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## It was an Advent of Blessings

By Paul Sisk



**W**hat a wonderful way to end a great year—to share the highlights from Father’s gracious blessings to us during this Advent season and throughout the year. Articles in this edition will focus on this theme for two reasons. First, we should never cease to give Him praise. And second, because we have been overwhelmed by His gifts. We have not just an obligation but a joy to share this to all who will

hear our praise.

Thanksgiving set the tone with 27 food baskets distributed to families in need. With that spirit of giving and missions, the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal for global missions was exceeded with little promotion. You responded without even being asked. Your heart for giving away the Gospel continues to thrill me. In our short seven years, we have

never failed to meet a giving challenge. Read on to see more accounts of the blessings of this season.

I take a moment of personal privilege to say thank you for the avalanche of Christmas cards, gifts, and greetings. Nancy and I are humbled by your love to us and love for Him.

Receive this as our prayer for a blessed New Year for you and your family!

## "Every Good and Perfect Gift comes from the Father..."

By Kristi Lykins  
*Finance Committee Chair*



**A**s always God has greatly blessed Anchor. Through each one of you He guided us through the first leg of our Anchor’s Cup Race. We made it to our goal--and then some! What a glorious way to begin 2008. God is good!

In a little over three months, through the generous and sacrificial gifts of many, we exceeded our goal of \$500,000 by December 31. We ended the year and the first leg of our race with \$501,545. Our line of credit with the bank was due by December 31. We paid it off on the 28th, three days early! We also

sustained our regular tithes and offerings, meeting our weekly budget obligations. That is a true testimony of the dedication of our congregation and ministry partners.

I hope this journey has touched your heart as much as it has touched mine. It is a wonderful example of stepping out on complete faith, not knowing how God would provide but having absolute faith in Him.

Jerry Sweers and I just returned from escorting our bank representatives on a tour of the new building. Everyone was very impressed, but I was struck

with the feeling of greatness that I felt as I walked through the building—not a greatness that is attached to anything that we have accomplished or built, but a sense of the great things we can accomplish through the Kingdom of God and the great ministries we will implement through this building.

As we close 2007, we have much to be thankful for; and with 2008 before us there will be challenges ahead. I am confident our journey will be successful because the Lord has brought us all together “for such a time as this”.

## What’s The Score: Music Ministry Update

By Carl Peters

**D**id anyone else hear “The Little Drummer Boy” played during December? From Wayne Newton, to Olivia Newton, to Fig Newton—everyone has

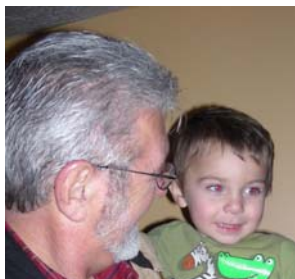
released a rendition of that song. It may be one of the most played holiday melodies in Malls across America.

While the tune has

become a bit tiresome, the truth of the song is quite riveting. A little boy has nothing to give to Jesus except for his ability to play a drum. (continued on page 2)

## Toys 4 Them!

By Lacy Sisk



On Wednesday, December 19, a eight people from



Anchor ventured to Lynch in the coal fields of Eastern Kentucky. Through the generosity of Lexington developer Jim Hughes, more than one thousand toys were provided in this poverty-stricken area of Appalachia.

Lonnie Riley, the 2004 SBC Missionary of the Year who spoke at Anchor earlier

this year, coordinated the deliveries in Harlan County to individual families, kids in daycare and pre-school through high school students. What a blessing it was at Christmastime to deliver gifts in the name of the One who gave us the greatest gift of all.

*Editors note: Thank you Anchor for your help in the Elkhorn Toy Project. Many under-privileged in our area were able to purchase toys at tenth of the sticker price and provide a special*



*Christmas for many children. Sharing the Gospel is also integral in the giving of all the toys.*



## Music Ministry Update (continued from page 1)

What, then, is the offering he gives to the baby King? "I played my best for Him," says this pre-pubescent prodigy of the paradiddle.

Reflecting on this past December and the wonderful music offered to God's glory by those in our music ministry, I believe we can all make the statement; "We played or sang our best for Him." Throughout December, the Music Makers and Young Musicians Choirs,

the Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Choir, the Anchor Boy Choir and the Sanctuary Choir all gave to the baby King a wonderful sacrifice of praise. And a great by product of that gift was the enhancement of worship for all of us. Thank you to the many who work so hard to lay these musical presents at the feet of the Lord. I believe the next words of the song are, "Then He smiled at me..."

and I believe He did!

