

December 1st, 2013



Faith Missionary Baptist Church

2243 Burbank Avenue Nashville TN 37210

Pastor: Elder Benny Maggart

Sunday School 10:00 am

Church Service 11:00 am

Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm

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*God is like Oxygen
You can't see HIM
But you can't live
Without HIM*

Secret Sisters

December 5th at 12:00, we will meet at Brenda Lanier's house Hope to see you there.

*The Christmas Program is
Next Sunday at 6:00pm*

Christmas Program – participation Finger Food and a grateful word.

This year at the Christmas Program we are asking everyone to write down what they are grateful for. If you know your word now, please tell Cindy or Lisa and we can have your word card ready for you. We will have paper and markers the night of the Christmas Program so if you think of something then. Last minute gratitude welcome! Write on the card: "peace", hang your card, say nothing and sit down. Write on your card Church, say something and sit down.

Happy Birthday

Lisa Parker – Today

Faith Callis – Tomorrow

Pray without Ceasing

Since last Sunday, Virginia has been in 2 hospitals, 2 critical care units. Thanksgiving day, she was moved to a Regular Room (8118) at Centennial Hospital! Talk about something to be grateful for!

Linda was not at church Sunday. She had gone with her mother to help her Sister in law. Remember her Brother.

Donald's tests came back and everything was good.

Why me LORD

Why me Lord? What have I ever done,
to deserve even one of the pleasure I've known.
Tell me lord, what did I ever do, that was worth Lovin' You,
for the kindness you've shown,

LORD help me Jesus,
I've wasted it so, help me Jesus,
I know what I am, but now that I know,
that I needed you so help me Jesus,
my Souls in Your hand,

Try me LORD, if you think there's a way,
I can try to repay, all I've takin' from you,
maybe LORD, I can show someone else,
what I've been through myself,
on my way back to you.

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Pastor's Comments

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is in full swing. Generally, there is a lot of enjoyment along with the stress of making time for everything we plan and trying our best to meet the expectations with which we're faced.

In the commercially driven frenzy, advertisers and merchants try to make us feel good about spending a lot of money for things we and others, for whom we purchase gifts, don't need or necessarily want. At the same time, they (not to mention some of those who want us to gift them) want us to feel guilty if we don't use our cash or go into debt to express how much we care through our generosity toward to others, as well as ourselves. Of course our generosity, even though it may put a hardship on us, is what puts money in their pockets.

This is capitalism and I have no problem with the process. I do have concern when people put their financial well being and emotional health in jeopardy through pressure to show how much they care by how much they spend.

We should learn and teach our affection for others is best shown by our attention to their real needs through our emotional and physical support, and prayers. Gifts are fine if given out of love and within the ability of our means to give. The story, "The Gift Of The Magi" shows the sacrifices through love that some will make to provide for others. Jesus is the ultimate example of sacrificial giving through love for the benefit of others.

In my opinion, the greatest tragedy of this season is using a recognition of the birth of Jesus to stimulate secular prosperity, while, at the same time, many of the beneficiaries of the prosperity of the season are trying to remove the influence of God from public view. The Spirit of God has been traded in for the spirit of the (money making) season.

As the children of God and the church, it is our responsibility to hold Christ up as a higher standard than the world hold temporal riches. We are to worship the "Almighty God" and not the "almighty dollar".

Enjoy the good times of the season within moral constraints while remembering the reason for the season. Read **Matthew 6:24-25 & 33**

Hmmm.....now, what do I want that I can make people feel bad about if they don't get it for me?

Oops, "it's more blessed to give than receive".