



May the God of hope
fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**
as you trust in him so that
you may overflow with **HOPE**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

The First Family

"To be found faithful as God's People."

DECEMBER 2021

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Lottie Who?

During the month of December, in Southern Baptist Churches, you will often hear the name Lottie Moon mentioned. Who is this Lottie lady that we are giving money to during the Christmas season? Well, Lottie Moon, who stood at 4'3" tall, was a confirmed skeptic of Christianity as a teenager but was quite proficient in literature and languages having mastered Greek, Latin, Italian, French, and Spanish. Several of her friends began to pray daily for her conversion and those prayers were answered when Lottie surprisingly showed up at an evangelistic meeting where Pastor John Broadus was preaching. Lottie, who John Broadus stated was the most educated woman in the south, became one of the first women appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a missionary to China. She faithfully served among the Chinese people for over forty years. She was instrumental in leading Southern Baptists to send and support missionaries to serve in the uttermost parts of the world. In 1918 her name was affixed to the special offering that is received by Southern Baptist churches for International Missions during the month of December. This annual offering for our missionaries allows them to focus on the task of sharing the Gospel, discipling believers, and training leaders without spending time away from their field of service raising money for the task they have been called to do. I would encourage you to pray and give specifically to this very worthy offering.

This month we will have the joy of celebrating with our choir on Sunday, December 19, with a combined service at 10:30 a.m. We will also have a special combined service on Sunday, December 26 at 11 a.m. as we celebrate the joy of our Savior's birth. It is a great time of the year to share the true meaning of Christmas and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

God bless you church family and I hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a great start in the new year approaching.

Bro. Brad

DECEMBER 19

10:30 A.M.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESENTS

NOEL: BORN IS THE KING



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are next to the bulletins in the church hallways and may be placed in the offering plate. The cost is \$18.75.



We will have a special collection emphasis for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering during the month of December.



Together, we transform lives through prayer.

Pray and give as the Lord leads!



MUSIC AND MEDIA

Welcome to December, church family!

I started this article on November 15th with the intention of finishing it by November 17th so that Susan would have plenty of time preparing this newsletter. As I write this, it is currently Thanksgiving day and I have started, stopped, and re-started this article about 20 times!! Between working on broken water lines, broken washing machines, two different phones, a smart tv, and a chrome book, I've been trying to write this article and cook an 18 pound turkey! I feel like I've run a marathon!

But, that's the thing about this time of year that I've come to love and enjoy. Despite all the deadlines, all the house and technology problems, and all the family drama, we all still come together at the dinner table and say what we are thankful for. We still share in the blessings that the Lord has shown our family this year. We still express our love and thankfulness to the Lord. I am thankful to be with my family and I am thankful to the Lord for all He has done and will do.

As we move into this month, I want to encourage you to join our Sanctuary Choir Sunday, December 19th as we present, *Noel: Born is the King*. We will have a combined 10:30 am worship service that Sunday — there will be no Early Service and no Sunday School, but we will enjoy our Coffee House and Donuts at 10:00 am. This will be a time to celebrate Christmas as one church family!

On Sunday, December 26th, we will, again, gather together for a combined worship service at 11:00 am. During this time, some of our younger children will help lead us in a Christmas Carol or two and share the Gospel Story from Luke. Join us as a church family for singing, fellowship, and a message.

I can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

RESIDENT SHOPPING DAY OWENTON MANOR

Owenton Manor is now back open to visitors wearing masks and submitting to a temperature check. Therefore, we will once again bless the residents with a Resident Shopping Day. This is a day when residents are allowed to shop for members of their family free of charge. A group of women from the church will also wrap their presents and write name tags to be placed on the gifts. In order for this day to be successful, we need donations of small gift items. All items should be new. Residents will be shopping for family members of all ages. Some items they liked the best in the past were large tins of popcorn, peanuts, boxes of candy like Whitman or Russell Stover, men's and women's gloves and socks, Bath and Body Works or similar items, new inexpensive jewelry, Christmas ornaments, small dolls and toys to give to young grandchildren or great grandchildren. The date is Wednesday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

This year has gone by fast! The youth group has grown a ton in the past year and have had many opportunities to grow in the Lord. I see this upcoming year to be even better! This month will be a busy month for me, I'll be out of the country for 10 days and the youth will not be meeting during that time. I will keep everyone updated on when the youth are meeting and when our Christmas party will be held.

This month I want to recommend the book called "The First Days of Jesus" by Andreas Köstenberger and Alexander Stewart. Every year you have been at church you have probably heard the birth of Jesus preached on Christmas; this book is exactly over the birth of Jesus. The difference is they slow down the Biblical narratives and drive deep into the detail that could be overlooked when preached. There's only so much you can include in a sermon, so slowing down is nice to do and seeing details that are typically not talked about. One aspect of the book that makes it stand out above all others is the amount of scripture it uses. You will no doubt be edified by this book. I hope this book gives you a different view of the birth of our Lord and it grows your faith.