This may seem premature, but Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. Palm Sunday is March 16<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in taking part in our music ministry, this is an excellent time to in choir (inquire). For those who believe they have the gift of music, I would love to talk to you about participating with us. Happy New Year everyone!

## Music Ministry Update—Changes and Thanksgiving

By Daniel Tilford



There comes a time in life when the need for a change becomes evident. With God's guidance in evaluating our responsibilities and commitments, we are requesting that we be relieved of our present positions at Anchor Baptist Church.

We are not leaving the church, nor are we entertaining the possibility of a position elsewhere. Anchor is our church home. In fact, I will be "filling in" as Sunday organist until April 1, when a permanent

organist will be in place. After this perhaps we can be substitute organist and pianist, if needed.

We are most grateful to this church for allowing us the opportunity to serve and to worship through the giving of our musical gifts. To be a part of a church start has been exciting and very rewarding, and to continue to worship in this place is important to us. Please pray that we will learn to worship in a way we have not done before—from the pew.

We thank you for being supportive of us during the good times and the difficult times. You have taught us the power of prayer and the significance of a loving and caring fellowship. You have been there for us and we want to be there for you.

With the present staff and with God's leadership, the future is bright. May we continue to support all of those who so effectively lead us in worship each week. In His Love and for His Glory.

## Meet Tom Steuert – Music Ministry Intern from Georgetown College



Last semester I had the privilege to direct the Georgetown College Concert Choir. Working with these sixty music scholars was a real joy. One of the young musicians stood out as exceptional. From my first rehearsal with the Concert Choir, Tom Steuert impressed me as a strong leader and contributor. Through the semester, I became more acquainted with Tom and his goals for life. After he graduates in May he hopes to begin work on a Masters in Music Education. At this point, Tom is feeling led to teach at the high school or college level. Whatever the future holds, he is seeking God's guidance. We are blessed to welcome Tom as our music ministry intern for the Spring semester. He will be assisting me with our entire music ministry, including: Monday evening rehearsals of the Boy Choir, Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra, and Wednesday evening rehearsals of the children's choirs and the Sanctuary Choir. You will see Tom in the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday mornings. Eventually he will participate in worship planning, sing solos, direct the choir in worship and lead our congregational singing. His work with us will yield many benefits. Tom will gain insight into the possibilities of music ministry and we will build a bridge to Georgetown College through Tom and his influence there. I am delighted to welcome Tom to Anchor and pray that the Lord will richly bless his time with us and that He will guide Tom's future endeavors...all to the glory of God.

*Carl Peters*

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Kate Ogden	12 - Mike Bishop	22 - Gene Jones
Betty Kalos	14 - Tony Watkins	Ted Sisk
Pete Mulder	15 - Georgia Massey	23 - Lacy Sisk
3 - Andy Hiatt	17 - Ken Hiler	Jodie Snowden
4 - Mary Ball	Emily Taylor	25 - Roger Farley
Jonathan Boyatt	18 - Beth Cross	26 - John Aguhob
Joseph Boyatt	Martha Thomas	27 - Louise Hopkins
5 - Billye Cook	Tina Voris	29 - Geneva Mansfield
7 - Jerry Sweers	19 - Brian Lykins	30 - Greer Stallard
Barbara Tatum	Lisa White	31 - Bill Harper
8 - Ralph Meredith	20 - Jack Brock	Dorothy Williams
Mary Phillips	21 - Dell Caudill	
Janet Young	Joe Brett Langley	

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Linda & Tom Osborn  
 6 - Nan & Fritz Helmond  
 7 - Bob & Brenda Abbott  
 17 - Jack & Marilyn Adcock  
 31 - Ken & Dot Williams

Our Anchor Baptist Church Drive resulted in the collection of 17 units of blood from 16 registered donors. Over 51 lives in Fayette and surrounding counties will be touched from the units donated.

