it is given CTLC and the Children's Home of Round Rock. Last year we gave \$1,208.00 to CTLC and \$756.00 to the Children's Home of Round Rock. We expect this year we will meet or exceed that amount! Also for our Mission Temple project we took up a love offering for Stacie Winkler to use for the African Children's Choir. I am pleased to report a total of \$578.00 was collected!

Koinonia Life Group - Four of our members supplied meals to the young Fossum family in our neighborhood. They have a new baby and three other children, 4 years and younger. The parents, Andy and Sukanya (Bea) Fossum, began visiting our church in 2010 and are still prospects. Bea is a new Christian and has told me recently that her faith has grown over this past year, and that she is much more at peace than 18 months ago. She now has assistance with the children because two members from our church help her on a regular basis. Our Life Group and church choir have been praying for them and ministering to them in practical ways for over a year now and our prayers are being answered. They have appreciated the meals and contacts and encouragement the church has given them. Bea also took the children to our church's Mothers Day Out program this past summer. I helped host a neighborhood baby shower for Bea in my home before the new baby was born and four members of our church attended and a fifth sent a gift. Bea and Andy are very grateful!

To the Lydia Life Group - First, I would like to give God all the honor and praise that He deserves. Then, to Janice Rowe for acknowledging that I was in need of being helped. I know that this came from God, because all good things (gifts) come from Him. And He is an on-time God. Because this gift came when I needed it most. I want the class to know that I am thankful, grateful and loved by each one that gave from their heart to a stranger and a child of God. I am truly blessed. I send my love and prayers to each one of you. Again, thank you all so much. In Christian love - Rita Rice

Servants for Christ Life Group - Hot meal for the homeless; working with the Salvation Army the 2nd Saturday of each month (prayer table set up each visit); and monthly visits to the homebound.

Sims/Bartee Life Group - Sack lunch meals for the homeless; working with Servants for Christ Life Group and the Salvation Army, serving the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Faithbuilders Life Group - We had a great time preparing the meal together for the Ronald McDonald House and it was soooooo appreciated! We had 5 people there preparing the meal: Steve and Mary Nash Walker, Suzie Jones, John and Marilyn Burns. Chris James also contributed by making and delivering two cakes. Steve and John grilled the chicken and Suzie, Mary Nash and I prepared the baked potatoes, salad, jello and green beans. We also served hot rolls, frozen fruit salad, and a cute pumpkin-shaped cake and a chocolate chip cake for desert. We felt so blessed to be able to prepare the meal and so appreciated by both the staff and residents at the Ronald McDonald House. There will be at least 3 or 4 additional groups that will be providing meals there in the next couple of months.



Thank You's

Kay and the congregation at First Baptist Church, Temple - Thank you all very much for allowing our cooking team to be a part of your big day. Also, thank you for allowing us to stay in your CLC on Friday night. The area was very nice and cool at the end of a long travel day. May God bless you all! West Central Texas Specialty Feeding Team - Texas Baptist Men

Below are two small parts of notes sent by Stacie Winkler.

Stacie is one of ours who is serving with the African Children's Choir:

God is teaching me new things each day. And there is always an adventure around the corner. Thank you so much for helping make it financially possible for me to serve the Lord and impact the lives of these children here in South Africa. I am always encouraged by your unfailing prayers and support. FBC Temple has always been a blessing in my life. I look forward to sharing with you what God is doing in the lives of these children and also sharing about how He is working in your life. See you in December! Smiles of Joy, Stacie

The boys were so excited to have a nice new ball, they played soccer for over two hours and didn't want to come in for dinner. One of them said 'The ball is like the one the professionals use! I am so tired because the ball runs so fast!' The girls also loved the jump ropes. One girl told me 'Auntie, this robe is nice and strong! It will last!' Please tell the Joy Life Group thank you so much! I wish they could have been here to deliver the gifts in person! Love, Stacie Winkler

