

WBBC MESSAGE

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Insert-Note of thanks from the Louthans*
- *Invitation to Christmas Musical*

PASTOR KEITH LOUTHAN ACCEPTS CALL

What a joy it is to share with you in this newsletter. We can now officially report on something more than resumes read, phone calls made, or even videos of sermons reviewed. Today we join the other members of our church saying “Thank You Lord, for leading us to our new pastor”! If you were not present this past Saturday to meet Keith and Amy Louthan, or to hear Rev. Louthan preach Sunday, you missed a treat! Our committee noticed that most folks were ready to have the Louthans join our fellowship here at WBBC as soon as they had a chance to meet them. In both of our Saturday afternoon sessions, our members were so impressed, that in each of those sessions someone said, “Let’s just call them”. Then after the service on Sunday morning, the church had an opportunity to confirm the recommendation of our Pastor Search Committee by having a unanimous vote in favor of calling Rev. Keith Louthan as our next pastor. The Pastor Search Committee wants to thank you for the confidence that was shown in us by calling us out to do what is always a

difficult job—to find the right candidate to recommend to the church to fill the role of pastor. Each of us on the committee feels honored to have served and we are grateful to you and to God for affording us this opportunity. We are very thankful that God has answered our prayers and yours as He has led us to Keith and Amy Louthan. God’s work always amazes us, but it should not surprise us. We want to thank you for praying for us and encouraging us. God has honored those prayers and has given us vibrant hope as we look to the future of WBBC. Other than some additional follow up with Rev. Louthan during our transition time, we as your Pastor Search Committee have completed our responsibilities. One of our members said however, “Now that we have a pastor, we still can’t rest—we’ve REALLY got to go to work”! Just as you prodded us in our work, please allow us to remind YOU, that now that we have a pastor, we can’t say “Let him do the work”, it is still up to ALL of us to work here in the Lord’s vineyard at WBBC! SO--Make those

special contacts, invite your friends, share your faith, roll up your sleeves and join us at our church to be a part of what God is doing. Join us in prayer for Keith, Amy, Austin, Hunter and Ellison, the Louthans, as they do all that must be done to join us at WBBC in January.

Your Pastor Search Committee,

Mark Blake, Tom Canady,
Mike Davis, Lib Floyd,
David Thomas, Bert
Voet and Jill Wilson



WBBC is charting a new course

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THE SHORE

December is a fun month for everybody. Christmas is here. The students will be having a Christmas party on Saturday the 19th. This is also a month for parents to get their money in for the Nexus Project. It is going to be a special weekend for the students and we need to send in our registration asap. Other than these things the students will be

spending a lot of time with family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and remember those who are less fortunate and lift them up in prayer.

In Him,
Shaun

Merry Christmas to the WBBC volunteers who plan, prepare and feed us each Wednesday night! We are so thankful for each of you. Enjoy your Christmas season and know that you are loved.

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CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church
invites you join us as we
**Celebrate The Joy,
The Wonder and
The Majesty
of Christmas.**
We will be led in worship
by the Children's Choir,
the Adult Choir and
end with a
Hallelujah Chorus Sing-a-long.
Join us
Saturday Night Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm
And
Sunday Night December 13th at 7:00 pm.
A nursery will be provided.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

November has come and gone very fast. It was amazing to watch the children work on Operation Christmas Child. From figuring out how many boxes we could purchase to how many items per box, and going to the store and purchasing the items. Then watching them fill the boxes with correct age-appropriate items and making sure the boxes were filled and including a letter about themselves to be sent off. The children collected 45 boxes and we want to thank each one of you that helped make this a wonderful experience for the Children's Department. This is a project that the children can share in from the very start to the finish and it excites them to be a big part of their church. Thank you again for all your support.

The children have been working very hard on the Christmas Musical every Wednesday evening; I hope you all plan on attending. This will be presented at 6:30 pm before the Adult Musical on December 12th and 13th.