In grace
Wesley

IN MEMORY

BILLY F. BELL— Linda Webster, Ronnie and Joy Roberts, Samuel and Carol Taylor, Mike and Barbara Ramsey, Mike and Jean Ligon, Sue and Tim Redmon, Rodney and Deborah Parker, Bernard and Judy Poe, David and Susan Stowe, Robert and Judy Cull, Jimmy and Susan Sutherland, Sandra Stafford, Terry and Billie Patterson, Kelley and Teena Gamble, Ronald and Lana Jones, Robert Green, Jr. and Beth Green, Donald and Betty Bishop, Todd and Lesa Marston, Billy and Janice Riddle, James and Mary L. Bell, Men's Sunday School Class, Charles and Betty Carter, Gregg and Suzanne Peak, Lloyd and Lana Vannarsdall, John and Peggy Davis, Shawn and Jennifer Power, Marjorie Duvall, Jerry and Regina Cook, Mattie Cook, Clayton, Amanda, and Elizabeth Cook, Shirley Walker, Darryl and Susan Traylor, Dallas and Melody Stafford

ROBERT TRAYLOR— Dave Stowe's Sunday School Class, Rodney Wagner, Phyllis Malcomb, Mike and Barbara Ramsey, David and Sherry Lyons, Freddie and Diane Clements, Dana True, Jerry and Tara Garris, G L and Becky Shryock, Mke and Sarah Cobb, Rodney and Deborah Parker, David and Susan Stowe, Gregg and Suanne Peak, Lloyd and Lana Vannarsdall, Todd and Lesa Marston, Men's Sunday School Class, Donna McDonald, Shawn and Jennifer Power, Sandra Stafford, John and Peggy Davis, David and Felechia Wainscott, Bernie and Judy Poe, Shirley Walker, Ethel Kincaid, Brian and Margaret Forsee, Tim and Sherry Craigmyle, Ronald and Rosemary Clifton, Dallas and Melody Stafford

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Merry CHRISTMAS & HAPPY New Year</p>			1 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mid- week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Team Kid	2	3	4 10:30 a.m. Outreach
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19 10:30 a.m. Com- bined Worship Gathering "Christmas Cantata" 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	20	21	22 NO MIDWEEK SERVICES	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26 11:00 a.m. Com- bined Christmas Service No Evening Activi- ties	27	28 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	29 NO MIDWEEK SERVICES	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Volleyball coming soon!



DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

12/5: Rebecca and Ella Mills
 12/12: Tim and Sherry Craigmyle
 12/19: Lindsay and Dana Gill
 12/26: Kaylah Hadden and Mary Helen Smith

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

12/5: Libby Banks
 12/12: Heather, Makenzie, and Hallie Risch
 12/19: No Children’s Church
 12/26: Lindsay and Josh Smith

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR
 WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER
 CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
 SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

<u>12/1.</u> Cara Allnutt Robert Cull, Sr.	<u>12/12</u> Aubrey Craigmyle Beverly Johns L C Lusby	<u>12/23</u> Ben Bess
<u>12/4</u> Abby Osborne	<u>12/13</u> Meg Gamm	<u>12/24</u> Katelyn Gaines Lee Ann Gamm
<u>12/6</u> G. L. Shryock Sandra Stafford	<u>12/15</u> Sue Sipple	<u>12/25</u> Julie O’Banion Anna Riddle
<u>12/7</u> Stephen Coyle Peggy Davis	<u>12/16</u> Jacob Oakes Caroline Smith	<u>12/25</u> Suzanne Bowling
<u>12/8</u> Carson Williams Rusty Williams	<u>12/16</u> Isabella Cammack	<u>12/26</u> Bo Cumberland
<u>12/8</u> Ella Mills	<u>12/17</u> Vanessa Humphries	<u>12/27</u> Michelle Chitwood
<u>12/10</u> Toby Bell	<u>12/18</u> Brooke Kapfhammer	<u>12/27</u> Matt Greenlee Tracy Hill
<u>12/11</u> Margaret Forsee Martha McGibney	<u>12/19</u> Scott Risch	<u>12/28</u> Kyler Stephens Alaina Williams
<u>12/11</u> Glyptus Grider-Jones	<u>12/20</u> Sidney Ford	<u>12/28</u> Kristin Marsh
	<u>12/22</u> Ronnie Roberts	<u>12/29</u> Michael Vannarsdall
	<u>12/22</u> Janet Wright	<u>12/29</u> Gabrielle Welsh
		<u>12/30</u> Karen Wash

Return Service Requested

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