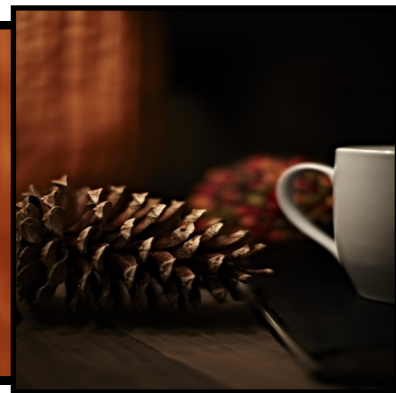




December 2016
January 2017



Rev. Rob Purdy
Pastor

Church Newsletter

Joanne Wells
Editor



Wow! This is the last newsletter of 2016! What happened to the time? It went so quickly. We were busy with new members, new babies, new classes, new website, new FB and Twitter, new Live Streaming, new Dlife groups. We were occupied with mission work, benevolence, Food Bank trips, Seafarer Group boxes, Thanksgiving boxes, Regal Estates and more! We were praying for our families who had loved ones called home to Heaven. We were praying for our community, our state, our nation and the elections. And...we grew!

My constant prayer since arriving here in July 2000 has been for us to be a faithful and faith-filled church. I've seen that prayer answered so many times. We've remained both faithful and faith-filled when our building burned down, when Katrina hit New Orleans and we served as a shelter, when we evacuated for Rita, and of course when we went through the disaster of hurricane Ike. And again, I saw the answer to my prayer demonstrated on Wednesday night when our faithful and faith-filled church voted to take the next step into God's future for us.

We unanimously voted to move forward with the sale of a portion of our property and to build a new building on the remainder of our property. Obviously, there are many more steps that must be accomplished before we break ground, but to me, the victory has already come. We heard from the Lord and, without having everything in sight, responded. That, church, is the very definition of faith. I'm blessed to pastor a church that is faithful and faith-filled!

Together, we enter a new year. 2017 is full of promise! God the Father is still sovereign. The Holy Spirit is still convicting of sin and Comforting, and Jesus is still saving souls! The world may seem shaky but our foundation is secure. There is much fear but we know that God says, *"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

All we need to do is to remain faithful and faith-filled!

It is fitting that we end each year with the celebration of the birth of our Lord. In the trappings of the Christmas season, with all its traditions, is the greatest demonstration of faithfulness the world has ever seen. It's good to be reminded that while we were truly deplorable, God kept His promise, God sent His son!

So to a faithful and faith-filled church, Gerda and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

December/January Calendar

Saturday, December 3

- Youth to Houston Zoo

Sunday, December 4

- Lord's Supper Services

Sunday, December 4—11

- Week of Prayer for LMCO

Saturday, December 10

- Youth Service—Wrap for Christmas Blessing Project

Wednesday, December 14

- Youth to deliver Christmas Cards to Regal Estates

Thursday, December 15

- Ladies Lunch Bunch

Saturday, December 17

- Youth to deliver Christmas Blessing Gifts and Fleece Scarves

Sunday, December 18

- Youth Christmas Celebration and Sunday School

Wednesday, December 21

- **No Wednesday Evening Services**
- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm**

December 22—January 3

- Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

- **ONE Family Christmas Service - Christmas Cantata**

Wednesday, December 28

- **No Evening Services**

Sunday, January 1

- **ONE Family New Year's Service - Lord's Supper Service**

January 5—7

- Blast-n-Cast Rockport Ministry

Monday, January 9

- Men's Monday Night Resumes
- Hospitality Committee Planning and Recruitment Meeting

Thursday, January 10

- Merry Widows Dinner

Wednesday, January 18

- Church Council Meeting

Friday, January 20

- Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, January 28

- Youth to the Houston Food Bank

Sunday, January 29

- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Weekly Schedule

Sunday *On Dec. 25 & Jan. 1—there will only be One Worship Service at 10:30 AM—No Children's Church*****

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 am.....	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:15 am	Youth Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Young Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
1:15 — 2:00 pm	Retirement Ministry Worship Service	Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday *No Men's Ministry Meeting on 12/26/16 & 01/02/17*****