We will also be working on one more mission project before the end of the year. The children will be selling coffee and hot chocolate mugs wrapped as gifts for \$5.00 with the proceeds going to our Lottie Moon Mission Fund. We will have them during our auction night on December 16th or you can place an order with me or fill out an order form and give it to me.

In His Service,
Jody Roney
And The Children's Ministry

International Week of Prayer – Lottie Moon

Please join Tommy and Susan Canady as they bring our Bible Study for the next two weeks on the work of the IMB. Check out the WBBC website to pray for specific needs with the IMB.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

We are anticipating a great time of worship for the Sundays during the month of December. Please mark your calendars, plan to come and invite a friend.

December 6th-Dr. Cogdill

December 13th-Dr. Cogdill

December 20th-Dr.

Cogdill

December 27th-Shaun McMahon

We have been blessed beyond measure these last two years to have our pulpit filled with men who desire to serve the Lord. We are greatly humbled and thankful that the Lord has been faithful to us.

We are looking forward to the years ahead and expecting God to move in a mighty way at Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church and our surrounding community. Reach out, invite friends and neighbors and tell them about Jesus.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families that helped with the Parking Lot Fundraiser, on November 28th, to benefit the Benevolence Fund. We raised \$623.70.

Wednesday Nights

December 9th-International Missions Study

December 16th-**Lottie Moon Dinner and Auction**

December 23rd-No Service

December 30-No Service

Thank you to those who decorated WBBC for Christmas. It is beautiful and we appreciate you all.

Christmas Card Check List

- Shut ins*
- Servicemen and women*
- College Students*
- Pastors and staff*
- New Neighbors*
- Children*
- Teachers*
- Mailman/Garbage man*
- Single moms*
- Homeless*

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Brunswick Cove is a skilled nursing facility in Leland on Highway 133 heading towards Southport. The staff has expressed concern over the number of residents who live there that have no family, no friends, no money and most importantly, no Jesus Christ. They are planning a Christmas Party for their residents, and are hoping that Christmas gifts could be provided for those in need.

Please simply check your closets and dressers for fair to good conditioned used clothes that you would be willing to donate/gift to these residents. They are in need of men's and women's

pants, shirts, sweaters, hats, coats, shoes, gloves, night coats, sweat pants, sweat shirts etc. They would sincerely appreciate any article of clothing that you would be willing to donate/gift.

A drop-off location will be in the Fellowship Hall by the Christmas Tree, now through Sunday, December 20th. It would be very helpful if you could pick 1-2 articles of clothing and wrap in a box or a gift bag. Please indicate on the box or bag if the clothing is for a man or woman, size and what article of clothing it is. For example: "Woman's large shirt" or "Man's extra large pants". If you don't have the

ability to wrap the gift, please still bring 1-2 articles of clothing to church and they will be wrapped and identified so that the proper resident will receive the appropriate gift.

Lastly, the greatest need that these residents have is Jesus Christ. Please indicate on the gift that it is "From: Friends in Christ at Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church."

Thank you for taking 15 minutes out of your busy holiday season to share with someone in great need, and especially to help them know that they are never alone with God.

Paul Ingold

Thank You

WBBC would like to thank the Hospitality Committee for all their hard work throughout the year. Each of you are so important in the success of WBBC and making everyone feel welcomed.

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LOTTIE MOON-INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Our church-wide Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal this year is \$8,500. 100% of this offering goes to the international mission field to undergird the work and support of our 6,500 missionaries there. The national goal is \$175,000,000. We will observe the Week of Prayer for International Missions from Sunday, December 6 to Sunday, December 13. You will receive the prayer guide on this Sunday. Please pray and give to be a part of bringing our world to Christ.

In Him,

Tommy and Susan Canady

Remember to pray for 30 days for the Job Number you received with the International Mission Board on Wednesday night!

Susan challenged each of us to pray for this position for the next 30 days. She will continue her study on the work of IMB next Wednesday evening at 6:30. We are so grateful to have at WBBC Tom and Susan Canady who are passionate about their work on the mission field and the work of others around the world. Please keep all our missionaries in your prayers through out the year.

Merry Christmas. We have much to be merry about.