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## A THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

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### Important Dates:

- 11/7 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
- 11/7 Time Changes!
- 11/13 Community Outreach 10-12 Noon
- 11/17 Thanksgiving Meal @ 5:30
- 11/21 Joint Thanksgiving Svc @ 6:30 at Cropwell Baptist
- 12/3,4,5 Back to Bethlehem @ 6 pm

**Let's Treasure Christ Together at Thanksgiving.** Our focus for this Thanksgiving season is Matthew 13:44, "Again the kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." The question is What do we learn about the kingdom of God here in Matthew 13:44? We learn one main thing: The kingdom of God is so valuable that losing everything on earth, but getting the kingdom, is a joyous trade-off. Having the saving reign of Christ Jesus in our lives is so valuable that, if we lose everything in order to have it, it is a joyful sacrifice. In its full, biblical context the kingdom of Heaven or God is the reign of God through

Christ Jesus our Lord. The kingdom of God is the rule of God to save us, and to save us is to bring us from destruction into the enjoyment of Christ forever. Thanksgiving should be a time when we savor Christ and His saving work above all things. In this parable there is a condition for having the kingdom -- for having the King on your side, but the condition is not wealth or power or intelligence. The condition is that you prize the kingdom more than you prize anything else. The point of selling everything in this parable is simply to show where your heart is. And if your heart is to have the kingdom (the rule of Christ in your life), then Luke 12:32 comes true for you: "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the king-

dom." To give to you the kingdom! Is that not worth giving thanks for and rejoicing about? Hallelujah!

**Veterans Appreciation will be November 7th.** This special day we will honor our veterans with a special men's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jerry Garvin. Jerry will speak during our men's breakfast as well as during our 10:00 worship hour. Jerry is a native of North Augusta, South Carolina and is a Vietnam veteran. Brother Jerry is also an ordained minister of the gospel. Please make plans to attend this special men's breakfast on Sunday, November 7th.

-- Pastor Phillip

## JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This Thanksgiving season, First Baptist Church Pell City will join Cropwell Baptist for a joint Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday night, November 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** The Thanksgiving service

will be held at Cropwell and will include music from the combined choirs of First Baptist and Cropwell Baptist. Please make plans to attend this special service.

*Psalm 69:30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.*

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## Women's Winter Bible Study Coming January 2011

Ladies be watching in the next few weeks for information about our upcoming Bible studies for January 2011. Can you believe that the Thanksgiving Season is almost upon us? My how time flies! We are hoping to offer at least two studies for you to choose from. Our tentative plans are to offer **"Here and Now, Then and There"** a study of the Book of

Revelation by Beth Moore. In this 11-session series, Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. Also, we may be offering another faith-building study of prophecy from the book

of Daniel. Learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society as we study **Daniel: Lives of Integrity** by Beth Moore. We currently plan on offering the studies on Tuesday morning and evening. **Crazy Love** by Francis Chan may be offered as well. **Be looking for more information coming soon!**

## Samaritan's Purse Collection Week November 7 - 14, 2010



The purpose behind our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drive is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the

world, and together with the Samaritan's Purse Organization, share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the child's own native language. **Our**

boxes are due no later than **Sunday, November 14, 2010**. Pack your shoe box with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, mints, socks, etc. In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself and your family. If you include your name & address, the child may write back. Do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, chocolate, liquids, breakable items, etc. **Be sure to include a label** on each of your boxes (boy/girl/age). **Place your shoe box(es), including \$7 per box for shipping, under the Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.**

## Make Your Vote Count !



Don't forget to make your vote count on **Tuesday, November 2, 2010**. It is imperative that you vote your Christian values this election. God has called us to be His representatives in our nation and in our world. Select candidates who represent your Christian worldview.

"We are involved in nothing less than a civil war of values -- a collision between two ways of seeing life. This is not an issue of two alternatives from which to choose, but a life-and-death struggle. And one value system is going to predominate. One is going to rule the country."  
Dr. James C. Dobson

## WINGS Global Outreach



WINGS of Morning will be in concert at our church on Sunday,

**November 14, 2010.** WINGS Global Outreach includes a missions and music group which enables young adults to use their musical talents to exalt the Lord and edify the church. Our very own Caleb Wood is now a part of

this missions organization. WINGS Global Outreach partners with local churches, schools, and organizations to invest in students, establish a Biblical worldview, and equip and engage them in missional living.

## Missions Information

### WOMEN ON MISSION

Ladies mark your Calendars! Our annual Lottie Moon Christmas Brunch will be held on **Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 Noon** in our new Family Life Center. Tickets are \$10 per person. We need volunteers to sponsor table decorations! Please begin to pray for your involvement, the actual event, and the Lottie Moon Offering. Let's make His glory known throughout the world. (Acts 1:8) Also, just a reminder that as you begin your holiday cooking, please remember to save your pop tabs for Ronald McDonald, Campbell's and Box Top labels for the WOM. These items may be dropped off at the WOM Table in the Welcome Center. We need everyone involved!

