

## *We Can Only Imagine*

Let me start by thanking you all once again for welcoming Emily and me as you have. We have been overwhelmed with the love and support you all have shown us these last few weeks. We are truly grateful for all that you have done. I want you to know that it is a privilege to serve here and be your pastor. I look forward to all that God is going to do here at Cherry Ridge.

Second Corinthians 2:9 gives us a great promise for now and eternity: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him." We, as believers who love God, have no idea what He has prepared for us in the future. Ephesians 3:20 tells us that God is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." If we love the Lord He will reveal to us what His plans are and they are greater than we could ever imagine. God has a great plan for Cherry Ridge Baptist Church. If we love Him and serve Him faithfully, He'll bless this church far beyond what any of us could imagine.

I am excited about the progress that we have made toward completion of our multi-ministry building. We are still on track to have it finished by January, 2012. Thank you for praying for, giving to, and supporting this work. We will soon need to start thinking and praying about what the vision is for this part of our ministry.

God has given us a great ministry tool to use for His glory.

We are coming upon a very exciting time of the year. We have many things taking place in our church both on Sundays and during the week that I want to encourage you to take part in. One of the things I'd like to highlight is the shoebox ministry. This is one of our greatest mission efforts and I pray you'll get involved by taking time to come help pack boxes or bringing materials to send. November 14-21 will be a very important week for this ministry as we are a relay station for others to bring their boxes for packing. If at all possible, please volunteer to help at some point that week.

We're also looking forward to our November 27<sup>th</sup> mission's banquet for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It will be a great service in which we focus on the lost world and reaching to the ends of the earth with the Gospel of Christ. Please observe the calendar and see all that we have ahead of us in the month of November at Cherry Ridge.

There are certainly many different opportunities for you to get involved in ministry and the life of Cherry Ridge Baptist Church. What a great opportunity God has given us to be a part of His great plan for Bastrop and the world. I look forward to leading you, serving you, and standing with you for His Kingdom!

In Christ,  
Bro. Kyle Peters

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## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **SR. ADULT MUSICAL**
- ◆ **MISSIONS BANQUET**
- ◆ **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
- ◆ **HOLIDAY SCHEDULES**
- ◆ **YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

## From the Heart of James

Well it's almost over, another Happy Town. Thanks for being so willing to volunteer. You're probably thinking that after Monday night, we can rest and relax, HA! The holidays are coming; the holidays are coming, run for cover.

The Children and Youth are working on their Christmas Program. If you have someone who wants to participate, please have them at church on Sunday and Wednesday nights. The program will air, live, at CRBC on Sunday night December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Children's Christmas

Party Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. CRBC will have a float again this year and the theme is "A Cajun Country Christmas". If anyone has any ideas how to incorporate that theme in with a Christian theme, let me know. Also, we will have to start working on the float during Thanksgiving break, so please make time to help.

The Youth will be having a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Peters' residence. Then, on Sunday

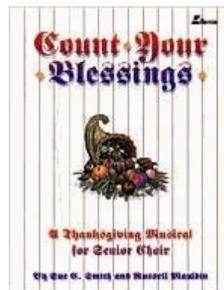
Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> the Youth leave for YEC and return on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

I will be starting a series on Christmas and why we do what we do around the middle of the month. I hope to be able to impress on them that when they hear, "Jesus is the reason for the season", it's more than just words. Pray for us during this series of lessons.

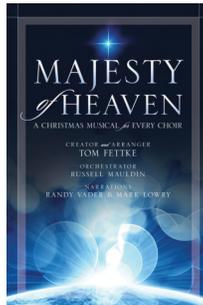
All this being said doesn't even mention all the other holiday events that are planned during the next two months. So, like I alluded to earlier, let's get busy.

