

Newsletter: December 2023



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
Church Goal = \$ 6,000

Lostness is growing every day. Our church's involvement in giving to Lottie Moon International Missions is essential in sending and supporting missionaries through the IMB (International Missions Board) to be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the gospel. Please do your part in helping these missionaries. Log on to www.imb.org to find out more about Lottie Moon and this missions offering.

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3rd – 10th

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year for the annual Lottie Moon offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel? Prayer guides are available in Sunday's bulletin and in various locations at the church.

Nursing Home Christmas Store

Thursday, December 7th

Please support our area Nursing Home residents by contributing a gift or two for the Christmas Store. List of items are available on table by church office and on the table by the back pews. Boxes to place items in are located there as well. The residents enjoy "shopping" for themselves or for loved ones with this annual store.

Nursing Home Christmas Store

Thursday, December 7th

Items needed for store:

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- Lap Throws
 - Pillows (soft – do not overstuff)
 - T-shirts (all sizes for Men & Women)
 - Rubber soled & Crochet slippers
 - House Shoes (men's larger sizes & women's)
 - Socks with grips (Men & Women)
 - Dolls and Stuffed Toys (new or very clean)
 - Name brand Kleenex
 - Jewelry & Trinkets
 - Body Mist & Perfume
 - Night Lights
 - Walker Purses
 - Room & Holiday Decorations
 - Lotion, cream, mouthwash, deodorant, etc.
 - Snack cakes
 - Diabetic cookies & candy
 - Homemade cookies & candy
 - Small can or bottled soft drinks (regular & diet)

NOTE – No Chocolate covered cherries please! They are a choking hazard.

Contact the Many First Baptist Church office for more details.

Proposed 2024 Budget to be Put to Vote on Sunday, December 3rd

The Budget and Finance Committees have prepared and worked hard on the proposed 2024 Church Budget which was already sent to church members via mail. This proposed budget will be voted on immediately following the Sunday, December 3rd Morning Worship Service. If you have any questions regarding this, contact the church office or Paul Morris. Be in prayer for this budget and your part in financially supporting the missions of FBC.



Church Holiday Meal set for Sunday, December 3rd

After the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, December 3rd, we will have our annual holiday meal. This will be a covered dish meal with the church providing ham, baked chicken, dressing, and drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Invite your family and friends to join us on this day for Sunday school, Worship. This is a wonderful time for Christian fellowship and for us as a church to enjoy a meal together.



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH @ 6:00 P.M.
INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO ATTEND. NURSERY PROVIDED.

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are asking for your daily prayers for our Pastor Search Committee as they begin the daunting task of seeking the man that the Lord has chosen to be our next Pastor. Members of this committee include:

Jimmy Bray (chairman), Terry Brandon, Tiffeni Campbell, Ramona Moore, and Phillip Roark.

“When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31, CSB

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th @ 6 p.m.

There are several important item to discuss. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions of the church.

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 17th @ 5 p.m.

Members of this committee are urged to attend. There are several important items to discuss. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
FRIDAY, DEC. 23RD, MONDAY, DEC. 26TH, AND MONDAY, JAN. 2ND
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Many FBC Church Staff!



Christmas Eve Service Schedule

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Invite Family and Friends.

No Activites & Studies Week of Christmas

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will not have our Wednesday Night activities on December 27th or our XYZ Bible Study on Thursday, December 28th. We will return to our regular activities the following week.

Wednesday Night Activities

Meal @ 5:30 PM

Prayer Meeting & Devotion @ 6:00 PM

Join us weekly for this time of study and prayer. The adults will meet in the fellowship hall. Youth and Children meet in their Sunday School room.

We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!

January Bible Study

“Blessings of the Kingdom” - Sermon on the Mount

Sunday, February 4th @ 10:30 AM & 6 PM & February 5th – 7th @ 6 PM

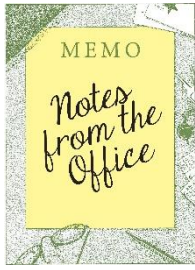
Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 5 session study at Many FBC

Study Books are free to church members but if you would like to help offset the expense, they are \$ 9.00 each. Please sign up by Thursday, January 11th.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Turned in 202 Boxes

Our church did a wonderful job at preparing 202 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We deeply appreciated everyone who prepared boxes or donated funds for us to prepare the boxes. Thanks again to everyone who participated.



