



Delaney Street
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*Walk Through Bethlehem
Dec. 10-13*

December Highlights

- December 2 7:30pm Budget Q&A / D101
- December 4 10:00am Senior Adult Trip to Hudson, FL
- December 5 6:30pm Sunday School Workers Children's Department Christmas Party
- December 6 Noon / Church Vote on 2010 Budget
..... 6:00pm Children's Choir Christmas Program
- December 9 Stewardship Comm./Conf. Rm.
- December 10 11:00am Senior Adult Christmas Party/gym
- December 10 6:00-8:00pm Walk Through Bethlehem
- December 11 6:00-8:00pm Walk Through Bethlehem
- December 12 6:00-8:00pm Walk Through Bethlehem
- December 13 5:00-8:00pm Walk Through Bethlehem
- December 16 ELC Christmas Program & Party/Sanctuary & gym
- December 18 6:00pm Senior Adult Sunday School Christmas Party/gym
- December 19 Adult 7 Christmas Party/Beck's
- December 23, 30 No Children's Choir
- December 24-25 Church Office Closed
- December 31 Church Office Closed at Noon

No Kids' Connection Children's Church
December 13, December 20



WHERE IS OUR CHURCH HEADED?
Where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18)

God is blessing our church - with continued growth and expansion of our staff. We are thankful for the commitment of our people and for the blessings of the Lord.

We are especially thankful for those we see come to Christ and for the sacrificial and missionary-minded giving of our people.

It is important that we pray about the direction the Lord would take us, as a church. It is very popular in our current society for any business or church to establish a "vision" statement and/or "purpose" statement. To some extent, both our vision and purpose statements here at Delaney Street are spelled out in the Bible and revolve around the Great Commission. However, specific vision and purpose statements would certainly be advantageous in that they would guide us as a church and define how we interpret the Word of God, as it applies to us.

In the coming weeks, it is my goal to appoint an ad hoc committee to guide our church into the future. We need to address a number of questions. What is our vision? What is our purpose? Where are we headed - as a church? Where will we be five years from now? Ten years from now? Answers to these questions should help define the commitments we make in our current ministries.

Answers to questions like these will also help guide our Redecorating Committee, currently working on redecorating and/or remodeling the main sanctuary. For example, do we simply put in new carpet and a few modest improvements now? Or do we totally remodel the sanctuary? Or do we plan an entirely new sanctuary in the future - as has been discussed here at our church in years past. Although we do not know exactly what God will do with our church in the future, e.g., how much will we grow, long-range planning is important - for all of these reasons.

Please pray with me as we plan to appoint this committee for "visioning" - looking into future plans!

Pastor Jim



My family and I want to say "Thank you" to everyone at Delaney Street Baptist Church. You have made us feel so welcomed and loved already. I am excited about the future that we have together in ministry and am very much looking forward to us following God's leading together. We have already seen an increase in the number of choir members in just two short weeks together and are looking forward already to all that God has for us in 2010 and the years to come. Please pray for me and the music ministry at DSBC as we seek to follow His will in all that we do and say. In Christ,

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At the annual meeting of the Greater Orlando Baptist Association, our pastor, **Dr. James Wigton**, was elected Moderator of GOBA for the 2009-10 year. This past year, Pastor Jim served as Vice Moderator. The GOBA meeting was held October 19 at Cornerstone Church in Kissimmee.

Our pastor, was also selected to the Board of Directors of *The Florida Baptist Witness* at the annual meeting of the Florida Baptist Convention in Pensacola on November 10.

Congratulations, Pastor Jim!



Our Early Learning Center has enjoyed learning about "Giving Thanks" during the last few weeks. The children collected food for the Orlando Restore Mission. We were so excited to see them provide enough items to feed 8 families! Please visit the website so you can see the pictures. In addition, they supplied items for our "Stuff the Turkey" box! These items will help feed families here at Delaney Street!

We also collected "Christmas" items for our "Soldier Boxes", and they are on their way to our Troops as we speak! Again, a huge thanks you to all our ELC families who helped us with all our Mission Projects. We are blessed to see our children give to others!

Now we are getting ready for one of our most favorite times of the year... "Christmas"! Our K3 & K4 students will be presenting a **Christmas Program** for our families on **December 16 at 10:00AM**. We will also have our annual "**Happy Birthday Jesus**" celebration in the gym after the program. The Mom's Day Out children have been busy learning about shapes, colors, numbers, letters and about God's Love! As we enter the Christmas season, we will focus on the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is the "**Reason for the Season**" and we will teach the children that He is the most precious Gift of all! As we sing "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him" and "Silent Night", my prayer is that the children will feel the love of God as we worship His Son! May His peace be yours this Christmas and may His love fill your homes as you celebrate this most Holy Season. Merry Christmas Blessings to all!

*In His Love,
 Miss Julie,
 ELC Director*

WHO'S WHOSE MISSING? MISSION?

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
 National Goal: \$175 million

IMB.ORG | INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, SBC
 Delaney Street Goal: \$10,000

Welcome New Members to our Delaney Street family :

- Clint Crissman
- Velda Eskin
- Marjorie & Al Hampton
- Bruce Kohler
- Dee Phillips
- Victor Phillips
- Jon and Dianne Woods
- Colton Woods
- Nikko Woods
- Tucker Woods