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To Our Church Family and Friends,

Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

In 1899, the first red-letter edition of the New Testament was published printing the words of Christ in red ink. If you have a red letter edition Bible you will notice that in Matthew's gospel chapters 5-7 is all red with the exception of the first two verses in the 5th chapter. This is the recording of the Sermon On The Mount, a proclamation of the Kingdom based on the reading of the Old Testament scriptures. In the seventh chapter verses 24-27, Jesus refers us to "these sayings of mine." Anyone who hears these teachings and does them will be like wise man who built his house on solid rock instead of sinking sand. Our lives can and will be able to go through the storms of life.

Stability is ours for the listening and asking from our Lord. He stands ready to get us past the stage of just hearing and also moving forward and doing the work that our Lord has set before us.

I ask and challenge each of you to invite someone to come to church with you. Let the light of Christ shine forth from your life to cause a hunger and thirst for what Christ has to offer every person. Heaven awaits for all who will hear the words of Christ and follow them!

Thank you for allowing Cindy and me the privilege of serving each of you!

May God bless, Leon and Cindy



LOTTIE MOON UPDATE

Lottie Moon offering reaches historic high, proves commitment to Revelation 7:9 vision

The International Mission Board is rejoicing at God's work through the generosity of Southern Baptists, who gave \$203.7 million to the 2021-22 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. This is the largest offering in the 177-year history of the IMB.

Missionaries serving on the field are aware of the significance of this record-breaking total and the impact every dollar has on reaching the lost.

"We want to thank you for giving to the Lottie Moon offering," said Travis and Beth Burkhalter, serving in Medellín, Colombia. "Without that, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. We're able to focus on our ministry. We don't have to worry about raising support, and we're able to dedicate all of our time to sharing the good news to people who've never heard."

Phil and Becca Bartuska, serving in Vienna, Austria, shared their thankfulness. "Because of your generous giving, we are able to share the light of Christ to the nearly 2 million people who don't know the good news. So, thank you for giving to the Cooperative Program and to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® so that our family can live here, gather locals to study God's Word and plant new churches."



One of the IMB's key goals is to see gospel belief that results in lives transformed among the nations. Each baptism an IMB missionary is a part of is another example of God's work in transforming lives through our missionary presence. IMB Photo

Gifts to the offering sailed past the original goal by more than \$20 million.

"I came to the IMB four years ago praying God would grant a new season of growth," IMB President Paul Chitwood said. "Growth in sending hinged upon growth in funding, and growth in funding hinged upon growing relationships."

"As we've invested in new and renewed relationships with pastors, churches and givers, we are seeing God grant a new season of growth. The increase in giving is astounding and wonderful."

The \$185 million goal for 2021-22 was set in partnership with Woman's Missionary Union. The \$203.7 total includes gifts to specific projects, often referred to as Lottie Moon challenges or Lottie giving projects.

"Each and every day we enjoy God's abundant grace toward us," Sandy Wisdom-Martin, executive director and treasurer of the national WMU, said. "The historic record receipts of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering means more will have the opportunity to hear and respond to this message of grace."

"How grateful I am to Southern Baptists for their incredible generosity. The Great Commission is indeed imprinted on our hearts. Now we pray diligently for a rich harvest for the sake of the gospel."

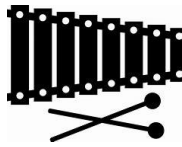
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer: December 4th – December 11th

Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon

December 4th – December 11th

Mission Study:

Wednesday, November 30th



Bells Class/Practice - Wednesdays 6:00 – 6:30 PM

If any elementary age student wants to take bells (xylophone) COME AND JOIN US 😊. First Songs we will learn: *Jesus Loves Me* and *Morning Has Broken* in the key of C.

Bells Class Information: We will not have class on any Family Night Meal nights.

Upcoming Youth/Children Events

If questions, call/text Vickie, Janel, Debbie, or Julia.



Wednesday Nights Bible Study
6:45 PM – 7:30 PM

HEARTS ON FIRE 2022

Mini Camp • November 18th – 19th
Pigeon Forge, TN (See Youth Bulletin Board.)

