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November Newsletter of Petal First Baptist

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## Greetings!

As we begin the month of November, let me encourage you to take time now to look at the many ways you can make a difference in the lives of people right here in Petal and even to the ends of the earth. Be sure to purchase those Thanksgiving basket items for the Children's Task Force! Fill up a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child to be sent literally around the world! Help us complete the



house on Highway 42 so the family can occupy it by Christmas! We really need your help completing this task! We cannot do it without new folks pitching in to help!

One other important way you can make a difference is our **Take 5 Connect Emphasis** in November. This new emphasis encourages everyone in our Church Family to participate during the month of November. We want everyone to think of **5 people you can make contact with who are either disconnected to our church or not connected to a church at all**. Then, take 5 minutes a day to either call one of your 5 contacts, pray for them, send them a text or mail them an encouraging card to let them know you care and you want them to join you in church this month! Just 5 minutes a day, or 35 minutes a week, to make connections with some folks to let them know you care! I hope you'll join me in this important connection project and see the difference it can make!

Also, I'll be making an announcement in worship this Sunday about **Outlive Your Life** and a special project we want to launch in 2018 in honor of the 10-year anniversary of being in our building. It's going to be exciting and we want and need every person to be a part of this! This will be a huge milestone of completion for our Petal FBC Family!

I pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving season. We all have so much to be thankful for as a Church family and as individuals for all that the Lord has done in us and through us this past year!

In Christ Alone,

Brad







**This is a wonderful opportunity!** Petal Primary School is in need of men and women to serve as mentors to children through Big Brothers Big Sisters. We need 10 men and 10 women. Applications will be on the foyer table. Call the church office with questions.



Join us beginning Sunday, November 12, as Pastor Brad begins a brand new series in

the book of ACTS: Turbulence. We'll look into chapters 14-17 and see how the Church dealt with turbulent times in their culture and how we can do the same! If you miss a message, check it out online.



## **GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY!**

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, brings good news and great joy to children around the world. And the work doesn't stop there. Through The Greatest Journey, our discipleship program for those who receive shoeboxes, whole communities are being transformed by the Gospel. DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH! Supplies are located in the back of the Worship Center! Pick up one or five boxes today and get them in to the church office! Contact the church office 601.545.3198 with questions or go to Samaritan's Purse to find

or go to <u>Samaritan's Purse</u> to find out how to pack your shoeboxes!



**Plan to be with us each Saturday through November!** We're continuing our partnership with Mt. Vernon and Petal UMC to rebuild this house on Hwy 42. Work days continue each Saturday. Contact Andy Simmons for more info @ 601-606-2994.



Continue to join us on The Journey! Volume 4 started October 8th and is now on sale in the church foyer and preschool/children's hallway for \$5 each. These 12 sessions will complete our study in The Journey. Click the link for a list of LifeGroups. http://petalfbc.com/grow/lifegroups/



It's that time of year we count our blessings and remember there are those less fortunate than us! Every year we help Petal Children's Task Force feed needy Petal families. Our contribution is 150 cans cranberry sauce, 150 canned hams, and 150 bags of corn meal. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19! Deposit your donations in the marked boxes at both entrances!



Well over 100 years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters challenging the American church to send and support more workers to go there. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Even if you're not a Southern Baptist who has given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached peoples in unreached places. Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 Million. **Our church goal is \$25,000!** Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.



You don't want to miss this trip! Plans are being made to take a team to visit our partners in Southeast Asia in 2018. If you are interested in participating, contact Melanie Blanton by email or phone





Ryan Martin by letter



Nash Roberts by baptism





Click the link to access the Monthly Church calendar!





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