



# *Crest Views*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To redeem, renew, and restore individuals through the power of Jesus Christ

# *Christmas* **H O P E**

*The Impossible Is What God Does Best*

*Join Us At Crestview*

*Sunday Advent Worship*

*11:00am*

*Christmas Eve*

*6:30pm*

*All Are Welcome*



## Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be filled with grateful prayers before God's gift of the King, and fellowship with family and friends.

Pastor Moore & Mary Ruth  
David & Kelly Brown  
Lynda Shelton

Express your appreciation to the church staff through a Christmas Love offering. Church Staff Christmas Love Offering envelopes are available in the Worship center, the Information desk and the Church office.

### BENEVOLENCE REPORT OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31, 2011

#### Summary

Balance Last Report	\$351.60
Funds Received	40.00
Total Fund Available	391.60
Funds Expended	60.00
Balance	\$331.60

Fifteen families were given assistance during the month of October 2011.



### CHRISTMAS FOOD TO BE GIVEN BY CRESTVIEW

Thirty Christmas Food Baskets will be given to needy families on Monday, 19th. The cost, or

partial cost, of each basket is approximately \$25. You can participate by giving the cost, or partial cost of a basket. Make checks payable to Crestview Baptist Church and clearly designate cash or checks to Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Your help is needed with basket preparation on Monday, December 19th at 9:00am in the Parlor.

### December 2011 at Crestview

#### Sunday

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
5-6:30pm AWANA

#### Monday-Friday

11:30am Senior Adult Noon Meal

#### Wednesday

6:30pm Prayer  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday

9:00am Prayer  
10:00am Adult Game Day

- 3 Men Decorate Church Outside / 9am  
Adult 2 / Coed Party / Off Campus / 6:30pm
- 4 Second Sunday of Advent  
Deacon Leadership Team Meeting / 9am
- 4-11 Week of Prayer / International Missions  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 10 Choir Party / Off Campus / 3pm
- 11 Third Sunday of Advent  
Deacon Discipleship Team Meeting  
Stewardship Committee Meeting / 2:30pm  
AWANA Caroling, Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- 12 Men's Ministry Task Force / Off Campus / 6pm
- 13 Senior Adult Breakfast @ Shoney's / 8:30am
- 15 Adult 1 / Coed Party / Parlor / 6pm
- 17 Adult 1 / Women Party / Off campus /  
11:30am-3pm
- 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Deacon Ministry Team Meeting / 9am  
AWANA Christmas Celebration / 5pm-6:30pm
- 24 Candlelight Service / 6:30pm
- 25 Birthday Party for Jesus / 9:45am
- 28 Evening Activities Canceled

#### CHURCH STAFF

Marshall Moore, Pastor

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David Brown, Music Director

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 7:30am—4:00pm

Friday—7:30am-2:30pm

www.crestviewbc.org

Sunday School 9:45am Morning Worship 11:00am

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LESS IS MORE . . .

. . . ADVENT  
THROUGH THE EYES OF THE MAGI

As the star settled over Bethlehem, a small town of no particular consequence, was the Magi troubled and dismayed? No, scripture tells us *"When seeing the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of frankincense and of myrrh."* Matthew 2:10-11

Our hope for Advent is that we too might be overjoyed at Christmas. While the world encourages us to increase our activity...more gifts, more parties, more expectations. Advent spirituality tells us, not more.

The Magi are models for our Advent season of joy, the joy born of a simple, free and unburdened encounter with Jesus.

Advent is not a time to fill ourselves with food, or distracting activities. If the Magi had been loading up on material goods, they would never have made the journey. Even more, they would never have even wanted to make the journey.

The Magi must have been looking for something more in their lives in order to muster the courage to set out to points unknown. They must have been dissatisfied with the status quo. An inner hunger must have driven them on.

This Advent focus on what you desire most from life that can be filled only by God.

Whether the Magi would have said so or not, they were looking for a savior, someone with the power to fill the emptiness and set them free from endless searching.

