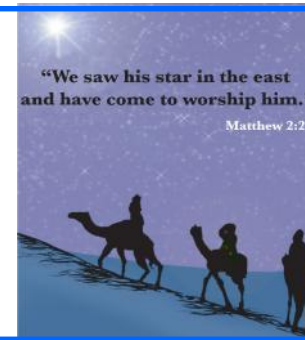




SPBC equips
people to
**Love God,
Love Others,
Lead Generations.**

December
2011
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2011 CHRISTMAS @ SPBC

Sunday December 18 10:45am

Believing Christmas! A musical presentation of the Christmas story. Bring a friend! **There will be a Christmas Cookie Social following the Worship Service on the 18th. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to share with your Church family!**

Sunday December 24 7:00pm

A candle-light service to remind us of the reason and hope of Christmas

Sunday December 25 10:45am

Christmas Day Worship Celebration with music, a special children's message and devotion for the entire family.

*Note: No Sunday Bible Groups AND no Nursery this day so volunteers can worship as a family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The SPBC Staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and is thankful for your care and compassion throughout the year. We are honored to be your servant-leaders and pray for God's blessing with us all in 2012. To God be the glory and may His Kingdom advance through our ministry together.

"BELIEVING CHRISTMAS!"

It is that time of year again, when we hustle and bustle to buy gifts; bake, decorate, and try and spread the holiday cheer to others. This year we invite you, your family and friends to take some time from the hustle and bustle to come hear the Christmas Story. We will hear about how many people heard the story and their lives were forever changed by it. "Believing Christmas" will be held on December 18th during our Church Service @ 10:45am. Plan to invite whomever you can, as we have flyers available to pass out. If you have any questions, please see Kera Day for more details.

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

Each December we have the opportunity to join with thousands of other like minded churches (SBC) to make a global impact. Our annual missions offering helps send and support over five thousand missionaries to reach the unreached with the good news of Jesus.

Our **SPBC goal is \$2000** but with a twist! The twist is that any amount over \$2000 will go to help resource our own international missions trip "SENT" in 2012. More information about this mission

will be coming in January. Let's give generously to **LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS and LEAD GENERATIONS.**



Are you excited? It is almost here, Christmas is coming! For many people Christmas is one of the most anticipated days of the year. Precise preparations and plans are made. There are decorations to hang, menus to organize, gifts to purchase, wrap and perhaps even hide! Family schedules and even budgets are adjusted weeks and months in advance to accommodate this special day. The intentionality and focus of individual and family resources (energy, time, finance, etc.) are culminated into a single purpose.

What if God's Church had the same intentionality and focus about the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8) as many do in our Christmas consumerism?

As December 25 nears we should be excited. It is a day that we recognize and remember God's great love for us that He became one of us (John 1:14). Personally I am in awe of this unique miracle and plan of God to accomplish the salvation of many, my own included. And more, it will be a season that we have opportunity to gather and make memories with family and friends.

As we approach December and the months to follow, let us also remember that God sent His one and only Son into the world to save a lost and dying world. Upon Jesus' return to heaven, He reminded believers they are sent to that same lost and dying world (John 20:21; Romans 10:13-15). Please consider giving generously to our International Missions Offering in December and also perhaps your role in our church's mission partnership "SENT 2012".




Merry Christmas, Pastor Dave

"How beautiful are the SENT feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:15

Join us as we partner to reach the unreached!

SENT



Glen Burnie Baptist Church
Severna Park Baptist Church

Sent to PRAY*

- Jan 8 @ SPBC 6:30pm
- Feb 12 @ GBBC 6:30pm

*prayer gatherings, participation in worship, giving and fellowship

Sent to GIVE

- Lottie Moon/IMB offering in December at **your** church
- SENT offering on Jan 8 & Feb 5

Sent to GO

- Summer or Fall 2012
- Location: TBD

www.glenburniebaptist.org
7524 Old Stage RD, Glen Burnie MD 21061

www.spbcmd.com
506 Benfield RD, Severna Park, MD 21146

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

Send Christmas cards to your church family by placing them in the Christmas Card Mailbox December 1 through January 1. The box is located in the Welcome Center. There are 8 slots arranged alphabetically, to assist you in dropping off and picking cards up. A suggestion would be that you contribute the money saved on postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas International Mission Offering. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Cards

WEE Words



What an exciting month November was as the children created many projects to help them understand about the first Thanksgiving. Pilgrims and native Americans could be found everywhere. Our bible verse, "it is a good thing to give thanks unto God" was put into action as we prayed and praised God for the many blessings our families enjoy.

