



**DECEMBER 2011**

# SNOWDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Where People Grow!

### STUDY

To show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
(II Timothy 2:15)

### GROW

In grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
(II Peter 3:18)

### GO

Ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

- December 3 – Women of Grace Christmas Party
- December 4 – Donut Breakfast
- December 7 – MBA WMU Int'l Missions Emphasis
- December 9 – Trip to WorldSong
- December 10 – MBA Toy Store
- December 10 – Senior Adult SS Class Christmas Party
- December 14 – Cookies for MPD, County Sheriff, & SVFD
- December 18 – Church Christmas Program
- December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY
- December 31 – New Year's Eve

## The Best Gift



Once again it is the season for the giving of gifts. In the atmosphere of secrecy, love and thoughtfulness combine to plan surprises of delight. The home is aglow with fervent expectancy, as something desired – something needed – is carefully selected, wrapped and hidden away until the day arrives. In it all, however, there is a fresh reminder of God's eternal plan of love to meet the dire need of man's soul, and provide THE BEST GIFT to completely satisfy and delight his heart. This is the gift of unspeakable worth. This is God's gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

### The Gift Promised

As soon as our first parents sinned, the Lord God came down to them in the garden of Eden to search them out. After bringing them to confession, He gave the first promise of a coming Deliverer in the Person of the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). As the years passed, the words concerning the coming Savior became clearer. In type and picture, He was set forth to Israel as a Lamb without blemish – the Sacrifice to cancel guilt and deliver from Satan's power. Through the prophets, God clearly foretold (1) How He was to come: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14); and (2) Where He was to come: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting"

(Micah 5:2). Then, in Luke 2:1-20, we read of these Scriptures being fulfilled on the night when shepherds watched their flocks in the field, and saw the glory of the Lord in the skies. The angel appeared and exclaimed in their attentive ears: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Thus was . . .

### The Gift Given.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (I John 4:9). Man's sin brought death. God's grace brought salvation to all who believe in His Son. At Calvary, Jesus "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). In resurrection, He is now crowned with glory and honor at the Father's right hand. Through the revelation of the Word of God, and by the power of the Spirit of God, He is now offered to all – to YOU – as **the best gift**. Best, since no other gift is more needed – "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Best, since no gift is more desirable – He is "altogether lovely" (Song of Solomon 5:16). However, that you may have Him for your own need, and possess Him as the joy and delight of your soul, He must be . . .

### The Gift Accepted.

A gift offered to you does not become yours until you receive it. So it is with salvation. Faith is the empty hand that reaches out to receive God's gift of life. It is the personal appropriation of His offer. It is believing in your heart that Christ's suffering and death were for your sins; that His resurrection from among the dead was



for your justification. It is making THE BEST GIFT yours!

Millions have already received this Gift and been made eternally grateful for the blessing it has brought them. Eternal life as a present possession, the forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and much more are all wrapped up in this invaluable gift of God's beloved Son. Will YOU accept HIM NOW? Take Him by faith as your very own Saviour, and you will find Him to be the best gift you have ever received.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9)*

- by D.T.J., Moments with the Book, Gospel Series #32, www.mwtb.org  
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Dear Church Family & Friends:

Can you believe that it is December already? This is always an exciting time for everyone, but especially for those who know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The joy of the season seems to fill the air like no other time of the year. There is a very good reason for that. Jesus is that reason. We celebrate the birth of God's Son and our Savior, which is the greatest joy that man can ever know. May each of us share that joy with every person that we meet as we go about our daily life.

As I reflect back on the year now almost gone, I rejoice in all God has done in His church at Snowdown. We have truly been blessed in so many ways, and I give him all the glory for what he has done. My prayer is that He will continue to bless the service of His people, strengthen us for the work ahead, and grow us in ways that will bring glory to His precious name.