LAYMAN'S 10  
COMMANDMENTS  
1. PRAYER IS NOT A  
"SPARE WHEEL"  
THAT YOU PULL  
OUT WHEN IN  
TROUBLE, BUT IT IS  
A "STEERING  
WHEEL" THAT  
DIRECTS THE RIGHT  
PATH  
THROUGHOUT.

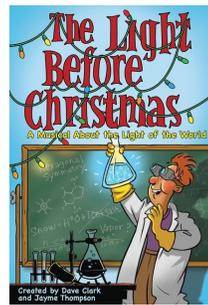
### A Note from Donna



Sr. Adult  
Thanksgiving  
Musical  
November 13th  
11:00 A.M.



Adult Choir  
Christmas Musical  
December 4th  
6:00 P.M.



Children's Choir  
Christmas Musical  
December 11th  
6:00 P.M.

### Advent

As we approach the holiday season, I am planning a different way to truly anticipate and enjoy this festive season. We will be observing the five Sundays of Advent - not so typical in a Baptist church - but filled with a beautiful message of hope, peace, joy, love and rejoicing. I will need 5 families who are willing to read scripture, light a candle and ask the congregation to join in singing a song. This doesn't mean you have to sing into a microphone, but you could. When I approach to ask you, please consider helping. It will be a meaningful and memorable time for your family.



### Shoebox Ministry

November 14-21, 2011 is the designated time for the Operation Christmas Child Relay into the church. Please sign-up with Katherine for your Station. We need all the volunteers that we can get to help during this time to process all of the shoeboxes that come into the church. Please sign-up with Katherine for your time to serve. This is a very worthwhile mission project of our church.



## *Sympathy*

The church family wishes to express Christian sympathy to :

Dorothy Williams in the loss of her brother

The family of Robert McKane

The family of Joseph Nall

## *Thank You*

Thank you notes have been received this month from:

Janet Krane (Louise Cain)

Dorothy Williams

Linda Gunter & Family

Jeff, Teresa, Missy & Hanna  
Coleman

Larry & Linda Ryder

The Family of Helen Smith

Joyce Lindeman

LA Baptist Children's Home

## *Memorials in Sept. & Oct.*

### *Multi-Ministry Building Fund*

In Memory of **Hilma Shaw, John Bennett, Margie Beach, Helen Chambless, Vernita Grantham, Jerry Wilson and Helen Smith** by Larry & Linda Ryder.

In Memory of **Helen Smith** by Charlie & Peggy Hinrichs.

In Memory of **Margie Beach and Jerry Wilson** by Virgil & Jeanette Carney

In Memory of **Jerry Wilson, Cleo Ryder and Helen Smith** by A.P. & Judy Owens

In Memory of **Louise Cain** by Ladies 4 Sunday School, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Wasserman, Town & Country Extension Club, Cathy Chessin & Andrew Podolnick.

In Memory of **John Bennett** by Sandy Dunlap

In Memory of **Louise Cain, Helen Smith, Cleo Ryder, Margie Beach, Hilma Shaw & John Bennett** by Dorothy Norman

In Memory of **Margie Beach** by Glen & Pasty Micheau

In Memory of **Louise Cain and Cleo Ryder** by Jime & Sandra Wilson

## *Happy Thanksgiving!*



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# NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15 Quilting	2 Noon - Feed the BCM at ULM Prayer Meeting	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 3:00 Finance 4:00 Deacons	7 9:45 Keenager Choir 6:30 Angels at G. McCormack's	8 9:15 Quilting	9 Business Meeting	10	11	12
13 "Count Your Blessings" Musical "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" For youth	14	15 9:15 Quilting	16 Prayer Meeting	17	18	19
<-----Shoobox Relay Station (14th - 21st)----->						
20 YEC	21 YEC	22 <b>Wednesday on Tuesday Prayer Mtg.</b>	23 (No services tonight - come on Tuesday)	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
				Church Office Closed		
27 1st Sunday of Advent Missions Banquet Lottie Moon	28	29 9:15 Quilting	30 Prayer Meeting			