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Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

Every year thousands of children around the world are displaced from their homes by natural disasters, acts of war and poverty. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations through gift filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped and delivered across the globe.

Once again SBPC will be participating in this great opportunity of mission's ministry. Wrapped boxes will be available in the narthex the first Sunday after Labor Day, but anyone wishing to participate can wrap their own box and fill it with gifts. Also, we will be happy to wrap your box for you if you bring it filled or unfilled. Informational pamphlets on the ministry and filling the boxes will also be available.

This is a wonderful way to participate in the real meaning of Christmas and the gift of sharing God's love. As God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ we too can share in his loving grace by giving joy and hope to others through the shoe box ministry.

A special thank you to Ethel Weddle for her many years of coordinating this ministry at South-Broadland. She has faithfully given of her time and talent to bring this far reaching ministry opportunity to our congregation and is still willing to wrap shoe boxes. This year Joe and Bonita Litizzette will be coordinating this project. Please call them with any questions or concerns.

Join us for Worship Each Sunday
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:10 a.m. Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Uplifting Traditional Service



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Pray, Pray, Pray

God answers prayer. For a lot of Christians, that is a "duh" statement, but it still needs to be said because of the wonder of it. That God should stoop to listen and respond to lowly creatures as we is beyond comprehension. We do not deserve it. We cannot earn it. His ear is attuned to us only because he loves us so passionately. He made that clear on the cross, but the daily answers to all kinds of prayers are reminders of the love that surpasses all understanding.

Prayers are breathed silently, cried, shouted, or whispered. Prayers are sometimes spontaneous or recited by rote. We can pray alone or with others. Prayers can be one word or many. They are simple and they are eloquent. They are desperate at times. But any prayer is meaningless if it is not answered. To say prayer doesn't matter is to say God is indifferent to his children. Nothing could be further from the truth. The God of wonders, the Creator of all things seen and unseen, deigns to listen with the love of a father and respond.

We don't always believe, though. No one wants to admit it, but it's true. It may be that we expect immediate answers, and indeed some answers come in a moment. But we may have to wait a lifetime for some answers—the prayer for wayward children or an unbelieving spouse. Sometimes the answer is simply "No," but God always answers and we would do well to humbly worship him for his condescension to meet us in the place of prayer.

Jesus took a whip and drove out those who had turned the temple into a marketplace. His anger would be unnerving to us were it not for his explanation: the temple was to be a house of prayer. He knew the need for prayer and anything that detracted from that called for righteous anger. Jesus lived a life of prayer and he prayed in every place and in every way possible to bring about God's will for him and his ministry. He also prayed for the people surrounding him and even for those who were yet to be born and believe. He prayed, and that alone should be our example.

I will say it again: God answers prayer. We should be encouraged and take heart in that knowledge. Prayer matters and we should pray any chance we get. The truth of answered prayer gives courage to pray and it gives humility to ask for prayer. My prayer for those who read this is that they will pray with true hope that God will answer in his time and in his way and that the desire to pray will grow with each prayer uttered.

There is only one response to God and his will for us and that is to pray, pray, and pray.

Our Mission is:
To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed
To love God
To love one another
To make disciples of all people.

The Sizzlin' 17th Waldo Fall Festival

Put Saturday, Sept. 19th on your calendar for the always fun WALDO FALL FESTIVAL, held in the parking lot by the Waldo marker and fountain at 75th and Wornall. The festival runs from 10:00-5:00, with music, booths, rides for the kids, a car-bash, tap-dancing, bucket truck, police mounted patrol, team mascots and food, food, food! Many area organizations and vendors will have booths. Waldo has become quite a destination place for food, fun, and shopping, so let's support our Waldo community by attending this annual fall celebration.

Presbyterian Women

PW General Meeting and Bible Study resumes meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at noon. We will continue the study of JUBILEE, Luke's Gospel for the Poor with Lesson 5, "The Dead Are Raised". Bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided. PW Council meets Tues., Sept. 8 at 10:00.

Thank You

Dear South-Broadland, Thank you so much for the Bible. I already have it packed for college! I really appreciate all the love and support I have received from the church for all these years. I feel blessed to be part of such a great family. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." – Phil. 1:3

Love,
Erin Hirtzel

We Remember...