When the Magi found the star they did not stay locked in analysis or miss the moment by questioning their decision. They embraced the star as a sign that was larger than they, and it drew them on. If you and I are going to get anywhere in Advent, we have to do the same. Trust in something greater than ourselves. It may be through the Sunday Advent Worship or through the Bible with its record of God's love for us. It may be in your own prayers and reflections.

Just as the Magi focused on the visible light of the star, we can pay attention to what our senses are telling us during this season. Christ-

mas lights are everywhere. Enjoy those lights, coming as they do during the darkest time of the year. Remember that *"the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."* Isaiah 9:1.

Advent is hard to do on your own. It is easier when you have like-minded companions on your journey. The Magi needed reassurance from one another that the journey made sense, that their search was not in vain. The fellowship of your church family is that companion for you. Making the effort to attend Sunday Advent Worship and Sunday School Class fellowships can remind us that Christ offers us meaning of life with others on our journey.

The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbols of all that we desire. Gold is a symbol of all that is valuable and enduring, like the love that God has for us and that we share. Frankincense relates to both divine and worship and the care that we show for one another. It is a symbol that the Holy Spirit dwells in each of us and is shared. Myrrh is more than an ointment for burial rituals but a symbol of hope in the life. Consider this; make an extra Christmas offering to equal the amount you spend on Christmas gifts.

Imagine how the Magi felt when they reached Jerusalem and had an audience with King Herod. Weary from the journey and amid the splendor of the court they could have been distracted.

As the days of Advent continue, we may find ourselves weary and distracted by all the commercialism. May the simplicity of the manger scene be used to remind us that Christ came in poverty. Display the manger in your home to keep the focus on the fact that the center of Christmas is the love of God, of which gifts, parties and celebrations are a mere reflection.

When the Magi found the newborn King they were satisfied and knew it was time to go home. They went "another way" as scripture tells us.

When we encounter Christ we are always changed and change our ways and we have to go home by a different way.

The Magi became living signs of Christ in their homes and workplace -

May our lives become the same,  
*Pastor Moore*



*His Heart, His Hands, His Voice*

**2011 Week of Prayer  
For International Missions  
December 4-11**

NATIONAL GOAL: 175 Million  
CRESTVIEW GOAL: \$650

If you are a follower of Jesus, you are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission.

Paul says, "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Jesus has commissioned us to be *His Heart, His Hands, His Voice*. Through praying, giving, and going, Southern Baptists have fulfilled this legacy for more than 160 years.

Yet, billions remain lost and time may be running out for them. We must pray more intentionally and give more sacrificially than ever before. Our churches must take direct responsibility for helping reach the nearly 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups that missionaries may never be able to get to.

What can you do, individually? Start by being "Southern Baptist missions" as an extension of His heart, hands, and voice through your prayers and unprecedented giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

*God's Purpose . . .  
My Mission*

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
ROTATION JANUARY 1, 2012**

Building and Grounds

Lois Wooton	2011
Ray Beaudet	2011
Tim Mollins	2012
Bobby Allen	2012
Randy Rogers	2013
Ismael Velez	2013

Nominating Committee

Celeste Tran	2011
Bob Gregg	2011
Lisa Strain	2012
Mary Shelden	2012
Amanda Harmon	2013
June Coffman	2013

Personnel Committee

Jim Palmer	2011
Bob Haley	2011
Will Strain	2012
K. R. Ziarkowski	2012
Jim Stubblefield	2013
Peggy Grunwell	2013

Stewardship Committee

Sheila Ziarkowski	2011
Mary Massey	2011
Art Butcher	2012
Jim Kowalik	2012
Misty Pace	2013
Bonnie Palmer	2013
Steve Stevens	
Ex Officio , Church Treasurer	

**T**hanks to those who have faithfully served and will rotate off January 1, 2012.

**A**ll committees will meet Sunday, January 8 from 3:30-4:30pm.

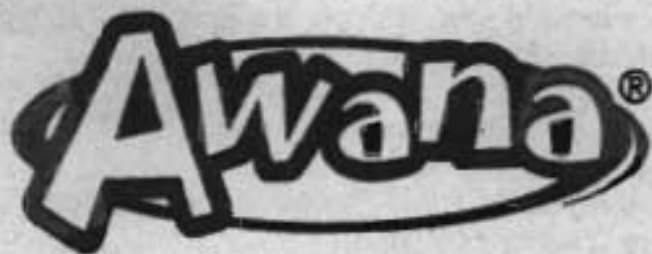
If you are rotating off a committee **PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMITTEE NOTEBOOK** for recycling.