Your commitment to consider the needs of others through this ministry enables us to fulfill a vital part of our Commission as a Church—as we serve others, we serve Christ. Please consider becoming a blood donor and Thank you to all who continue to give.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS:

Charles Slayton	Martha McLohon
Roy Tatum	John Webb
Ron Wagoner	Gus Kalos
Jerry Sweers	Bill Alt
Ralph Meredith	Stephen Hatfield
Larry Etherton	Sue Hages
Bob Nave	A J. Powell
Darlene Drake	Alan Woodward

### Home Going in December, 2007

**Jack Boyatt**  
**Jean Dykstra**  
**James E. Thompson**  
**Carmen Wingate**



**WMU News**

As we reflect on the year just passed, we, as the WMU, offer thanks to our Father for all the blessings He has poured out on our mission efforts, here and around the world. We, as a church met every special mission goal; we prepared 90 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be sent by Samaritan’s Purse to the ends of the earth; we hosted a church-wide event with an emphasis on the Haven of Rest ministry with Eileen

Mullins; we sponsored a project to buy a water filtering system for missionaries and villages called *Pure Water, Pure Love*. We also participated in the Clear Creek and Elkhorn Toy Projects and ministered at Keeneland’s Race Tract Supper and worship time.

But that’s last year and now a new year is here and we will begin by meeting on January 20, 3:00 p.m. at the home of Janie Powell, 3429

Gingertree Circle. Jean Nicholson will teach the International Mission Study on Moldova, which was postponed in December due to inclement weather. We have much to do and we need you to help us.

If you are not involved in our mission activities, let me remind you that there is a place for you and for you children. Be sure and ask us – we are dying to tell you!

Happy New Year!

*By Ginny Sisk for the Woman’s Missionary Union*



**Thanks to our Youth for their live depiction of the Nativity.**

**Faith Formations: Discipleship Ministry Update**

Marva Dawn has written a marvelous book entitled, *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*. She claims that the Church, in many instances, has dumbed down to accommodate the culture. For instance, many Churches do not invite people to “join the church.” They are more interested in your attendance than your complete commitment. This fails to recognize the concept of Covenant presented in both testaments of the Scriptures.

Words like covenant, so central to God’s plan for Salvation history, are jettisoned in favor of making the attending

customer comfortable. Marva Dawn counters that worship ought to kill us. Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23).” Covenants and crosses are not popular subjects in the Church culture where the customer is always right. Where can we learn to go deeper in our walk with Christ, rather than “dumbing down?” Welcome to Christian Life Academy – a curriculum of study designed to help us send down deep roots. Two classes are offered this month and everyone is invited to take part.

Our courses are:

*A Time for Faith – Centering our Time on Christ (Adults and Youth)*  
Instructor: Dr. Carl Peters

*I’m a Christian Now (Children 8-12 years of age)*  
Instructor: Mat Whitaker

We will meet starting January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., and the three Sundays that follow. “A Time for Faith” will meet in the Choir room. The children’s class meeting place is to be announced. We hope to see you at Christian Life Academy this month.

*By Carl Peters*



**The  
Christian  
Life  
Academy**

### See and Remember!

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom



of heaven belongs to such as these." One of our main objectives in building the new ARC (Anchor Resource Center) is to bring children to the Savior and to disciple them in the faith.

When the building is completed, the large round window on the north side looking over Man 'o War Boulevard will be illuminated at night. There is a special child associated with

this lighted window.

In October 1976, a little boy died in a tragic accident.

His name was Buford Burchfield and he was only three. His Daddy is the man who is building our new facility.

Over the years Mr. Burchfield has donated something in memory of this little boy to each church he has built. Often it has been a steeple, something he can see as he passes and remember. We already have a steeple so the builder has gone the extra mile a number of times, at his own ex-

By Jerry Sweers  
for the Building Committee



pense, to see that we get a fine building, but he told me the other day he would like to donate the lighting for this window. He looks forward to passing on Man 'o War Boulevard and seeing that light and remembering.

I trust that we will remember also in the future. We never knew this little boy but his light will remind us of the brevity of life and the endurance of love.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2	3 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	4	5
6 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship Church Council Mtg.	7	8 6:30 Visitation	9 5:45 Children's Activities 6:00 Business Meeting 7:30 Choir Practice Business Meeting	10 9:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	11	12
13 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship 6:00 Christian life Academy	14 10:00 Irishtown	15 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Visitation	16 5:45 Children's Activities 6:00 Prayer/Worship 7:30 Choir Practice	17 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	18	19
20 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship Sanctity of Life Sunday 3:00 WMU Meeting @ Janie Powell's 6:00 C.L. A.	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 6:30 Visitation	23 5:45 Children's Activities 6:00 Prayer/Worship 7:30 Choir Practice	24 10:00 Women's Prayer Group <b>MOORINGS DEADLINE</b>	25 WMU Regional Retreat Corbin, KY	26 WMU Regional Retreat Corbin, KY
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