



*Kennebec  
Baptist Church*

*Monthly Newsletter  
November/December 2011*

## ***Keeping Christ in Christmas***

As things change I'm not always excited to see the 'new' and 'improved' changes that occur. What is wrong with saying Merry Christmas? Why are retail stores shying away from wishing us a Merry Christmas? We wouldn't even have Christmas if it were not for Jesus, so why is everyone afraid to mention His name when we celebrate His birth?? As the Christmas season approaches, I'd like to ask you to consider trying a new technique. When you go to a retail store, if the salesperson wishes you "Happy Holidays" simply ask two questions. First, ask if they are permitted to say "Merry Christmas". Second, say "If you don't mind me asking; would there be a holiday season at this time of the year if we didn't celebrate Christmas?" I'd be real interested in seeing how they would respond, especially if they're not allowed to say "Merry Christmas". In fact, I wonder, do we really want to do business with a company that would forbid or encourage its employees not to say "Merry Christmas"?

I love you all, and will look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

Sincerely His,

*Pastor Mark*

*P.S. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!!!!!!*

- **Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm  
Church Wide Sing
- **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Third Day Concert  
(Youth Outing)
- **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm  
Children's Christmas  
Cantata
- **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm  
Worship Choir  
Christmas Cantata
- **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm  
Family Night
- **Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** 6:30 pm  
Christmas Caroling
- **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** 5 pm  
Christmas Eve  
Service
- **Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** 11 am  
Christmas Day  
Service

# Children's Ministry

## Sunday Evening Program

### AWANNAs at 6:30 to 8pm

Each Sunday children from PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> meet to learn scripture. Children are awarded patches for their vest and earn Awanna dollars for assorted activities and discipline. Kids are encouraged to meet learning goals and each meeting begins with an awards ceremony to reward their success. 1 Hour of Scripture study & 30 minutes of games

There are 3 levels in Awannas **Cubbies** 3&4, **Sparks** K – 2<sup>nd</sup>. and **TNT's** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 7am  
**Baptist Men**

Sunday's at 7 am  
**Mens Bible Study**

Sunday's at 6:30 pm  
**Adult Bible Study**  
**Awanas – Kick OFF Sept. 11**

Monday's at 6:30pm **starts Sept. 12**  
**MOVIE – New Upreach Program**  
*Missions, Outreach, Visitation,*  
*Information, and Evangelism*

Tuesday's at 6:30 pm  
**Pack 777 meeting**

Wednesday's at 6pm  
**Fellowship Meal**

Wednesday's at 6:30 pm  
**Divorce Care**  
**Christmas Children's Program**  
**Practice**

Wednesday's at 7pm  
**Youth Missions Program**  
**Women's Bible Study –**  
**Conversation Peace**  
**Evening Worship**  
**Financial Peace University –begins**  
**Sept. 21**

Thursday's at 7pm  
**Ladies Bible Study –begins Sept. 15**



## Wednesday Evening Program

### Missionary Friends – 3 – K 7pm to 8pm

Each Wednesday night at 7pm preschool – K children meet focusing on missions with age appropriate activities.

### Royal Ambassadors (RA's) 7pm to 8pm

Each Wednesday night at 7p.m. the boys in grades 1-6 meet for R.A.s or Royal Ambassadors. RAs are a combination of Scouts and Bible study which challenges boys to be their best for Jesus. Focus: Missions

### Girls In Action (GA's) 7pm to 8pm

Each Wednesday night at 7p.m. Girls in Action or Gas meet. GAs is a WMU mission organization for girls who are age 6-11 or in grades 1-6. GAs help girls in our church begin to develop spiritually towards a missions lifestyle as they learn what God is doing in the world and discover their place in God's plan. Focus: Missions



## Thank You!

Care Givers are needed in Infant and Toddlers please see Melanie Blalock  
[blalock6@yahoo.com](mailto:blalock6@yahoo.com) 557-6485

## Music Ministry

The Adult Worship Choir would like to extend a cordial invitation to anyone interested in joining the choir to come out on Sunday afternoons at 5pm.

There is no audition and you don't have to read music. All we ask is that you are saved and that you want to lift up the name of **JESUS CHRIST** in song.



## December Focus

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** begins the last Sunday of November it will run through the end of December.

**National Goal: 175 Million**  
**Our Church Goal: 2,500**



### **Kennebec Food Pantry Needs**

Priority items are

*Canned Meats: Spam, Vienna Sausage,  
Tuna, Chicken, Stew, Salmon*

*Canned Other: Spaghetti O's, Soups, Ravioli,  
Fruit, Vegetables (corn, greenbeans, potatoes  
etc.)*

*Boxed or Bagged: Rice, Macaroni and  
Cheese, Pasta, Potatoes, Beans, Bisquick,  
Powdered Milk, Cereal, Oatmeal, Flour, Sugar*

*Other: Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Tea  
Bags, Coffee, Bottles of Fruit Juice  
Betty Crocker Complete Meal in box, Bowl  
Appetit, Tuna Helper,  
Ramen Noodles*