## STUDENTS TO ATTEND

**Hot Hearts  
Student Conference  
February 10-11, 2012**

The Hot Hearts Student Conference held at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center on Travis Lake will introduce students to the incredible truth and reality of Jesus Christ. Through dynamic worship and messages that cut to the heart, students will see that Jesus can and will change their lives, many in first time commitments. Others who already know Him personally will be challenged to revolutionize their generation for the cause of Christ.

Worship speaker is Afshin Ziafat ([www.afshinziafat.com](http://www.afshinziafat.com)) with the Far From Ordinary Drama Team ([www.ffoministries.com](http://www.ffoministries.com)). Leading worship and praise will be Jeff Johnson Band ([www.jeffjohnsonband.com](http://www.jeffjohnsonband.com)).



**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed  
AWANA Clubs At Crestview  
Sunday - 5:00-6:30pm**

Thanks to the Crestview AWANA Clubbers who decorated the church on November 20th with a beautiful Christmas tree and red and green all over! You did a great job!



**SUMMER  
CAMP  
DATE  
PLANNED**

Registration is now open for student who have completed 7th through 12th grade to attend Journey Youth Camp, July 9-13 at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center located on Lake Travis (30 miles northwest of Austin) in the beautiful Texas hill country.

Scott Venable, camp speaker, is the founder and pastor of Mosaic Church in Chicago. He and his wife moved to Chicago from Texas to start a church in the urban neighborhood of Wicker Park close to downtown Chicago. Scott has been in the ministry since the age of 19 as a youth pastor and college/young adult pastor and started traveling and speaking at many events at the age of 22. For the past 9 years, Scott has spoken and taught many times and has a passion to boldly proclaim the Truth of the Gospel so that lives will be changed by the power of Jesus Christ, His body will be built up, and the church will be mobilized to fulfill the Great Commission.

The Worship band for camp is Theophany...[www.theophanyworship.org](http://www.theophanyworship.org).

Camp fee is \$250 per student through March 9th. See Will Strain for camp registration. Youth fundraisers for the camp will be held until June. Classes, groups and individuals desiring to sponsor the youth camp fees can designate Youth Camp Funds on their offering envelopes. A deposit of \$25 is requested by November 27th.

## RESTORE THE FUNDS UPDATE

Over the past year, we have had to borrow from our designated accounts to meet our current expenses. Those expenses include air conditioning and heating system repairs, multiple plumbing leaks around our property, extra computer support for our network and Internet services, etc.

We started our Restore the Funds campaign the first week of October. Now, just six weeks later, we are virtually halfway there (\$6,977). The chart below shows our current status toward our goal of restoring \$14,000 that we "borrowed" from our savings account.

I continue to pray for us to restore our designated funds. It looks like we're on our way to have this done by the end of the year (e.g., about \$4,000 extra each month designated to this specific purpose). Please look for and use the special envelopes designated "Restore Funds" for this purpose.

In advance, knowing that God owns everything and has elected us to be His faithful stewards, I praise Him for what is about to happen with our financial situation.

In His service,  
Steve F. Stevens, Treasurer

### Restore the Funds

(a/c 13 Nov 11)



■ So Far .. □ To Go ..

## YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

Month	Undesignated Receipts
January	\$ 26,622
February	\$ 21,430
March	\$ 23,329
April	\$ 25,731
May	\$ 22,243
June	\$ 19,405
July	\$ 23,899
August	\$ 17,033
September	\$ 20,815
October	\$ 26,110
Actual YTD	\$ 226,617
Budget YTD	\$ 247,337

## MANAGING OUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

A Christian personal finance class will begin Sunday, January 15th - about the time we all think now is a great time to get our finances in order. The class is seven weeks (one session a week) and includes a workbook with CD (\$17 one per family) to help everyone get through the essentials of managing money God's way. (The class was developed by Saddleback Church and Crown Financial Ministries and is similar to Dave Ramsey's longer Financial Peace University course.)



