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# Tyland Baptist Church

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## Services

- Sunday  
9:30 a.m.-Prayer Time,  
Children's Music  
  
9:40 a.m.-Sunday School  
  
10:40 a.m.-Worship  
  
5:15 p.m.-Choir Practice  
  
6 p.m.-Worship
- Wednesday  
6 p.m.-Bible Study: Adult,  
Youth, RA, GA

## Dates to Remember

Nov 15: Thanksgiving  
Dinner-No evening service

Nov 24: Greenbrier NH BD  
Party -2:30 pm

Nov 25: No Services

Nov 26: Thanksgiving

Dec 4: Family Movie  
Night: The Nativity 6:30 pm

Dec 6: Evening Service @  
Plantation Pines Farm –  
6 pm

Dec 9: Business Mtg 6  
pm: 2010 Budget

Dec 11: Children's Party

Dec 12: Open House,  
Mahfood Home: 1-4 pm

Dec 13: Lord's Supper

Dec 18: Friendship Class  
Party

Dec 20: Christmas Cantata

Dec 22: Greenbrier NH BD  
Party -2:30 pm

Dec 23: Candlelight  
Service 6 pm: No RA's,  
GA's or nursery

Dec 25 – Merry Christmas!

**Congratulations to Bro. David. He will receive his degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary, Ft Worth, in commencement ceremonies on December 11. We are very proud of you, Brother David!**

**Deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Frisby in her passing and to Rita Harp in the recent losses in her family.**

*You are invited to Tyland Baptist Church's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 15, immediately following morning worship service. Bring a dish – meat will be provided by the church. And invite your family and friends.*

*Please note that Sunday evening service on November 15 and Wednesday evening service on November 25 have been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

**Where does the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go once it leaves your church?**

**100% used to support missionaries**

**90%** used for direct expenses like missionary salaries, housing, food, children's education and benefits

**10%** used for ministry support items

## Drive-thru missions

When people line up for the car ferry from Europe to North Africa, they often get more than a boat ride. They can get a copy of the New Testament. When these Bible portions at \$3 each are multiplied enough for a mass distribution, the cost can run between \$15,725 and \$17,550. It's a price paid in full by the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** and from other participating agencies.

Behind the scenes, project volunteers from several countries form an assembly line, boxing up packets for distribution to motorists. Each packet contains a copy of the New Testament, which motorists can choose in one of four languages: French, Kabyle Berber, Arabic and Chawic [shaw-wee] Berber. A copy of the JESUS film and other materials complete the packet.

Given this drive-thru ordering system, it wouldn't be too unusual for someone to say, "I'll have a Kabyle Berber Bible to go, please."

Even without the window, many such orders are filled. Motorists who take these materials into North Africa can read about Jesus' love for them and thus satisfy their hunger and thirst after righteousness.



**Ask God to open your heart and your wallet for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Connie Luther on his up-coming retirement from the City of Tyler. You are all invited to a retirement reception honoring Connie on Tuesday, December 8, 2-4 pm, at the Senior Citizens Center, 1915 Garden Valley Road.

**THANKS** to the Lange family for sponsoring the "Pig Roast" at the Wiggins' farm in October. And **THANKS** to the Wiggins for opening their farm to our church for this event.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nick Wiggins, President of the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association! Later this month, the Wiggins family will travel to Austin to present trees from their farm to be displayed at the State Capitol! Thank you for allowing Tyland to be a part of your CHRISTmas tree farm/ministry. Plantation Pines CHRISTmas Tree Farm will open for the season on Thanksgiving Day. Be sure to give them your business, and tell others about their CHRIST-centered farm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Christian Kay on his recent feature story in the Tyler newspaper. We are proud of you and your extraordinary musical accomplishments, Christian!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlie and Edna Stovall on the birth of their great grandson, Brody Ryan Clark, on October 16.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lee and Jan Richards on the birth of their granddaughter, Macy Marie Mendez, on August 10.

-Sunday, Nov 15: "Operation Christmas Child" donations due  
-Sunday, Nov 15: Budget Requests for 2010 due to Jace/Finance Committee.  
-Nov 14-21: Mission Trip to Mexico. Pray for Calvin.

## From *Open Windows*— "When You Are Afraid"

Fears—we all have them. Fear of heights. Fear of snakes. Fear of the dark. Fear of public speaking. Fear of failure. Some of our fears are almost hard to believe, like bibliophobia (fear of books) inonophobis (fear of string) and verbophobia (fear of words).

Not so hard to believe is a fear that captures many of us—the fear of the unknown. The little boy waiting for the bus on his first day of school clings to his mother. The long term employee suddenly laid off is captured by anxiety. The patient waiting for test results is incapacitated by fear until good results are available.

When this kind of fear strikes us, we have good news; nothing is unknown to God, and He gives us strength, steadies our hands, and removes our fears. He will ultimately bring justice and establish peace—and we are to trust Him in the meantime.

When fear next strikes you, be strong. God is still in the business of saving His people.

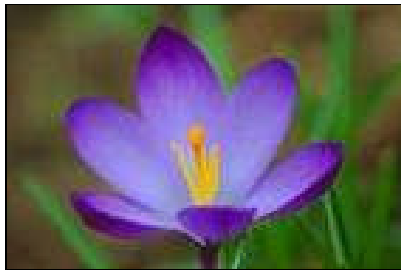
### **Isaiah 35** **Joy of the Redeemed**

<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.  
Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.



<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.  
Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.  
The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.  
But only the redeemed will walk there,

<sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.



**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**Merry Christmas!**