6:30 pm... Men's Ministry Football, Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship **No meeting 12/26** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Wednesday *No Wednesday Service 12/21/2016 & 12/28/16*****

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer and Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
7:45 pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



**The Church office will be closed
Dec. 22 through Jan. 03**

Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

December 2016 Tellers

Dec. 04.....	John & Cheryl Harrison, & Norma Keeler
Dec. 11.....	Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Dec. 18.....	
Dec. 25.....	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long

January 2017 Tellers

Jan. 01.....	John & Cheryl Harrison, & Norma Keeler
Jan. 08.....	Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Jan. 15.....	
Jan. 22.....	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
Jan. 29.....	Mary Johnson, Linda Long and Juliet Wall

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds
October.....\$21,196.35

We would love to pray for you.
Activate our 24 Hour Prayer Chain



Birthdays

December

Sarah Smith
Steve Mewborn
Judy Singleton
Blake King
Barbara Sue Smith
Cody Stewart
Katy Wilk
Pastor Rob
Lori Forrest
Paul Rangel
Eileen Morse
Rayma Solis
Ronda Rabalais
Joyce Fisher-Clark
Bob Snow
Kathy Littlefield
Pat Broussard
Lawrence Wall
Jean Corley
Matthew Abernathy
Rebecca Miller
Don Clark Jr.



January

William Williams
Azalee Treadaway
Melanie Martinez
Alice Joy Brown
Michael Perez
Mary Johnson
Wendy Hutton-Perez
Marianne van Leeuwen
Daniel Clark
Lucile Phelps
Betty Coker
Wayne Stewart
Joy Moss
Theresa Smith
Carly Wells
Woody Woodworth

in
Remembrance

Lord's Supper Services

Sunday, December 4
9:30 and 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 1
10:30 AM

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2016

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Week of Prayer:
December 4 — 11, 2016

*You have ... heard about this hope in the message of truth,
the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all
over the world, just as it has among you since the day
you heard it... COLOSSIANS 1:5-6 (HCSB)*

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support International missionaries and their ministries.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Dec. 22 — Jan 03	Church Office will be closed
Wed., Dec. 21	No Wednesday Evening Service
	Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 25	Christmas Cantata at 10:30 am
	<i>(*No Pre-K or Children's Church)</i>
Sunday, Dec. 25	No Regal Estates Service
Monday, Dec. 26	No Men's Ministry Bible Study
Wed., Dec. 28	No Wednesday Evening Service
Sunday, Jan. 01	One Family Worship Lord's Supper Service
	at 10:30 am (*No Pre-K or Children's Church)
Monday, Jan. 02	No Men's Ministry Bible Study



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

The Youth will continue making Christmas cards for the residents at Regal Estates on Wednesday evening after a time of prayer and devotion. The youth will also begin making scarves on Wednesday evenings for our homeless ministry project.

Saturday, December 3 ~ The youth will spend the day at the Houston Zoo and will stay for the Zoo Lights that night. There will not be a charge for admission to the Zoo; however, each youth will need to bring money for food/drink and any souvenirs. We will plan to meet at the church at 7:45 am and leave the church at 8:00 am.

Saturday, December 10 ~ The youth will be wrapping gifts for our Christmas Blessing Project. These gifts will be delivered to a local family/families on Saturday, December 17. **There is still time to help us bless others. Donations can be made to the Youth Christmas Blessing Project.** This will help us purchase gifts for those who would not otherwise have any this Christmas. Gifts will be purchased on December 9 and 10. For more details please see Lori Forrest.

Wednesday, December 14 ~ The youth will be leaving the church at 6:00 pm to deliver hand-made Christmas Cards to Regal Estates residents. We will back at the church by 7:30 pm.

Saturday, December 17 ~ The youth will deliver scarves to the homeless shelter and will also deliver the Christmas Blessing Project gifts to the local family/families.

Sunday, December 18 ~ The youth will meet in the youth room from 8:30—10:30 am to have a mini Christmas celebration and Sunday School. The youth are drawing names and will bring their Secret Santa gifts on this day to exchange. Please keep gifts under \$20.

