

# THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLAME NEWSLETTER



*One Lord, one faith, one baptism*

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Christmas Service on Christmas Day at 11:00 am

## The Indescribable Gift

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

*-Isaiah 9:6*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16* He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son, does not have life. As we celebrate this Christmas season, is Jesus Christ the center of your Christmas? Have you accepted the “indescribable gift”?-the gift of salvation and eternal life? Have you given him your heart? If not-why not?

God gave us the gift of His Son...there is no gift that we have ever received or ever will receive that is greater than the gift of Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that you will be filled with the joy of His presence as we celebrate God's indescribable gift- *2 Corinthians 9:15*. Let us continue to focus and remain focused on the reason for celebrating Christmas. The fact the Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

As we reflect over the past year, it is evident that God has been faithful to each of us. He continues to do great and marvelous things for us. Although, we have been faced with many challenges, God has been faithful and good to each of us. How then can we in return demonstrate our love to God for the gift of his son, Jesus? We can begin by: loving God, obeying God and loving one another-why not give the gift of love this Christmas season! Our prayer is that you and your family will share in the joy of this Christmas Season together, enjoying the gift that money cannot buy, thieves cannot steal and the enemy cannot destroy...celebrate the gift- “Jesus Christ”

*“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

*Matthew 1:21*



To God Be The Glory  
Pastor & Mrs. Frank Jones & Family

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St. Matthew 1:21

## KENYA SHORT-TERM MISSION A SUCCESS

by Sis Jean B Hill

**W**hat a mighty God that we serve! It gives me great pleasure to report about the wonderful short-term mission trip this past November 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to Kenya East Africa to the region of Mombasa and the capitol of Nairobi. We had twenty-five people traveling from various parts of the United States to work in Health care and Evangelism. Upon our arrival, our host, Brother Peter Odanga, director of Word of Life Mombasa, his lovely wife Juddy and staff, warmly welcomed us. Our mission was simple. Provide free healthcare to the poorest of the poor while also sharing the gospel. Pastor Frank Jones, Jr., First Lady, Shellie W. Jones, Deaconess Elizabeth "Jean" Johnson, Brother Garrett Marsh (Minister-In-Training), and Sister Jean Hill all worked tirelessly with the Word of Life staff to reach the unreachable in remote villages, towns, schools, churches and an orphanage. Pastor Jones and Bro Marsh also visited a maximum-security prison where seventy prisoners gave their life to the Lord. Our Word of Life coordinators, Brother Butch (Paul) Jarrell, Nehemiah Network Administrator and Brother Robert French, Nehemiah Network Medical Coordinator did a splendid job of arranging this trip. We also express our sincere gratitude to Pastor Joseph Ginyard of Calvary Gospel Chapel in Philadelphia who spearheaded FBC outreach into foreign missions and Sis Marie Collins who arranged for the FBC team to have everything they needed for the trip. Finally, we could not conclude this report without giving you the Eternal Results in Kenya—We had the opportunity to minister to over 1028 people, gave out 1,745 prescriptions and saw 668 people put their faith in Christ. We indeed had a prosperous and fruitful week and we thank the Lord that He provided us with safety and protection to return with a praise report as this! On the next page we offer you a small pictorial of the Kenyan people and our ministry team.

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.  
St. Matthew 28:19-20**

**ETERNAL RESULTS OF OUR 2008 MOMBASA KENYA TRIP**

We had the opportunity to minister to over 1,028 people, gave out 1,745 prescriptions and saw 668 people put their faith in Christ. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!!



**Village school with 900 students**



**Pastor Jones & Bro Peter at prison**



**Children at Word of Life School**



**Bro Garrett, Prison Staff and Pastor Jones**



**First Lady Shellie Jones & Deaconess Jean Johnson with pre-school children**



**Sister Jean Hill with Bro Moses sharing HIV/AIDS info**

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.  
John 12:46



**A Story Worth Remembering**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel.”

Which means, “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:18-23

Pray without ceasing I Thessalonians 5:17



Please pray for those persons in Nursing Homes and Hospitals

and those on our Prayer List

Remembering always those who have passed on...Peace be still

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As everyman hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.  
I Peter 4:9,10



### **Looking Ahead in 2007**

- Christmas Service on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am
- Church Meeting on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- New Year's Eve Service on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 pm

### **Leadership Workshop 2008**

FBC will participate in a Leadership Workshop with Union Baptist Temple (Pastor Morgan) and St. John Baptist Church (Dr. Townsend) on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. This workshop will be held at St. John Baptist Church, Camden. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. Keynote presenters will be Dr. Daily Barnes of Philadelphia and Pastor Lance Watson of Virginia. All leaders of FBC are expected to attend.