News from the Church Office

- The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th. If you need to get in touch with the staff during office closures, please refer to the Emergency Contact section in the monthly church newsletter. Save it for future use.
- The Church Office will close on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's holiday.
- Please have any contributions that you would like to count towards your 2023 contributions into the church no later than Sunday, December 31st Worship Service.
- If you would like to know what your year to date financial contributions are, please use your Realm account or contact Karen in the church office. NOTE - We will send the yearly 2023 Contribution Statements by the end of January 2023.



1 Jerry Salley, Larry Campbell
 3 Shelly Wiggins
 4 Bob Geoghagan, Dub Gentry
 8 Charles Strickland
 10 Donnie Smith

13 Phoenix Miller
 15 Joshua Scaife, Josh Weaver
 16 James Mahala
 18 Kimberly Horton
 19 Paige Alford

20 Andy Knippers
 25 Becca Morris, Jessie Geoghagan
 27 Hannah Smith, Haley Smith
 29 Carolyn Cook

Deacon Counters for December – Don Burkett & Danny Warmack

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 12/3= Thursday 11/30 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 12/10= Thursday 12/7 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 12/17 = Thursday 12/14 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 12/24= Thursday 12/21 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 12/31 = Thursday 12/28 @ 9 AM
 Newsletter for Jan. 2024 = Monday 12/26 @ 9 AM
To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Members in Service :

Greeters		Deacon of the Week
12/3	<i>Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly</i>	Danny Warmack
12/10	<i>Kathy & Danny Warmack</i>	Charles Mains
12/17	<i>Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley</i>	Paul Morris
12/24	<i>Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright</i>	Don Burkett
12/31	<i>Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore</i>	Phillip Roark

Vital Statistics

Financial November 2023

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 25,960.40
Gifts Received for Month:	\$ 28,354.38
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 2,393.98

Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many
Church Office = (318)256-5655
 M – F from 8 AM – 4 PM & closed 1 hr. for lunch

AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:
 Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138
 Phyllis Horton = (318)602-5062

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in January:

- Wednesday, Jan. 10th – Missions & Evangelism Committee Mtg.
- Sunday, January 14th @ 4 PM – Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, January 14th @ 5 PM – Finance Comm. Mtg.
- Tuesday, January 16th @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting
- Wednesday, January 17th – Business Meeting
- January 22nd & 23rd – ECON – Evangelism Conference
- Tuesday, Jan. 30th – Major League Fishing Event @ Siloam BC



Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton

December 2023

Monthly Special Offering = Lottie Moon Christmas & International Missions Offering
 Monthly Supplies Request = NONE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Holiday Meal	4	5	6 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM	7 XYZ @ 11 AM Nursing Home Christmas Store - 10 & 2	8	9
Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
10	11	12	13 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM	14 XYZ @ 11 AM	15	16
Week of Prayer						
17 Christmas Music @ 6 PM Finance Mtg - 5 PM	18	19	20 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Business Meeting @ 6:00	21	22 Christmas Holiday Observed Church Office Closed	23
24 Christmas Eve Day Sun. School 9:30 AM Christmas Eve Service - 10:30 AM	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve Last Day to Give Contributions for 2023 The Mattingly Family - 10:30 AM						

A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS ADVENT READING PLAN

Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the **KING OF KINGS.**

1
Isaiah 7:14

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Isaiah 9:6-7

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Malachi 3:1

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Micah 5:2-4

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Luke 1:5-7

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Luke 1:10-15

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Luke 1:18-22

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Luke 1:24-25

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Luke 1:26-29

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Luke 1:30-33

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Luke 2:1-5

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Luke 2:6-7

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Luke 2:8-14

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Luke 2:15-20

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Matthew 1:18-21

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Matthew 1:22-25

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Matthew 2:1-3

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Matthew 2:4-6

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Matthew 2:7-9

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Matthew 2:10-12




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Romans 15:13

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Galatians 4:4-5

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Philippians 2:8-11

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James 1:16-18

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John 3:16

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LIGHT-UP BOX

Christmas lights remind us that Jesus shines in the darkness. Here's a fun way to play with holiday lights.

What you need:

- A strand of Christmas lights
- A large clear plastic container and lid
- Green tissue paper
- Colorful beads



What you do:

1. Plug in the lights and place them in the container.
2. Put on the lid. (If the lid isn't transparent, flip the box over.)
3. Play with your light box, using these ideas as starters:
 - Cut tissue paper into triangles and arrange them in a tree shape. Decorate the tree with colorful beads.
 - Use the light box for tracing. Place a picture on it, with a clean sheet of paper on top. Then trace the drawing.
 - Use magnet tiles to build designs atop the light box.
 - Try building a 3-D Christmas tree!