ISABEL BLACKBURN passed away Aug. 4 with services at the church on Aug. 10. Isabel and her husband Charles were married 66 years until his passing in 2005, and they lived in Waldo community most of their married life. They joined South-Broadland in 1968. Isabel was a regular attendee at the Thursday Keenager's group. She was an avid bridge player, winning trophies in competitive play. She was a world traveler and was always looking forward to the next trip. A wonderful ambassador, she was active in the China Club. Isabel was a community activist and a longtime member of the Tower Homes Assn. Isabel and Charles were part of a group of Waldo neighbors in the 1940's who petitioned the city for the creation of Tower Park and who adopted the park. Isabel is survived by her son Stephen, wife Roberta, and their family.



Behind the Scenes

It takes a village to care for the South-Broadland Presbyterian Church and I want to recognize one that often works behind the scenes. Our building and the beautiful grounds around it are a great blessing to us. As we all know, they are also a major responsibility. One individual quietly goes about the work of repairing, installing and all-around maintenance during his summers. **Kelly McKnight** who teaches in the Lee's Summit School district during the school year spends his summers as the OTR craft teacher at Rainbow School and takes on the long list of maintenance requests that need to be addressed in the building and on the grounds.

You will be amazed as I share a sampling of the things that this summer were included on Kelly's "to do list". Here we go: installing internet cable in our renovated school library, painting the library and a classroom, assembling new library shelves, building a tomato house for our garden, installing the merry go round, spreading 26 tons of sand under the monkey bars, bolting benches to concrete on the playground, repair the boiler room deadbolt lock, repair multiple toilets around the building, clean all the window a/c filters in the building, sweeping floors, mopping floors, repair loose tiles on the second floor, repairing loose stair railings, fixing loose rocks on the retaining wall at the south entrance, weekly lawn mowing, making and serving 230 hungry kids (and teachers) cotton candy and planning crafts for 167 kids.

I am so grateful for Kelly sharing his gifts of service to this community. He has served this church for many years without need for recognition but I want to say thank you. His service is a blessing to all of us.

by Deena Smith

Rainbow School Update

Over the Rainbow was a big success this summer with 167 children enrolled. The preschool was busy with 80 infants and young children. It was a fabulous summer. We are VERY grateful to Kim and Troy Dewberry for so generously sharing the third floor space with us. Thanks also to everyone on Buildings and Grounds who kept the lawn mowed so nicely this summer. We enjoyed it very much.

During the interlude between summer school and our fall term, we had two quiet weeks in August. We took advantage of this time to attend the annual Christian Early Childhood Conference, paint a couple of classrooms, get some of the floors waxed, and some of the carpets cleaned.

We hope that you picked a vegetable or two from the garden this summer. We have enjoyed lettuce, onions, carrots, green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, and peppers, in addition to the dill, basil, and cilantro herbs. The farmer has made a second planting of lettuce, carrots, and green beans for a late harvest. This outdoor classroom experience was made possible by the generous support of our Annual Silent Auction.

Our teachers report back to work September 2, and the children begin the fall term on Wednesday, September 9. We are considering adding a couple of new names to our substitute teacher list. If you know someone who might be interested in substitute teaching, they may call the Rainbow School office at 816-523-4336, or email us at Rainbow@South-Broadland.org

By Becky Hirtzel

		<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>	
BALANCE	6/30/2009	\$28,918.38	12/31/2008	\$9,000.00
Receipts		\$17,825.68		\$152,033.74
Subtotal		\$46,744.06		\$161,033.74
Expense		\$20,531.76		\$134,821.44
BALANCE	7/31/2009	\$26,212.30	7/31/2009	\$26,212.30



Month

- 4 Betty Franklin
- 5 Wesley Weddle
- 9 Barbara Brown
- 10 Bonita Litizzette
- Mary Nading
- 11 Susan Appel
- J.C.Duncan
- 12 Blanche Mayberry
- 13 Matthew Howard
- 17 Elsie Owens
- 19 Michael West
- 20 Lloyd Woodward
- 21 Craig Lewis
- Amelia McKnight
- 23 Colleen Lafferty
- 24 Sandra Lynn
- 26 Thomas Hartley
- Jennifer Nading
- Imani Williams
- 27 John Vincent

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- Ray and Maxine Wiedemann

Roses...

To Rachel Williams, Monesea Gunter, and Deidre Anderson who were featured in recent Kansas City Star articles about area schools.

To Harold and Pearl Moore who were picked as one of the 100 most influential African Americans in Greater Kansas City by the Kansas City Globe.