### **Prison Ministry**

First Baptist Church of Swedesboro will sponsor a Prison Ministry at Salem County Correctional Facility located on Cemetery Road in Woodstown, New Jersey. This Ministry is tentatively scheduled for Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Anyone Who would like to volunteer to participate in this ministry must undergo a criminal history background check. If you would like to learn more about ministry or to obtain an application, please contact Deacon Mark Frisby or Brother James Ruffin.

### **Word of Life Mombasa Prayer Request**

Brother Peter Odanga of WOL Mombasa Kenya has asked for our prayers and help concerning the following things that they need to help them with their work for the Lord:

- \*Children School Sponsorship (\$800 per child per year—25 children in need)
- \*Teacher Incentive (motivate and assist financially)
- \*Ministry Van (cost \$20,000)
- \*Roofing for classroom (\$7,000)
- \*School Bus (\$11,000)

## CHRISTMAS INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES



What comfort by Him do we win  
Who made Himself the price of sin  
To make us heirs of glory?  
To see this Babe, all innocence,  
A Martyre born in our defence:  
Can man forget this Story?  
**Ben Jonson**



Christmas is forever, not for just one  
day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to  
put away  
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some  
box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good  
you do yourself.  
**Norman W. Brooks**



Christmas gift suggestions:  
To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good  
example.  
To yourself, respect.  
**Oren Arnold**

**“For I came down from heaven, not to  
do mine own will, but the will of Him  
that sent me.”** John 6:38



# JESUS IS THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS



**Matthew 1:21.** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Thought for the Day:** Stay Focused On The Reason.

**Reflection for the Day:** Jesus Is The Reason For The Season.

We are in the midst of preparing for Christmas. Much of our time and emphasis is making sure we get all of the necessary gifts for friends and family as well as making plans for holiday visits. All of this can be extremely enjoyable and positive; however, we must never lose focus on the reason for our celebration. During this season, Jesus, our Savior was born.

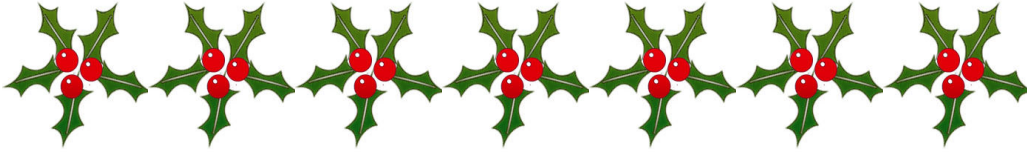
Take time away from the hectic schedule you have set for yourself for the next ten days. Do not allow yourself to be drawn away from remembering God's greatest gift to mankind, His Son. As you shop and visit with friends and family, remind yourself of the joy Jesus has brought to your life. You have the privilege of belonging to the royal family. He came to save you and I from our sins. Jesus is the reason for the season – stay focused on Him!



**Have You Shared Your Faith?**

The greatest gift you can give on Christmas day and everyday is to share your faith with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and strangers. This gift is free. Salvation is the only eternal gift that will last. Share your faith.

These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11



## Exult the Lord Our God Exult the Lord Our God

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 97 [KJV]



Join us for New Year's Eve Service—December 31, 2007 at 10:30 pm

## CHRISTMAS WORD GAMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Unscramble these Christmas Carols!

1. ATNSA LSUAC SI NCIOMG OT OTNW
2. KEDC ETH LASHL
3. LOPRHDU HTE ERD SNOED EREDIENR
4. LIGNEJ SLEBL
5. TORSFY EHT WONASNM
6. TINSEL GHINT
7. HET TILLET MEMRURD OBY
8. IHWTE SARTCMHIS
9. ODG SETR EY REMRY LETEGNEMN
10. HTE STIRF LONE

Fill In the Blanks!

1. The people who help Santa make toys are called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Santa rides a \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas Eve.
3. Santa keeps a list of who is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Santa is also known as Saint \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Santa lives at the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Santa often slides down the \_\_\_\_\_ of a house to deliver presents.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ are animals who help take Santa around the world on Christmas Eve.
8. Santa gets a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ from children in his mailbox.
9. Santa has a long white \_\_\_\_\_ on his face.
10. Santa wishes everybody a Merry \_\_\_\_\_!

Answers to Unscramble Game:

1. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN
2. DECK THE HALLS
3. RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER
4. JINGLE BELLS
5. FROSTY THE SNOWMAN
6. SILENT NIGHT
7. THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
8. WHITE CHRISTMAS
9. GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
10. THE FIRST NOEL

Answers to Fill-In Game:

1. elves
2. sleigh
3. naughty, nice
4. Nicholas
5. North Pole
6. chimney
7. Reindeer
8. letters
9. beard
10. Christmas

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US



Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. [Adults/Youth]

Children's Church 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Bible Study & Prayer Service,  
Wednesday, Noon and 7:00 p.m.

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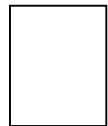
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CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST



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