

**October 2013**

**It's Time to Pray**

Wednesday, October 2

Luke 10:2 on 10/2

“He told them: the harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Join Churches All Across the U.S. in Prayer

As We Pray for Workers.

**Blessing of Animals**

Sunday, October 6

4:30 On Front Steps of Church

Bring Your Pets

**Covered Dish Dinner and  
Quarterly Ministry Meeting**

Sunday, October 13

Noon

**Baby Shower for Thomas Helms**

(Gracen's getting a little brother)

Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6pm at the Church

Given by Friends

Registered at Wal-Mart under Angela or Thomas Helms

**Fall in the Park**

Sunday, October 20

**Chili Cookoff**

Saturday, October 26

5:00

Jon and Leah Perkins House

**Halloween**

Trunk or Treat Downtown

October 31

*Mamie – do you have any details here or know if it is even happening?*

Needed for the Preschool Sunday School Class –  
Small toys like those in Happy Meals  
Heavy cardboard tubes like those in aluminum foil  
(Not those in paper towels or toilet paper)

All of Collinsville Baptist Church Family,  
Al and I are so blessed to have you as our church family.  
Thank you so much for your compassion and love.  
We feel truly blessed!  
Love and Blessings, Symphony

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3  
Enjoy One Extra Hour of Sleep  
By Turning Your Clock Back One Hour

Does Your Class Have the Right Amount of Literature?  
Our church keeps a standing order with Lifeway. If your class is getting too much  
or too little literature, please let the church office know.

**My Hope with Billy Graham**

November, 2013  
Special Emphasis – November 7  
Learn How to Be a Matthew

**International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

Sunday, November 3

**Collinsville Historic Turkey Trot**

Saturday, November 9  
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
Downtown Collinsville

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 24  
Harvest Center Church of God of Prophecy  
Speaker – Rev. Phillip Battles

**Community Christmas Tree Lighting**

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28

5:00

At the Red Light in Downtown Collinsville

**Community Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 1

Collinsville Baptist

6:00

**Children's Choirs Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 8

11:00

**Special Offerings for This Fall  
World Hunger Relief Offering**

Offerings Due Back On

Sunday, October 13

World Hunger Sunday

For All Southern Baptist Churches

**Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes with Christmas Gifts

For Children Around the World

National Collection Week – November 18-25

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

For International Missions

Thanksgiving – New Year's

## **How Did We Do on Missions Offerings During the Last Year?**

From September 1, 2012 – August, 2013

1. Lottie Moon Offering - \$3452
  2. Annie Armstrong Offering - \$2094
  3. Cooperative Program - \$3600
  4. World Hunger Offering -\$1184
  5. Dekalb Associational Missions – \$720
- Total - \$11,050

### Other Offerings

6. Operation Christmas Child Offering – 59 Boxes
7. Baptist Men Local Missions Work and Giving
8. Other - Football Dinners, Helping Tree, Special Offerings
9. Through Collinsville Ministerial – Transient Program, Baccalaureate Gifts, Chickie Hood Scholarship Gifts

**What's the Cooperative Program**, and why are we giving it \$3600? It is a giving plan used by Southern Baptists that supports numerous SBC ministries – The International Mission Board, The North American Mission Board, Six SBC seminaries, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, LifeWay, WMU, GuideStone, and Alabama missions ministries such as Alabama Baptist colleges (e.g. Samford), disaster relief, Hispanic ministries, college campus ministries, and many others. Baptists get together and decide what percent of the Cooperative Program goes to each ministry. Collinsville Baptist giving to the Cooperative Program allows our church to have a part in all these ministries. October is Cooperative Program Month for the SBC.

It happened on a Sunday drive. A Sunday drive was a quiet, slow afternoon drive to nowhere in particular. They ceased to exist when TVs got more than three channels.

This particular Sunday I was about ten, and I was in the car with some of my family including my grandmother. As we passed a Dairy Queen, one of the adults (probably my grandmother) suggested that we get an ice cream cone. There was an immediate unanimous yes vote. My grandmother, known as Mama to all of us, was probably paying for the ice cream. She did that kind of thing a lot.

Since it was Dairy Queen back in the good ol' days, you could get any flavor ice cream you wanted as long as it was vanilla. The good, soft, custardy vanilla ice cream swirled up on the cone. I was dispatched to buy them at the window (there was no inside eating at Dairy Queen back then). I ferried the cones back to the car two at a time, carefully handing them into the car through the window.

I should confess that some of this memory may need fact check. But not what I am about to tell you now.

As I handed Mama her cone, she said, "thank you, Butch." And I said, "that's okay Mama. I was glad to get it for you."

And she looked me right in the face, smiling through her glasses-covered eyes, and said, "I know, Butch. I like that about you. You like to help people and do things for them."

The end. For her. She could not know that I would remember those words over fifty years later.

But I do. My grandmother thought I was the kind of person who liked to help people. She could have gotten arguments from a lot of people on her judgment about me. I am afraid I was often a selfish little ten year old brat.

But not to my grandmother. Not to Mama. She was the true matriarch and heart of our entire family. And she saw something good in me. That's a very powerful thing to a little boy. A very encouraging thing.

And I like to think that I have tried to prove her right. Because she made me look inside to see what she saw in me. Or what she planted that day. What she was encouraging me to be.

Our world has lots and lots of people who are eager to tell others what failures they are. Losers. Good for nothing. Mess ups. Do you hear them? “You can’t do anything right.”

Acts 4 tells us that in the early church there was a man named Barnabas. And that Barnabas means son of encouragement. Pretty good name, isn’t it? Are you an encourager? Barnabas was. Mama was.

Go out today and encourage somebody. See in them what Jesus sees in them. Be like Mama. You might be saying something to them that will change their life. Something that they will remember and treasure for decades. Mama thought I liked to help people. She told me so.

The ice cream from that Sunday drive is long gone. But not the sweet taste of Mama’s words.