Sonja and I want to thank you for all that you do and for your love for our family. Nothing on earth can compare to the love that God's children have for one another. May God bless each one of you and your families and fill your hearts with the Spirit of Christ and His love. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

In His Service,  
*Bro. Steve*



## YOUTH NEWS

- from Brian & Jennifer Moseley, Youth Leaders

The youth worked hard at the Fall Festival this year, thanks to all who participated.

## Student MISSIONS Weekend

The youth will be going to Student Missions Weekend at the WorldSong Retreat Center in Cook Springs, Alabama. The dates are Friday January 20 & Saturday the-21st. If you are interested, sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Sunday School rooms.

Student Missions Weekend is a co-ed event for students in grades 7-12. At SMW, students learn about missions through worship experiences and hands-on missions projects. Students work side by side being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Registration begins at 7 pm on Friday and the weekend will conclude at 3:30 pm on Saturday.

Remember Youth, join us every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m., Sunday nights at 5:30, and every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Bible study.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Light Shiners** are doing a great job helping collect food, thanks to all who have been bringing in non-perishable food items. We will tally up the amount in December and distribute to the SBC food ministry or the Community of Hope.

And, Kids, Look for your reminder sheet in each Sunday's Children's Bulletin. Don't forget to answer the sermon questions in your Children's Bulletin each week and turn them in to Mrs. Jennifer.

### Children's Church

We are still looking for people to volunteer with Children's Church (ages 4-6) once every couple of months, if you are interested in helping with the Children's Ministry please see Jennifer Moseley, or Brittany Roberson.

## MISSIONS NEWS

From Missions Director Tammy Rolling



### Christmas Card Delivery

Once again, during December, the children will be delivering Christmas cards within the church. Our delivery

box will be in the foyer. All donations for this service will be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

### LOTTIE MOON Christmas Offering



### HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



Our church will be receiving this missions offering through the months of December and January. All Lottie Moon offerings go directly to the support of international missions. Make checks payable to Snowdown Baptist Church designated for Lottie Moon offering.

The 2011 theme is "His heart, His voice, His hands - I am Southern Baptist missions." It reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we - the Church - are called to be the body of Christ. We are His heart, His hands and His voice in the midst of a world filled with unreached peoples. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. And although we Southern Baptists have been praying, giving and going for 160 years, the task is far from finished. Southern Baptist's overall goal for 2011 is \$175 million.



### MBA WMU International Missions Emphasis Wed, December 7 -

Location: Snowdown Baptist  
Refreshments 9:30-10:00  
Meeting 10:00-11:00



**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
**Location:** WorldSong Missions Place

Come experience the celebration of Christmas in Ukraine, Guatemala, and Haiti! (Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions Partnership Countries) at **WorldSong**.

Cost: \$10 per person (includes food voucher), \$5 per child age 5 and under (includes food voucher)  
 FREE for children age 2 and under  
**See our sign-up sheet on bulletin board for the Dec 9 trip.**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY SALE for Montgomery Families in Need December 10**

Location: Heritage Baptist Church  
 Volunteers, toy donations, and prayers are needed. To participate, contact Lisa at [rose@mgmbaptist.org](mailto:rose@mgmbaptist.org) or call 271-6794 for more information.



Toy donation drop off dates are December 5, 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning December 6, 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES & GOODIES**

**December 14 - Wednesday** for the Montgomery Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and Snowdoun VFD  
 Bring your homemade cookies, candies to be packaged. Also, we'll be looking for volunteers this night to package cookies



**LADIES MINISTRY**  
**Snowdoun's**  
**Amazing Ladies Together**  
*From Lori Brock, Ladies Ministry Leader*

At the Sunday evening Bible class we have finished the Jonah study and haven't really dove back into another major study yet. We will probably be "coasting" through the holidays and begin a new study after the first of the year.

*Everyone is welcome to join us at Sonja's house in Prattville Saturday, December 3 at 3:00 for an afternoon fellowship. Bring an ornament for an "ornament swap"!*

We are planning a HUGE ladies' event on April 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>, with more details soon. It will include food, fun and a live band! It should be great fun!

