



 OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST

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

The First Family

DECEMBER 2022

FROM YOUR PASTOR

JOY!

“Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10,11.

What a wonderful reminder concerning this remarkable emotion called joy. Let us remember this exclamation given by the angels that joy is available to us due to the coming of Jesus. Joy is an emotion that is acquired by anticipation, acquisition, and expectation of something great or wonderful. An emotion of delight and sheer gladness. It has been stated by another that joy is a “feeling or emotion in the soul that is produced by the Holy Spirit by causing one to see the beauty of Jesus in the Word and in the world.” This joy is birthed in Jesus coming and gifted to all who receive Him, and when receiving Him are filled with the Holy Spirit and therefore enjoy the fruit of the Holy Spirit which includes joy. This joy is different from the world in that it is dependent on who Jesus is rather than who we are or what is happening around us. Let us reckon these things to be true and exclaim that it is a present possession in every Christians life and is life altering and the greatest asset to the follower of Christ.

This month we will have many opportunities to experience the joy of Christmas. We will be promoting the Lottie Moon International Mission Offering, that helps support the thousands of Southern Baptist missionaries, throughout the month. Please prayerfully give as the Lord leads. We will observe the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, December 4, during the morning services. Our children will be presenting their Christmas musical and drama on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00pm and the Adult Christmas Cantata will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00pm. Our Christmas Day service on December 25 will be held at 11:00am and there will be no other services held that day. God Bless each of you and Merry Christmas! I pray that you will experience His joy to the full.

Bro. Brad

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

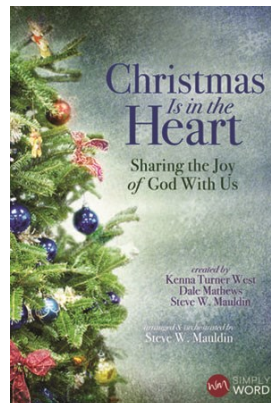
BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

YOUTH PASTOR — ROSS FORD

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY—KILEY BLAIR

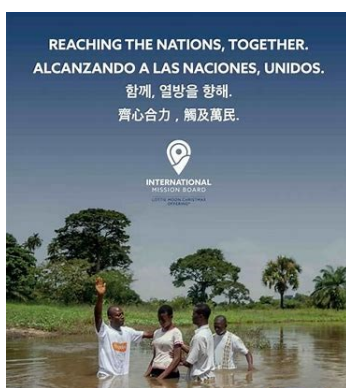
SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



The adult worship choir will present **Christmas Is in the Heart**

on Sunday December 18 7:00 p.m.

Dessert Fellowship to follow!

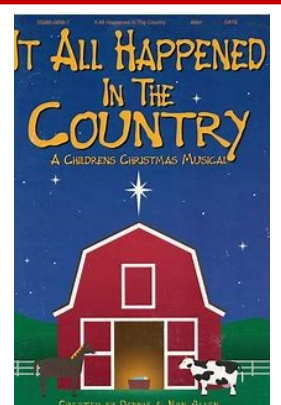


Please prayerfully give to the **Lottie Moon International Christmas Offering** throughout the month of December!

The children will present **IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRY**

on Sunday December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Dessert Fellowship will follow!



MUSIC AND MEDIA

CHRISTMAS TIME...IS HERE?!

Welcome to December, church family!

As I write this article it is currently Wednesday, November 9. I knew that if I waited to start my article any later Susan would probably send a search party after me to get it. If my November is anything like last year's November...as the month progresses, the harder and harder it becomes to get much of anything done!

I want to let you in on a secret...well, maybe it's not a secret since I've said this in my past 3 articles but....here it is....this is my favorite time of year! From the first of November to the beginning of January, especially. It's a time that we celebrate family, friends, and, most importantly, the birth of our Lord and Savior. I'm also excited because Christmas music is some of my favorite music (but ONLY after Thanksgiving).

As we move into this month, I want to encourage you to join our FBC Children on Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 pm as we present our Children's Christmas Musical, *It All Happened in the Country*, with cookies and desserts after! These kids (and a few adults) have been working tremendously hard on this musical and I am super excited that we get to share it with you!! You will be blessed by the songs, the jokes, and the talent of these kids, but, more importantly, you will be blessed by the story presented by them! This is a great opportunity to invite someone who needs to hear the Christmas story in a easily accessible way!!

Our FBC Worship Choir has been working diligently since September, preparing to present our cantata, *Christmas Is in the Heart* to you! It takes a lot of time and effort to learn words, notes, parts, etc. But the members of our choir willingly take on the challenge each year. I am so proud of the work they do — not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. They do it because they love the Lord, they love this church family, and they love to serve by singing praises to our God. We will present our cantata on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 pm with refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

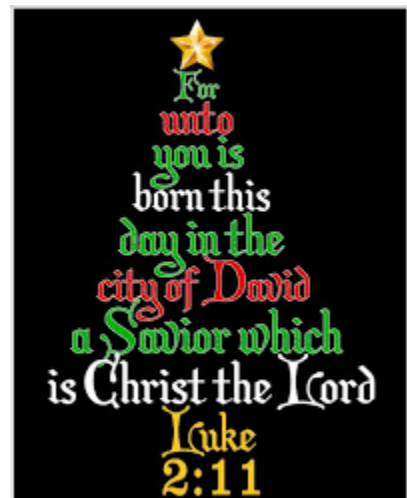
So, as you can see, this month is filled to the brim with excitement! I can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

OWENTON MANOR RESIDENT SHOPPING

We will once again bless the residents of Owenton Manor 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 Friday, December 16th. If you are available to help that day, please let Susan Traylor know.



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 \$16.00.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacons	5	6 6:00 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal	7 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 Teamkid	8 6:00 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal	9	10 10:00 a.m.-Noon Children's Dress Rehearsal
11 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:00 p.m. Children present: "It All Happened in the Country" Dessert Fellowship to follow	12 Deacon Christmas Dinner	13	14 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Ladies Elijah Study 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Teamkid	15	16	17 10:00 a.m.-Noon Choir Dress Rehearsal
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M. ONLY 	26 FLC and Offices Closed	27	28 No Midweek Services	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Volleyball coming soon!



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

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

12/4: Meredith Lewis
 12/11: Becky Shryock
 12/18: Carol and Ronnie Wooten
 12/25: Danny and Denise Humphries

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

12/4: Kelsey and Brian Gognat
 12/11: Lindsay and Josh Smith
 12/18: Lindsay G. Smith and Jodie Glacken
 12/25: No Children's Church

Return Service Requested


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