

December 15th, 2013

Conference today after Church Service



Faith Missionary Baptist Church

2243 Burbank Avenue Nashville TN 37210

Pastor: Elder Benny Maggart

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| Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| Church Service | 11:00 am |
| Sunday Night Service | 6:00 pm |

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You can download sermons, bulletins and the play.

Sunday Night Services have been canceled through the holidays.

After the 5th Sunday Dinner, which is on the 29th, we will have a gospel group singing for us.

Thank you Lord for a wonderful church family willing to work hard on the Christmas Play. Everyone did a fantastic job! It was GREAT!



Left to right: Skylar, Damian, Cole, Susan, Alyssa, James, Makayla



Well, it's over and I am a little sad. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas Program as much as I did. Thank you LORD for meeting with us because without you it would have been a flop! Thanks to the participants, singers, piano players, guests, and those that prepared the food. Thank you Billy for putting up with me and making my ideas come to life. Cindy

I was thinking of how blessed that Christmas program was...particularly to me. Makes me feel kind of selfish hogging all the blessings from it but I believe my Lord has enough blessings to fill us ALL! James was fantastic and really brought me RIGHT IN with him. Without uttering a word, he did a fantastic job of sharing the best story of all. Susan was the picture of pure obedience. Wow. For someone so outspoken, she spoke VOLUMES not even saying a word. The angels were beautiful, the shepherds were animated (ha!) and the music pulled it all together.

Each word on that line was "perfect". Just perfect. Lisa

**Father hear my humble cry!
Give me comfort from on high
While I plead, Lord, Thou dost hear,
as I pray Thou dost draw near**

Gary Callis was in the hospital for 3 days with complications from his battle with Crohn's disease. He needs our prayers spiritually, medically and financially.

James Quinn had some tests but no results. No news is good news.

Irene has been having problems with inner ear problems since Thanksgiving. She is weak and dizzy. Maybe the LORD will tell her to go to the doctor.

Lisa Parker's dad was in the hospital in Batavia NY. I believe he is back home now. He is on oxygen. Lisa talked to him and he sounded good. Remember Lisa, it is hard to be so far away when this happens.

Ruth Hassell was diagnosed with Shingles this week but she is doing pretty good right now.

Members of the church traveling during the holidays. Keep them safe.

Virginia is still at NHC Rehab in Cool Springs. Hopefully, she is starting to improve. The phone number is 778-6800. Her address is:

Virginia Clemmons C/O NHC
211 Cool Springs Blvd Franklin, Tn. 37067

Visit if you can, if not, she loves cards. Let's keep them flowing

Brenda was at church last Sunday and the play Sunday night. Hopefully she has recovered from her spell. Continue to pray for her in caring for her mother.

Dalton has an appointment to see his neurologist on the 23rd.

Remember Linda's sister-in-law, Bonnie and her husband as he cares for her. I think, being the caregiver is harder than being the patient. Remember Linda and her mother as they travel to help care for her.

Joyce and Sonny were sick last week. Hope they are able to join us today.

Pastor's Comments

Wow! Praise the Lord! What a great Christmas Program last week! Everyone did a fantastic job and the Holy Spirit seemed to endorse the efforts. Linda and I agreed it was the best, most enjoyable Christmas Program we've ever been associated with. Wow! again.

The attendance and participation of sister churches and your friends and families were terrific! Thank you for inviting them. A special thanks to Sister Cindy Clemons for sending churches invitations.

Sisters Cindy Clemons and Lisa Parker deserve our thanks for such a good job of bringing the program together. Everyone involved did so well, both the performers and everyone behind the scenes.

The "Gratitude Line" was such a blessing. It was a pleasant surprise how many from the audience added their words and comments. That was so special and meaningful.

On numerous occasions I heard the late humorist, Jerry Clower, say, "Ain't God Good". A song by that title was written and sung in the 1980's by Gold City quartet. The song enumerates several things that shows God's goodness toward man. All of us, no doubt, have our own list of reasons to acknowledge how good God has been to us in our lives.

Many other songs could be named, but another I'd like to note that we sing is "Thank You Lord" for the blessings on me. Yet, another is an old song, "Count Your Blessings", name them one by one. These songs remind us of how many ways God blesses our lives. Borrowing a line from an Emily Dickinson poem, "How do I love thee, let me count the ways", should give us pause to think about the many ways God, Jesus and The Holy Spirit are the best part of our lives.

Without salvation, our existence would be pointless and futile. The lost are passing through life with no hope without Jesus. The saved have the living hope of everlasting life. All other blessings of life we receive are reflections of God's grace and love toward His children.

At this season of the year, we are reminded of God's great love toward mankind in sending His Son into the world to take on human flesh; to know the struggles and hardships of humanity and; to show through His perfection in keeping the law, there was a sacrifice, acceptable to God made to obtain forgiveness of man's sin to the saving of the soul.

Considering the determinant counsel of God and what Jesus gave up to come here and pay the price of our eternal redemption, much less all the other benefits He provides us, we ought to loudly proclaim, "Ain't God Good"!!!