The children prepared and enjoyed their very own Thanksgiving feasts. After a wonderful holiday break, we are back to business and preparing for our Christmas programs. We would like to invite everyone to come and celebrate Jesus' birthday with us. We appreciate so much the wonderful church family members that have volunteered to serve cookies and punch for us at these events. We are learning about the Christmas Story through song, stories and projects. Excitement is running high in the hallways. We are also happy to report that we have had many inquiries about our registration scheduled for the 2012/2013 school year and many visitors touring the facility. We also welcomed four new students and had to say "goodbye" to two of our friends. God is truly blessing us as one leaves another comes to fill the vacancy. The children truly enjoyed preparing their shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and were excited to see all the boxes in the fellowship hall and impressed as Miss Becky explained to them how other children would be receiving their boxes. The WEE families also contributed over 218 items for the Baltimore Rescue Mission - hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks. We are so proud of our WEE families and their generous hearts. Please continue to pray for our families, students and staff and most of all that we stay focused on the ministry aspect of the center.

With a grateful heart, Judy Myer

Please note: email address for the WEE Center: WEE@spbcmd.com

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

December Birthdays

Noelle Morgan-12/5	Angie Murphy-12/18
Laney Deaton-12/9	Judy Myer-12/18
Jan Cline-12/14	Janet Fox-12/21
Jason Montagne-12/15	Kaye Funderburk-12/27
Sam Culotta-12/17	Allison Stroh-12/30

December Anniversaries

Daniel & Norma McNamara-12/27
Jim & Sharon Benson-12/28

*If you don't see your name (or family members' names)
listed under Birthdays or Anniversaries,
it is because we don't have that information on file.*

i BELIEVE

A Survey of Christian Doctrine
www.spbcmd.com
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Do you think doctrine is only for
religious nuts and spiritual fruitcakes?

Do you hide afraid under your bed when
the 2 men come knocking at your door?

Do you know what and why you believe
as a Christian?

Join us in a Study of Christian Doctrine
Wednesdays, 6:30pm
STARTING January 4, 2012

Sunday School Groups

We have a class for everyone. Come connect and grow with us!

Nursery:

Lois Zenone

Toddler:

Stephanie Villafuerte & Katelynn Furlough

Children I & II:

Kathy Swartz & Diana Shaffer

Youth:

Pastor Zach, Tony Bell & Kera Day

Adult I Co-Ed (20-35):

Dave Brown & Sam Morgan

Adult II Co-Ed (36-45):

Ed Takemori

Adult III Co-Ed (45-64):

Ron Chambless

Adult IV Co-Ed (65+):

Bob Fulton & Jim Cline



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



It is a joy to report that our first year as an OCC Relay Center was packed with blessings:

Here are some 2011 highlights:

- 28 dedicated and excited volunteers;
- Over 275 hours spent receiving shoebox gifts and preparing them to go to Charlotte North Carolina;
- 1558 Gospel Opportunities (filled shoe boxes) destined to be shared all over the world;
- As a church, SPBC generously packed over 300 shoebox gifts, and our WEE Center contributed another 40+ gifts.

We Praise The Lord that our entire church embraced this wonderful mission opportunity. To: Pastor Dave, TeamKIDS, our Sunday School Classes, Pastor Zach and our youth, and to all the church body that supported us through prayer and financial means

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!

Becky Chambless ~ SPBC Relay Center Coordinator

GENERATION



SPBC YOUTH

DECEMBER 2011 EVENTS

- ➔ Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2:00-5:00pm-**Scavenger Hunt** at Arundel Mills Mall (see Pastor Zack for details)
- ➔ Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 6:00-8:00pm-**Christmas Party** for Generation Next Student Ministry at Swartz home (see Pastor Zack or Kathy Swartz for details).

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ➔ Bowling on Saturday, January 21st (time & details TBD)
- ➔ Laser Tag on Saturday, February 18th (time & details TBD)

TEENS

Wednesdays:

Youth Group 6-8pm
Bring a friend!

Sundays:

Bible Study 9:30-10:30am
Grow in Jesus!