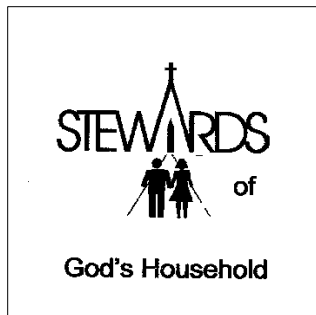


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DERBYSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

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COMMITMENT CARDS NOW BEING RECEIVED

Sunday, November 15, was Commitment Sunday at Derbyshire. After three weeks of preparation, we were invited to make our financial pledges for the coming year. Everyone is encouraged to turn in a card as soon as possible. Especially during this time of economic distress in our country, we need to hear from all who are members and active participants. This information is vital for the planning of our 2010 church budget. What we will be able to accomplish in terms of ministries is directly dependent on what our constituents indicate that they are both willing and able to give in the coming year. Commitment cards have been mailed to members' homes. Additional cards are available in the church office and in the vestibule of the sanctuary. You may either place your card in the offering plate, mail it, deliver it to the church office, or call or email our financial secretary, Julie Hoffman. Everyone is encouraged to give serious, prayerful attention to this very important act of Christian stewardship.



DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

"Our church always looks so nice for the holidays." These are the words many say about our church during the Advent and Christmas seasons. However, that "niceness" does not happen on its own. We need your

help to decorate the sanctuary and the chapel. On Saturday, December 5, 8:30-12:30, we are asking volunteers to come and help decorate the church. We need some strong, tall people to help with decorating the windows in the sanctuary and carrying the heavy boxes. So don't leave all the men at home! Please call the church office at 740-7238 to let us know you are coming. Refreshments will be provided.



BAPTIST CENTER CHRISTMAS STORES

Christmas is right around the corner and the Richmond Baptist Center's Christmas stores will need to be stocked and ready. **Listed below are the items needed by next Sunday, November 22:** new toys and clothes

for children birth to 12 years old; games, books, tricycles, bicycles, helmets, sports equipment, jeans, tops, sweaters, pajamas, coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear - all kinds and sizes. Gifts should be left unwrapped. Collection boxes can be found near the welcome center and the choir suite.



The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, as Thanksgiving holidays. The office will re-open on Monday, November 30.

REMINDER

The Wednesday dinner and all activities will not be held on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25.

Bound for the Kingdom! Sunday, November 22

Thanksgiving Dinner* - 5:15 PM

*Tickets are required and the deadline to purchase them was Sunday, November 15.

Everyone is invited to attend the Golden Tones Choir Concert at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Nominating Team is requesting nominations from the congregation for four (4) key positions on the Church Council: Moderator, Council on Ministries Leader, Administrative Director, and Leadership Development Leader. Ballots, describing the duties/responsibilities of each position, are available in the church office and gallery. Please review the ballot, submit your potential nominees, and return the ballot to the church office or place in the box in the gallery no later than Sunday, December 6.



Light of the World

Recall the story of creation, prophetic words of Isaiah, and events of Jesus' birth in this children's presentation that combines original songs and familiar carols from around the world to share how Jesus came to be the 'Light of the World'

Sunday, December 6, 6:00 PM

Sing We Now of Christmas!

Celebrate anew The Christmas Story through this resplendent blend of traditional carols and eclectic songs presented by the 85-voice Chancel Choir and 35-piece orchestra

Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 and 7:00 PM
(Admission by complimentary ticket only.)

Tickets available Sundays outside the kitchen before Sunday School and in the Gallery before and after 11:00 AM worship, as well as weekdays in the Church Office)



CAROLING, CAROLING, OFF WE GO!

Delight in bringing smiles to Derbyshire homebound members during this time of caroling for all ages that concludes with a homemade chili fellowship feast at the church

Sunday, December 20, 5:00 PM

Christmas by Candlelight

Thursday, December 24
3:30 PM

Share the joy of The Christmas Story in a service designed for families with children
5:30 PM

Experience the tradition of a candlelight service imbued with scripture and carols

WORDS OF GRATITUDE...

for the church's prayers and expressions of love and concern have been received from:

Pat McGehee
Frances Tucker & Family

DID YOU KNOW...

Brennan Sigel was recently honored as a Rudy and Esther Bunzl Teaching Excellence Finalist! This professional recognition of being among the top 32 of 150+ nominees from Hanover, Chesterfield, Henrico, and Richmond City Schools came as a result of recommendations by her teaching peers for her continual outstanding efforts in history education at Atlee High School. Congratulations Brennan on receiving this significant acknowledgement and honor in your career!

Lauren Brawley and Savannah Patterson recently participated in 120-voice Henrico County All-County Chorus! These young ladies were nominated by their school's choral teacher as outstanding vocalists capable of moving on to the next level of participation in the Henrico County music education program. Thank you ladies for allowing us at DBC to call you "ours" and have your talents used in our student music ministry!!

Derbyshire will be hosting CARITAS December 26-January 2

For more information and sign-up, please contact Brenda Robinson at 741-1862 or Laura Shelton at 740-0922. You can also make a monetary donation for CARITAS by sending a check to Derbyshire Baptist Church with the memo stating for CARITAS.

Local Mission Initiative



Bright Christmas Food Drive Benefits Lamb's Basket (November 15 - December 13)

The 2009 Bright Christmas Food Drive to benefit Lamb's Basket began this past Sunday, and will continue through Sunday, December 13. The food that is collected will help stock the Lamb's Basket food pantry, the largest independent food bank in Henrico County, and will ultimately provide nourishment for needy families and individuals who live in our area.

This is a church-wide mission initiative, engaging every Sunday school class from preschoolers to senior adults. Each class has been assigned specific food items to bring, and a list of the assigned food items has been posted in each classroom. Please bring your items and place them in the food collection box located in your Sunday school classroom/area before December 13.

Paper grocery bags are also needed. Please bring your slightly used paper bags and leave them beside the collection box in your Sunday school classroom.

Let's try to exceed last year's donation of 1,987 lbs. of food. Can we do it?



FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION November 29 9:45 AM, Bryant Hall

Come hear W. Joseph Owen, III.

Joe began practicing law in 1976 after receiving his J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School. He is an experienced and well-respected trial lawyer who has achieved large jury verdicts and settlements in civil cases and excellent results for clients in criminal cases. He is currently the Chairman of the Drug Court Foundation of Chesterfield County and has served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.