*Toothbrushes, Toothpaste  
and Bar Soap*

**Please leave items in  
kitchen marked  
Food Pantry**



**WMU: Woman's Missionary Union**  
Change A Life, Change the World

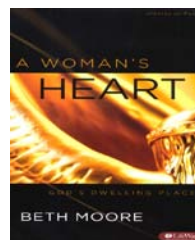
*Come and join us* WMU meets the 2nd  
Tuesday of the month  
at 11 Am & 7 PM

**Next Meeting Date:  
December 13th**

## *Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Heavenly Father, on  
Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to  
You and pray.  
We give You thanks for all  
You've done  
Especially for the gift of  
Jesus, Your Son.  
For beauty in nature,  
Your glory we see  
For joy and health,  
friends and family,  
For daily provision,  
Your mercy and care  
These are the blessings  
You graciously share.  
So today we offer this  
response of praise  
With a promise to follow  
You all of our days.*

*--Mary Fairchild*



## **Thursday's @ 7PM**

Discover the parallels of  
the Tabernacle's building  
and your life as a chosen  
vessel of God.

*Contact: Karen Hammonds-Blanks 656-1760  
or Debbie Sullivan 639-4165 for information  
about books (cost is \$15) 11 week study 7-9pm*



“Spiritual Transformation is God’s work of changing a believer into the likeness of Jesus by creating a new identity in Christ and by empowering a lifelong relationship of love, trust, and obedience to glorify God.” Are you looking for a spiritual transformation?

Then... ***join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. We have a class for everyone!***

***Your seat is reserved!***



Are you ready to learn biblical principles about living life on the edge? If so, join us in Sunday School as we begin a study on Numbers and Deuteronomy. Do you want to know the answer to the question: Why are rededications to commitments sometimes necessary? Then, don't miss SS on December 4<sup>th</sup> when we will begin exploring how youth – adults can stay true to the commitments they make in serving God. Don't miss a Sunday in the Winter Quarter as we learn about watching out for pitfalls and loving God above all else!

...have a chuckle

One Sunday, after church, Mom asked her little daughter what the Sunday school lesson was about. Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."

### Wednesday Nights Family Meal Ministry

Do you have a favorite meal or dessert you are just dying to share with us on Wednesday's nights. The Wednesday night meal team would love to have you come share it with us. Give Laura Creech your list of what you need and the Wednesday night you want to cook and the team will be right there to help in anyway while you prepare your meal. Amanda Wasniak came and cooked Taco soup and it went great so we would love to give others the same opportunity. Reach Laura at 919-526-3388.

*No Wed. night meals for December,  
will resume in January*

### Coupon Ministry

Thank you church and keep them coming! This is an ongoing ministry that makes a big difference to our military families. You may leave coupons in **baskets** located in the **three main hallways**.  
**Coupons can even be outdated two months back**

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month from 10 am to 2 pm at Dwight and Jean Price's home, 115 Bobby Marie Lane, Angier. There is a need for help in sorting, cutting, and packing. Donate as much time as you can, bring a sandwich and your favorite scissors. Drinks and paper cutters provided. Hope to see you there!



Contact for directions or info:  
Jean Price 919-639-4399  
Clarice Hayes 919-434-2279

**Ministry Leaders & church members:**  
**Do you have an announcement, special thank you, or praise you would like posted in the newsletter?**  
**email: [dawnstrickland@nc.rr.com](mailto:dawnstrickland@nc.rr.com)**



# Happy Birthday

**May your day be blessed with happiness and joy**

### November

Taylor Blalock	1
Wade Blalock	1
Ruth Williams	2
Noah Howard	4
Dale Dorman	8
Stephen Miller	8
Janice Lane	10
Mary Vail	10
Jerry Teasley	11
Randy McLean	13
Melanie Blalock	17
Clarice Hayes	17
Patsy McLeod	20
Jacob Lane	24
Vanessa McLamb	24

### December

Jim Andrews	8
Kathy Dean	8
Bert Walker	9
Alex McLamb	11
Heather Spell	11
Jean Price	20
Ava McLamb	22
Kara Miller	22
Kylie Payne	25
Snow Crowder	27
Marie Guy	27
Kim Miller	29
Nancy Lane	30
Bethany Walker	30
Ray Martin	31

*Please let us know if your name is not on the list but should be. We apologize for the oversight and look forward to adding you to the member's birthday list. Please email [dawnstrickland@nc.rr.com](mailto:dawnstrickland@nc.rr.com)*

### Deacons for 2011 - 2012

A/B	Sammy Lewter	919-639-0654
C/D	Randy McLean	919-577-6493
E/H	Kenneth Weathers	919-639-2069 (Co-Chairman)
I/O	Tim Bell	919-557-5849
P/S	Thomas Dean	919-552-5556
T/Z	Brandon Stephenson	919-552-1565 (Chairman)

**The Prayer Chain can be started by calling any of the deacons.**

The church will turn 100 in 4 years and we are looking for pictures, stories, etc. Please give anything about the church history to the Pastor.