**The youth will NOT meet on Wednesday, December 21 and December 28,
And the youth will NOT meet on Sunday, December 25 and January 1.
Youth please join your family for the Christmas and New Year's services.**

JANUARY ~ The youth will be selling their annual Valentine Grams. Please stop by our table in the foyer during the month of January to order your personalized Valentine Gram.



Sunday, January 22 ~ The youth will be teaching Children's Church during the first service. This is always a fun time for the kids and an opportunity for the youth to be servants of the Lord. Please plan to be present on **Wednesday, January 18**, so that we can prepare the lesson and everyone can choose their part.

Saturday, January 28 ~ The youth will serve the morning shift at the Houston Food Bank. This is always a great time. We would like to invite anyone who would like to join us to do so. We will meet at the church at 6:15 am and will leave by 6:30 am. Our shift is from 8:00 am to Noon. Everyone must be registered before we go because space is limited. Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet to be posted.



Ladies Lunch Bunch Red Hat Christmas Celebration

All ladies of the church are invited!

It's that time of year again — time for the December Lunch Bunch at Cracker Barrel. This will be a Red Hat event and \$5 gift exchange.

Thursday, December 15, 2016

11:30 am (carpool leaves church parking lot)

Please bring \$5 gift to exchange

This is always a fun time, so don't miss it! Come dressed in your red hat regalia, (over 50-wear red and purple, under 50-wear pink and lavender. You don't have to wear either, but you have to wear something!) This is a time of laughter and fellowship for the ladies and friends of the church, please join in the fun-the more the merrier!

First Baptist Church of Seabrook

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24

7:00 PM



Men's Monday Night Ministry

Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Every Monday at 6:30 PM

Not Meeting 12/26 or 01/02, Meetings resume 01/09/17

Christmas Cantata *One Service Only*

Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 10:30 AM

On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2016 we will all worship the Lord together for one service at 10:30 AM. The choir will bring a musical presentation of "Light Out Of The Darkness".

The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for this special morning.

LIGHT
OUT OF THE DARKNESS



Family Worship Sunday *One Service Only*

Sunday, January 1, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Sunday, January 1, 2016 is Family Celebration Sunday, which means we will all be together for one service at 10:30 AM. The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for this special morning.

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Rockport Event ~ January 5—7, 2017

Hospitality Committee Planning & New Member Recruitment Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017
7:00 PM

The Hospitality Committee is recruiting new members. This is a fun way to get to know everyone and participate in planning activities for 2017.

Contact Mandy Stilwell for additional information.



Merry Widows Dinner

Thursday, January 10, 2017
Laredo's Mexican Restaurant
Hwy., 146, Seabrook
6:00 PM

The Merry Widows will be meeting at Laredo's Mexican Restaurant here in Seabrook at 6:30.

All ladies are welcome, you don't have to be a widow to attend. We have a great time! For more information please see Norma Keeler.



Meeting

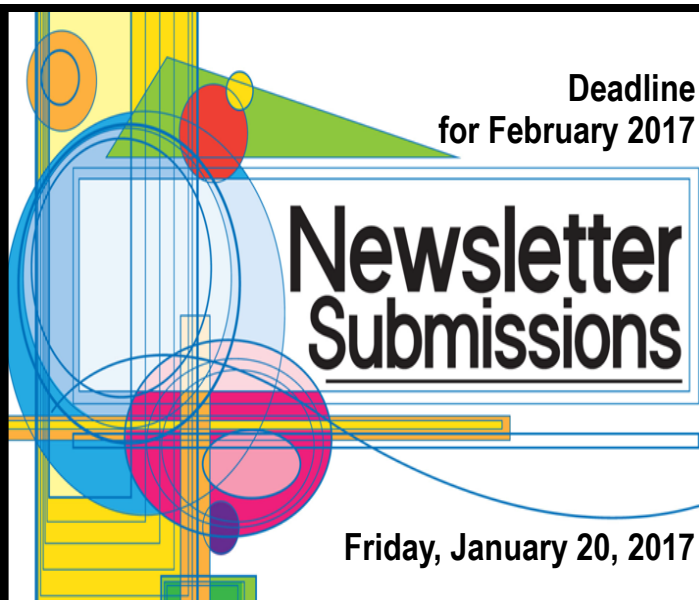
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
6:00 PM

Church Council will be planning for the months of February, March and April. If everyone comes prepared and on time the meeting should only last 20-25 minutes.

