

On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> we were fortunate to have Ted and Beverly Holmes, Southern Baptist Missionaries in Poland, present to us at First Baptist Church in Dayton. They are currently on furlough and living in Knoxville during their furlough period. Their presentation was very informative, and their work is very interesting. We are sorry if you were not able to join us to hear them. Remember them in prayer that God will bless their work in Poland. Remember to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as all of this money goes directly to the missionaries for their work in the field.

Thank you for the support you give to the Association, because without your support, we could not have the missionaries come to present, nor give water to those at the Strawberry Festival and other activities that take place. A mission trip may be very possible for this summer through the Association so keep it in mind and pray for it to come to about. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!


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**TVBA Pastors:** Please let us know if you and your wife plan to attend this retreat as scholarships are available to help cover the cost of the registration fee. The deadline to pay your deposit is Tues., December 15<sup>th</sup> and forms are available at the TVBA office.

Melissa Locke has been assigned to TVBA as our MK to sponsor during the current school year. Melissa is a senior at Union University, and her birthday is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Melissa in your prayers and take time to encourage her periodically with emails, cards, gift cards, and care packages. Her contact information is:

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**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- 11/29-12/6 SBC Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 12/6 Christmas in His Presence, Community Concert, First Baptist Church, Dayton, 6:30 p.m.
- 12/15 No TVBA Pastors Conference this month
- 12/23 TVBA Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 12/24-25 Christmas Eve and Day (TVBA Office Closed)
- 12/31 New Year's Eve (TVBA Office Open)
- 1/1 New Year's Day (TVBA Office Closed)
- 1/4 TVBA Office Closed (New Year's Holiday)
- 1/12 TVBA Exec. Board, Assoc. Office, 7:00 p.m.

Community Concert

*Come celebrate*

**CHRISTMAS**  
*in HIS*  
**PRESENCE**



featuring

Dayton First Baptist

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Lake Drive Baptist

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Walden's Ridge Baptist

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Wolf Creek Baptist

Dayton First Baptist \* Sunday \* December 6 \* 6:30 pm

**December Birthdays**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cloyd Bell, Graysville First

**December Church Anniversaries**  
2014 Mark McCullough, Bethel

**December Wedding Anniversaries**  
12<sup>th</sup> Paul and Dora Mitchell, High Point  
12<sup>th</sup> Barry and Elaine Purser, Old Washington, Int.  
15<sup>th</sup> Rob and Jill Armstrong, New Union



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Minute with Mike

TVBA Financial Report for November 2015

There are two times during the year that I really miss being a pastor, Easter and Christmas. The Lord has been gracious in my fifteen years as a DOM in allowing me to speak on Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas with a rare exception. This year I have the privilege of filling in at First Baptist, Spring City December 2<sup>nd</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> as Brian and Stephanie journey to China to adopt a son into their family.

The doctrine of redemption involves three dimensions. We are redeemed from something, the bondage of sin. We are redeemed by something, the blood of Jesus. We are also redeemed unto something, the adoption as sons. A Roman would redeem a slave for one of two reasons: to set him free or to personally enslave him. Jesus redeemed us to set us free from the bondage of sin, but also adopted us as sons in the family of God. All, whether male or female, have the rights of sons in the family. We receive the adoption as sons as we do our redemption. We do not deserve either. We also, as sons, can never be disinherited as sons and heirs because we have been adopted. This was true of Roman law, British law, and is true of American law and God's law. It is because we were chosen by our adoptive Father. He chose to adopt us. Even though we must mature as Christians we have the rights of sons and heirs from the day of our redemption and adoption. Pray for this pastor and wife, their daughters, and this soon to be adopted son. I look forward to meeting him when he arrives home.

Continue to pray for our four churches seeking pastors. They are Clear Creek, Mercy Missionary, Old Washington, and Saint Clair. We welcome Brian Crowe as the new pastor at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church.

*Mike Young, D. Min.,* Associational Director of Missions



CHURCHES	MONTH	YEAR
Bethel	\$105.88	\$1,469.37
Central	\$1,116.31	\$9,520.17
Clear Creek	\$50.00	\$2,333.00
Concord Union	\$150.00	\$1,650.00
Cranmore Cove	\$0.00	\$1,681.98
Dayton First	\$506.88	\$5,316.14
Garrison	\$50.00	\$250.00
Grandview	\$40.00	\$440.00
Graysville First	\$50.00	\$500.00
High Point	\$69.00	\$642.00
Lake Drive	\$341.43	\$3,782.69
Mercy Missionary	\$100.00	\$875.00
Mt. Vernon	\$100.00	\$1,100.00
Mt. Zion	\$63.80	\$839.22
New Union	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
Ogden	\$200.00	\$2,200.00
Old Washington	\$200.00	\$2,200.00
Pilgrim's Rest	\$0.00	\$600.00
Saint Clair	\$203.82	\$1,886.68
Sale Creek First	\$370.00	\$2,220.00
Salem	\$374.77	\$2,302.50
Smyrna	\$300.00	\$2,054.00
Spring City First	\$827.51	\$11,038.39
TBC Supplement	\$1,344.75	\$14,794.75
Union Fork	\$50.00	\$550.00
Walden's Ridge	\$383.00	\$5,516.00
Wolf Creek	\$943.00	\$10,740.00
Yellow Creek	\$164.44	\$1,996.85
Miscellaneous Income	\$800.00	\$827.00

Total Received for November:	\$8,904.59
Total Expenses for November:	\$11,205.08
Ending Month Balance:	\$10,728.80



**2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\***  
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This gospel is the only hope for the billions of people who haven't yet heard His name. Most of them live in hard places – like cities, jungles, deserts, and war zones – with no access to the gospel.

We each have a part in fulfilling God's commission to reach these people if we are faithful to live out our missionary identity, if we are faithful to pray, give, go, and send to plant churches around the world for the glory of God. How do you fit into God's creative global plan? How does your church fit in?

*"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonderful works among all peoples."* (Psalm 96:3, HCSB)