Dear First Baptist Temple - This letter is sent on behalf of all our wildfire victims, your gift has helped. What a great blessing you have been to the First Baptist Church and to our families who lost their homes in the September Wildfire Disaster. The gifts have been overwhelming. On behalf of our victims, I want to thank you for your wonderful expression of love and help. It has now been eight weeks since the wildfire disaster hit Bastrop County. Life has not returned to normal and will not for awhile. Some have commented, "It is a war zone", while others have said they have never seen anything like it in all the disasters they have worked. Seventeen hundred homes were destroyed along with millions of dollars worth of private property. At First Baptist Church, 22 families I see on a regular basis on Sunday and Wednesday have lost everything. An additional 20 families that are normal members also lost their homes. Because of smoke and toxic fumes, other members are still displaced even though their homes were not destroyed. Only the Lord and His strength are bringing them through this. Your gift to our Wildfire Disaster Fund has gone to their recovery. I wish I could express what we see when a gift is given to them. With joy mixed with tears and hugs, they thanked and blessed you, that compassionate giver. Again, thank you for your help in their hour of greatest need. You have been God's instrument to bring: **"Beauty from the Ashes" (Isaiah 61:3). God's Blessings on You, Dr. Raymond L. Edge, Sr. Pastor**

Thank you to all who came to the India Share Time on October 13. Kaylynn and Jon Jordan appreciate your support and prayers as they continue to seek God's direction.

Dear Friends and supporters, The fall of 2011 was great as far as the Barnabas Bible College is concern. Barnabas Bible College is a bible school started in 1997 and is equipping the saints for ministry. Our final products are church planters, leaders and disciple makers who multiply themselves investing intentional in the people around them. This year God brought to us 16 students

and we are very happy about that. They are sacrificing half of their Saturdays and we want to help them with books and a hot meal, since they stay all day in class. Also we want to encourage and help them by subsidizing some of the fuel costs when they are visiting small churches or plant new ones. Please join us in rejoicing for the laborers that God is raising and pray for the needed funds to make this ministry possible! Praise be to God!
Timotei Rusu, păstor



TX Baptist Men



African Children's Choir



African Children's Choir



Glen West, Jon & Kaylynn Jordan



Barnabas Bible College



Your Missions Team will have an All Church Food Drive each quarter.

This will help our Life Groups that are working with the Salvation Army to feed the hungry in Temple.

“Good Neighbor Team”

Men interested in giving of their time and skill — Join this team!

Contact: Jonathan Brown

A Benevolence Offering will be taken again this year at our Christmas Eve Services. Please come prepared to give a love offering for our people in need of help.



Soul Talk Book Club
Book: *The Other Wes Moore*
By Wes Moore

Discussion Date:
February 5, 2012
3:30 PM
Life Center North #3



Family Promise Update

Family Promise plans to re-open after the first of the year. Mike Bergman is the new director. The following are some needs requested by Family Promise:

- Transportation (15 passenger van if possible)
- Money (\$8,000 by the first of the year)
- 3-4 more churches to host families
- Volunteers @ the Day Center
- Car repair shops that would help once a year repair a families' car.

Gail Koontz is a board member for Family Promise. Marcia Pope is our FBC Family Promise coordinator and will need volunteers to serve as over-night hosts and evening meal hosts. If you were on her team, look forward to hearing from her in January. If you are interested in being a part of our FBC Family Promise team, please contact Marcia Pope, Kay Bacon, or Carla Davis in the mission office.

Churches Touching Lives for Christ

Giving hearts are precious things and during this month CTLC has so very much to be thankful for. Below is a list of current needs:

- Winter is here and with it the need for blankets, sleeping bags, and space heaters.
- Within the clothing area a new “Dress for Success” section has been added. And are very much in need of Men’s dress wear (everything from suits to casual dress).

Children’s Mission Madness

Tomas Constancio and Jarvis Howeth were our Mission Leaders this fall. They met with our 1st-5th grade children each Wednesday evening and presented a series of lessons about the 10/40 Window of the World. They shared with the children some of the beliefs and culture of other religious groups. They learned about Tribal, Hindu, Unreligious, Muslim, and Buddhist. The class compared those beliefs to what the Bible (God’s Word) has to say about what they believe.

The children learned how important it is to share God’s love, compassion, mercy, grace and understanding with everyone. While we come together to worship our God in our Church family and we equip ourselves, through learning and training, let us “Go”. We want to live our lives on “mission” to tell others about Christ and to show His love to the world. Please pray, give, and go.

Jarvis and Tomas say “Thanks” to the parents for bringing the children to class and being faithful to do so each week. Another big thank-you to the children who came and joined us, it was a great joy to be able to get to know each of you and study together.

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Spring Bible Study

Monday evenings beginning January 9 and Tuesday mornings beginning January 10
James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

Women’s Community Prayer Conference - *Living the Committed Life*
Friday, February 24 (evening) - Saturday, February 25 (morning)
Temple College Pavillion • Free Admission (Love Offering will be taken)

Women on Mission

1st Tuesday of each month • 9:30 AM • Life Center South