### MISSIONS COMMITMENT

During the month of September our faith family had an emphasis on the

topic of missions. Our goal is to be a faith family of world-impacting disciples partnering with our brothers and sisters here and around the world. It is our goal to produce disciples all around our city, our country, and even to the ends of the earth. Let's embrace this radical purpose of God for our lives! Currently, Cropwell Baptist Church designates the Wednesday evening offering to provide monthly support for our faith missionaries. We also have a designated line item in our church budget that is used as an emergency fund for our missionaries and outreach efforts. This line item is used as needed to supplement our Wednesday evening offering. As part of our emphasis on missions, the Acts 1:8 Missions Leadership Team has challenged you to give sacrificially, beyond your tithe and Wednesday evening offering, to our newly designated CBC Faith Missions Fund. This fund will

be used by the Mission's Leadership Team to empower our faith family with the resources needed to carry out evangelism and ministry opportunities in our community and around the world. As part of your commitment, the Missions Leadership Team requests that you return your Missions Commitment Cards as soon as possible. Please continue to give your Wednesday evening offering and continue to support our Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon Offerings. However, if you want to commit to giving sacrificially above and beyond these endeavors, give to our CBC Faith Missions Fund. To avoid confusion, please be sure to designate your envelopes/checks to the CBC Faith Missions Fund.

### HAITI MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendars for our Haiti Mission trip June 18-25, 2011.

## Gratefulness Get Together

Make plans now to attend our Cropwell Baptist Church "**Gratefulness Get Together**" on **Wednesday, November 17th at 5:30 pm.** Our entire church family (all ages) will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together. The menu will include: Turkey & Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes,

Baked Ham, and a Beverage. In addition to our normal cost per plate, donations are welcome to help offset the cost of providing this special Thanksgiving meal. Also, we are asking for two - three volunteers from each Sunday School class to sign up to bring a dessert for our Thanksgiving meal! **Please sign up in your Sunday School Class no later**

**than Sunday, November 14th to bring a dessert.** Following the meal, there will be games, crafts, and fun for the kids and the adults will be meeting in the Worship Center. **Don't forget to make your meal reservations!**



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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<p>** If you are helping with Back to Bethlehem in any-way, please choose from <u>one</u> of the two dates offered for the BTB Informational meeting.</p>	<p>1 Visitation @ 6 pm</p>	<p>2 WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10 am</p>	<p>3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal @ 5 pm</li> <li>BTB Speaker Mtg @ 6:30</li> <li>Financial Class @ 6:30</li> <li>BTB Info Mtg 7:30**</li> </ul> </p>	<p>4  <u>11/3/10 Meal</u>            Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Peas, Roll, Strawberry Shortcake, Beverage         </p>	<p>5  <b>WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SHOCCO</b>  <u>6-9 pm</u> </p>	<p>6  <b>WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SHOCCO</b>  <u>8-2 pm</u>            BTB            Wkday 8-12         </p>
<p>7  <b>TIME CHANGES</b>            Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am            Speaker <b>Jerry Garvin</b>            BTB Info Mtg @ 7:30**         </p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family meal @ 5 pm</li> <li>BTB Mtg @ 6:30 pm</li> <li>Financial Class @ 6:30</li> </ul> </p>	<p>11  <u>11/10/10 Meal</u>            Sliced Roast Pork Loin, Potatoes Au Gratin, Shoe Peg Corn, Roll, Peach Cobbler, Beverage  <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</b> </p>	<p>12            Parents Night Out            6-10 pm            Sign up in Pre-school         </p>	<p>13  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BTB Workday 8-12 Noon</li> <li>Back to Bethlehem Community Outreach 10-12 Noon</li> </ul> </p>
<p>14            Sherri Lawrence/Lindsey Bridal Tea 2-4 pm            Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30            WINGS Ministry AM &amp; PM Svc         </p>	<p>15            Visitation @ 6 pm         </p>	<p>16            Knifty Knitters @ 10 am         </p>	<p>17            Thanksgiving Meal @ 5:30            BTB Mtg @ 6:30            Finance Class @ 6:30         </p>	<p>18  <u>11/17/10 Meal</u>            Turkey &amp; Dressing, Baked Ham, Giblet Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Pot. Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Beverage  <b>OMEGAS</b> </p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20            BTB Workday 8-12 Noon         </p>
<p>21            Laura Smith Baby Shower 1:00-2:30 pm            Thanksgiving Svc with FBC Pell City at Cropwell @ 6:30         </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24            NO EVENING SERVICES !         </p>	<p>25  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> </p>	<p>26  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> </p>	<p>27            BTB Workday 8-12 Noon         </p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29            Back to Bethlehem Set Up         </p>	<p>30            Back to Bethlehem Set Up         </p>	<p>Average October Attendance:            312 - Sunday School            380 - Sunday Morning            165 - Sunday Evening         </p>		<p>2010 Offerings as of 10/24/10 \$ 749,915  <u>Under budget</u>            By \$ 72,892         </p>	