Deadline
for February 2017

Newsletter Submissions

Friday, January 20, 2017



houston foodbank

Saturday, January 28, 2017

The youth will serve the morning shift at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, January 28, 2017. We would like to invite anyone who would like to join us to do so. We will meet at the church at 6:15 am and leave by 6:30 am. Our shift is from 8:00 am to noon. Everyone must be registered before we go because space is limited. Keep an eye for the sign-up sheet to be posted early in January.

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Sunday, January 29, 2017
9:30 & 11:00 am Services

5th
Sunday
Hymn
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Lamplight - Opposites Attract

If you love those feel good stories that bring tears to your eyes... have I got a story for you!

It's a delightful story about the unlikely bond between two strangers; a 4-year-old girl and an 82-year-old widower.

When I first read the story on Yahoo News, I thought it was cute, but about a week later, when I saw Steve Hartman's interview on CBS Morning News, it made me cry.

Dan Peterson, the 82-year-old widower, spoke about events that led up to the special encounter at the grocery store. After his wife's death, he had fallen into a deep depression. He began to feel as if he had no purpose, and most of his days were spent watching squirrels scamper around his backyard as he waited to die. Then, along came Norah...

Mr. Peterson hated grocery shopping, and it showed all over his face when he passed by Norah on the canned food aisle. It was Norah's fourth birthday. She wasn't fazed by his grumpiness at all and cheerfully greeted him, saying, "Hi, old person."

Mr. Peterson stopped in his tracks. "Old person?"

Without hesitation Norah responded, "Yes, old person. Can I have a birthday hug?"

Mr. Peterson found himself standing at a cross-roads. Should he ignore this little girl or should he give her a hug? He chose the hug.

Steve Hartman's own eyes glistened as he spoke about the special bond that blossomed between Norah and Mr. Peterson. When asked, "Why do you think all of this happened?" Mr. Peterson answered, "Quite frankly, it was God."

So there it is... God set the agenda for Mr. Peterson that day. Now, Norah and her mom stop by every week to visit Mr. Peterson. She shows up with library books, giggles, and plenty of hugs.

Mr. Peterson has found purpose in the future of a 4-year-old stranger.

This reminds me of God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 (the Message):

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for...

May we all remember where our hope comes from... "Quite frankly, it comes from God."

Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl



December 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer December 4--11, 2016						Youth-Houston Zoo and Zoo Lights Night
4 9:30 & 11:00 am Lord's Supper Services	5 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	6	7 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	8	9	10 Youth Service-Wrap for Christmas Blessing Project
11	12 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	13	14 6:00 PM YOUTH-to Regal Estates 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	15 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch Bunch Red Hat Christmas Celebration	16	17 YOUTH- Deliver Christmas Blessing Gifts & Scarves for the Scarf Ministry
18 8:30 AM YOUTH Christmas Celebration Secret Santa)	19 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	20	21 NO EVENING SERVICES Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	Church Office Closed December 22 - January 3		24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 10:30 AM ONE FAMILY SERVICE Christmas Cantata	26 NO Men's Monday Night Bible Study	27	28 NO EVENING SERVICES	29	30	31



January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM ONE FAMILY Lord's Supper SERVICE	2 NO Men's Monday Night Bible Study	3	4 Office Re-Opens 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	5	6	7
8 TOMORROW → Monday @ 7:00 pm Hospitality Recruitment & Planning Meeting	9 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	10	11 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	12 6:30 PM Merry Widows meeting at Laredo's	13	14
15	16 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	17	18 6:00 PM Church Council Mtg 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	19	20 NEWSLETTER February Newsletter Deadline	21
22	23 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	24	25 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	26	27	28 YOUTH to houston foodbank
29 9:30 & 11:00 AM 5th Sunday Hymn Sing	30 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	31	January Youth Fundraiser Valentine Grams Stop by the Youth table and order for your loved one all month			