**"Women of Grace Bible Study"**

9:45 AM Sunday mornings  
 The Women of Grace class, led by *Loretta Grant*, meets each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. *Sherryl Cobb* serves as its Outreach/Prayer Ministry Coordinator.

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**Evangelism**  
**Visitation-**  
**Outreach-**  
**Discipleship**

*From Wayne Cobb, Outreach Leader*

What a joy it is to serve as your outreach minister for Snowdoun Baptist Church. It's been an exciting time for us that have been on visits and reaching out to the community.

The holiday season is upon us and it's all about reaching people for Christ. We use all of our meals and fellowships for outreach. What a blessed time to come together with friends, family and newcomers to our church.

We have a "go and tell" attitude, not "come and see". What a blessing to "go and tell" the good news of Jesus Christ and share His name with all the fine folks of the community.

Our "C Z O" (Comfort Zone Outreach) was a tremendous success. Along with our youth and

many other's that helped with the ministry, a big "thank you" goes out to all that were involved. Whether you gave food, wrote notes, collected canned goods, gave or purchased poinsettias or delivered them....."Thank you"!!! This is all outreach ministry as we go in the sweet name of Jesus. "Merry Christmas"

Saved to serve,  
*Brother Wayne*

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**MUSIC NOTES**

*From Kevin Brock, Music Minister*

**Beyond the Manger**  
**Dec 18, 6:30 PM**

We are getting geared up for this year's Christmas special. It is called "Beyond the Manger." It will be a mixture of traditional songs, narration,



including a song from our kids. Please make a point to be there and support everyone that worked so hard to make it happen. Plan to stay for refreshments following the program.

Also, the Choir is beginning to grow, so if you feel led to participate and choose to serve in the choir, you are more than welcome! Practice is Wednesday nights after Bible study.

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**Wednesday Night Supper**

Cost \$5 per person, \$2.50 per child.  
 Menu & signup sheet is on bulletin board. Contact Director Carolyn Olive (288-1706)

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**BROTHERHOOD NOTICE!**

**No brotherhood breakfast during December!**

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 SBC North American Missions/Annie Armstrong  
 SBC Alabama WMU/Kathleen Mallory Offering  
 Montgomery Baptist Association  
 Matt /Christine Hamb– NTM Papua New Guinea  
 Delora Neese – New Tribes Mission (Retired)  
 Craig/Carleen Olive – Student Ministries/Normal, IL  
 Pastor Jiwan - TREC International - India  
 Russ Turner Family – Costa Rica  
 Nobby/Beverly Tajima – Japan  
 Earle/Sheri Myers – NTM - Mexico  
 Community of Hope (ministry of MBA)  
 Samaritan Inn (ministry of MBA)  
 World Help Children



**NEW MEMBERS**

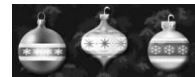
**Arlene Browning**

**Kyle Edwards**

**Warner and Margaret  
 Boyd**

**Women of Grace Christmas Party  
 Saturday, Dec 3, 3:00 PM**

At Home of Sonja Campbell in Prattville  
 Bring a gift-wrapped tree ornament.  
 Meet at church at 2 pm if wish to ride together to  
 Prattville.



**Senior Adult Christmas Party  
 Saturday, December 10, 6:30 PM**

At D.J.'s Restaurant in Hope Hull

**OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP**

**Sunday:**

9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Morning Worship/Children's Church  
 5:30 PM Discipleship Training/Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Evening Worship

**Wednesday:**

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Girls in Action, RA's, Youth Classes  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Merry Christmas**

To all our Family &  
 Friends  
 We celebrate Jesus!

*"For unto you is born  
 this day in the city of  
 David a Saviour which  
 is Christ the Lord."*

*-Luke 2:11*

**Annual Christmas Program  
 "Beyond the Manger"**

**Dec 18, 6:30 PM**

(Refreshments to follow)