The class is intended for couples, but high school students would benefit also. We are looking for those who would be interested in attending. If you know someone who could benefit from such a class, please invite them to come with you. We will meet on Sunday morning at 8:30am before Sunday school/Bible study. Classes will begin Sunday, 15 January and continue through 26 February. Please register at the Information desk by December 25th so we can order the materials. For additional information, feel free to call the church office (655-7451) or Steve Stevens (661-7930).

## ADVENT CELEBRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 27TH

Advent begins the last Sunday of November. Many Crestview members have discovered the joy of observing Advent. If you haven't, we encourage you to try it. Your life will be enriched.

Advent is a Latin word meaning to come. Christians should prepare themselves both mentally and spiritually for Jesus to come into the world. We celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas day, but our preparation begins with Advent.

It is easy for the real meaning of Christmas to be forgotten in the rush of the holiday season. The beauty and wisdom of Advent is the opportunity it gives us to stand back and experience the many spiritual joys of Christmas. How marvelous it is to consider that Christian families all over the world are drawn closer during Advent because of God's loving gift—Jesus Christ.

The first candle in the Advent wreath at church will be lit Sunday, November 27th. It would be a great time to plan for your family of all generations to attend and to invite your neighbors and friends to begin Advent season with you in worship.



### CHRISTMAS / ADVENT CALENDAR

#### December

- 3 Men Decorate Church Outside / 9am  
Adult 2 / Coed Party / 6:30pm /  
Off campus
- 4 Second Sunday of Advent
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions  
Lottie Moon Offering
- 10 Choir Party / 3pm / Off campus
- 11 Third Sunday of Advent  
AWANA Caroling
- 15 Adult 1 / Coed Party / 6pm / Parlor
- 17 Adult 1 / Women Party / 11:30am-3pm /  
Off Campus
- 18 AWANA Christmas Celebration  
Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 19 Distribute Christmas Food Baskets
- 24 Candlelight Service / 6:30pm
- 25 Birthday Party for Jesus / 9:45am



To order a Poinsettia *In Honor or In Memory Of* someone, fill out this form and turn it in at the church office or place it in an offering plate along with your designated check made payable to Crestview Baptist Church. If you are purchasing a plant with cash, please use an envelope with your designation clearly marked.

**Cost Per Plant - \$8.00**  
**Deadline to order plants is**  
**Wednesday, November 30th**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

One plant per each person  
honored or remembered

CHECK AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

CASH ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

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Sunday Bible Study..... 9:45am  
 Worship..... 11:00am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Prayer / 9am Adult Game Day / 10am	2	3 Men Decorate Church Outside / 9am Adult 2 / Coed Party / 6:30pm—Off campus
4 Deacon Leadership Team / 9am AWANA 5-6:30pm 2nd Sunday Advent	5	6	7 Prayer / 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal / 7pm	8 Prayer / 9am Adult Game Day / 10am	9	10 Choir Party / 3pm Off-Campus
December 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions—Lottie Moon						
11 Deacon Discipleship Team / 9am AWANA 5-6:30pm Stewardship Com / 2:30pm	12 Men's Ministry Task Force / 6pm	13 Senior Adult Breakfast @ Shoney's / 8:30am	14 Prayer / 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal / 7pm	15 Prayer / 9am Adult Game Day / 10am Adult 1 / Coed Party / Parlor 6pm	16	17 Adult 1 / Women Party / Off Campus 11:30am-3pm
18 Deacon Ministry Team / 9am AWANA 5- 6:30pm	19 Distribute Christmas Food Boxes	20	21 Prayer / 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal / 7pm	22 Prayer / 9am Adult Game Day / 10am	23 Church Office Closed	24 Candlelight Service 6:30pm
25 Christmas Birthday Party For Jesus / 9:45am	26 Church Office Closed	27	28 Evening Activi- ties Cancelled Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31  11/16/2011