

TODAY, DECEMBER 20

- ▶ 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- ▶ 8:30a —Choir Rehearsal
- ▶ 8:45a —Prayer Time

EXTRA ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Dec. 14-29—Pastor Randy & Phyllis traveling to Brazil
- ◆ Dec. 24— *Christmas Eve* Candlelight Service 5:00p led by BJ Bourn

Merry Christmas

(Regular Activities are printed on the back of the bulletin)

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ Dec. 27 — TLC Balance Due
- ◆ Dec. 28-31 — TLC (Teen Leadership Conference)—9:00a Departure from the church
- ◆ Jan. 5 — J.O.Y. Group Potluck Luncheon 11:30a
- ◆ Jan. 9 — Women's Ministry Committee Meeting 9:00a in the Library
- ◆ Jan 16 — New Members Class 9:00a—12:30p —Lunch provided
- ◆ — Emergency Procedures Class 9:00a—for anyone who has not yet attended a class
- ◆ Jan. 24 — Annual Potluck & Business Meeting with the election of church officers
- ◆ Jan. 30 — Women's Ministry "Kick-Off" Event 10a in the East Wing

REMI~~N~~DER:

- HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: Needs Non-perishable food items and/or cash donations

An old Typewriter was left on the bus from the auction at Camp Pine-wood this fall. If it belongs to you please contact
Jerry Thomas 208.880.2260

Ministry Assignments:

December 20:

Greeters: Carol Barrett (F) Ona Healy (B)
Ushers: Woody/ James F./ Donn/ Carl/ Alan
Nursery:
AM: James & Melissa Fife
SS: David & Jeanie Granger
PM: John & Erin Saltz
Children's Church: Kara Bourn / Christy Ho
 Hailey Hasenyager
Sound Booth: Alex Sklyarov (AM & PM)
Security: Bill Postmus (AM) Dick Olson (PM)

December 27:

Greeters: Ham (F) Olson (B)
Ushers: Woody/ Lloyd/ Kelly/ Josh
Nursery:
AM: Brian & Mary Ann Rhom
SS: Amanda Bourn / Olga Kryachun
PM: Glenda Ham / Linda Morgan
Children's Church: Kara Bourn
 Iyana Bourn
Sound Booth: Jason Mackenzie (AM) Tyler Ho (PM)
Security: Brian Rhom (AM) Luke Perrine (PM)

Meridian First Baptist Church December 20, 2015



Pianist: Scott Schimanski
 Song Leader: Pastor Bill Toyer

Welcome/ Announcements: Pastor Dave

Hymn #282—O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful
 Hymn #272—While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Joy! Unspeakable Joy! Special Choir Performance

Prayer / Offering: Pastor Saltz

Hymn #290—As with Gladness Men of Old
 (Dismiss Children)

Message: Jim Cornell

Closing Hymn: Pastor Bill Toyer

6:00 PM

Song Leader: Kelly Shoemaker
 Special Music: Jim Cornell
 Message: Pastor Dave
 Text: John 1:1-14

Children's Ministry Program for ages 2 year old through Kindergarten



David & Christie Sommers

Missionary of the
 Month
 ABWE
 Indonesia

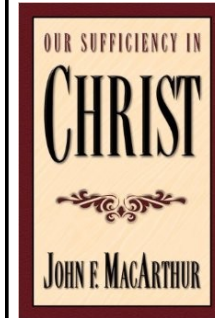
Financial Deposit Report

WEEK: December 13, 2015
 General Fund: \$8,514.00
 Special : \$2,663.11
 Deposit: \$11,177.11

General Fund Budget: \$34,772.92
 MONTH: December
 General Fund: \$20,999.82
 Special Fund: \$4,436.42
 Deposits: \$25,436.24

YTD Ingathering Offering: \$44,350.00

Excerpts from Good Books



Our Sufficiency in Christ
 by John F. MacArthur
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 p.264

"As Christians, we find complete sufficiency in Christ and His provisions for our needs. There's no such thing as an incomplete or deficient Christian. Our Savior's divine power has

granted to us *everything* pertaining to life and godliness. Human wisdom offers nothing to augment that."

"Christianity is an all-sufficient relationship with an all-sufficient Christ."

"But a widespread lack of confidence in Christ's sufficiency is threatening the contemporary church."

"There's a single word that encompasses the riches we find in Christ: *grace*. What a magnificent word it is! It is used more than 150 times in the New Testament to speak of divine favor bestowed on undeserving people."

"One of the most wonderful statements about our Lord is that He was 'full of grace' (John 1:14) and 'of His fullness have all we received and grace upon grace' (John 1:16). 'Grace upon grace' speaks of accumulated grace— one grace following upon another. Such grace is ours each day. It is unlimited and sufficient for every need."

"Is there sufficiency in Christ? Absolute sufficiency. The challenge for us to know Him better, to serve Him more fervently, and to be more conformed to His image. Paul told the Ephesians his prayer for them was that they might 'be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God' (Eph. 3:18-19).

Take time this Christmas holiday to fill yourself "up to all the fullness of God" and "fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith".

-Pastor Dave