The November issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* magazines are on the vestibule table for pick up.

November Fellowship Hall Clean Up: Saved to Serve

Second Harvest Schedule

Second Harvest

DATE: Wednesday, November 2nd

TIME: 8:15 AM **PLACE:** Here at Austin Grove

We need all the help we can get. Please volunteer.

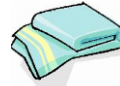
Second Harvest

DATE: Friday, December 2nd

TIME: 8:15 AM

PLACE: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, McFarland, NC

Mark your calendars...
THE WORLD OF THE END
January 2023 Book Study
Dr. David Jeremiah



BLANKET PROJECT

In addition to Christmas gifts for needy children in our community, we will also be providing blankets for the elderly. If you would like to donate a blanket to help with this project, please place it in the Welcome Center. We will be collecting them through the first Sunday in December. ?'s-Please see Brenda Walker.



Monday November 7th
is our last session.
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Thank You Jesus Service

Sunday, November 20th

Everyone will have the opportunity to express their thanks.



Sunday, November 6th

We collected 91 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse!
Thank you!!

Trip to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia SC has been cancelled.



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
November 6	Carter & Laura Dermid	Holly Morris, Katie & Mason Cuthbertson
November 13	David & Megean Simpson	Toni & Billy Riggins
November 20	Sandra Helms	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
November 27	Shirley Crowe	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
December 4	Beverly Napier	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

- 1 Dustin Marsh, Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 4 Donna Ivey
- 5 Carol Frankenberg, Amanda Vann
- 6 Dwight Starnes
- 8 Jenna Matthews
- 10 Brannon Crowe
- 12 Frances Haigler
- 12 Scott Haigler, Lydia Viers
- 13 Benjamin Davis
- 15 Max Haigler, Eric Lacroix, Blair Simpson
- 16 Douglas Guffey
- 17 Sandra Griffin, J. R. Hopson, Kelsey Jordan
- 24 Erica Miller, Hailey Nassef Cramner, Carolyn Smith, Sara Weir
- 27 Mattie Simpson, Steven Walden
- 29 Collin David Smith
- 30 Jason Vann

HAPPY DECEMBER FIRST WEEK BIRTHDAY

- 1 Jack Napier, Parker Ivey, Allison Ivey
- 2 Grey Gordon
- 3 Freddy Griffin
- 4 Kristina Deese, Charles Ivey, Jason Little
- 5 Parker Griffin
- 6 Carol Fowler, Kelly Martin
- 7 Russell Smith



Donna Pittman Toy Store

Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 AM

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer. If you would like to give money to Barbara Simpson, she will purchase toys or you may donate toys. Drop off toys in the welcome center. Thank you.



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simpson
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Long
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Phifer
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Lebron Crowe

HAPPY DECEMBER FIRST WEEK

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haigler
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Phifer



**Samaritan's Purse
Shoobox Packing Night**

DATE: December 10, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

See Melissa Smith for details. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer.



**Thanksgiving
Dinner**

Wednesday, November 16th

6:00 PM



Thanksgiving Tree

We will have a Thanksgiving Tree throughout the month of November. Everyone will receive a leaf to write on something that they are thankful for and place it on the tree.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



Before bed on
Saturday,
November 6th

Holiday Closing & Bulletin/Newsletter Due Dates for November

December Newsletter items due on Sunday, November 13th

November 27th Bulletin items due on Sunday, November 20th

No Wednesday Night Services on Wednesday, November 23rd

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday:

Wednesday, November 23rd-Friday, November 25th

Senior Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall

Time will be announced at a later date.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Thank you to all who gave food to our Food Ministry during the month of October!

Our food ministry is increasing drastically as inflation is hurting so many needy families. Marshville Elementary food bags have doubled from 25 to 53! Turning Point has asked for help with a request of 25 bags. This does not include our community families of approximately 30. Money is becoming tight in our ministry, but we don't want to burden anyone. We have determined a way to give each of you an opportunity to help at very minimal cost! Each Sunday of the month we will ask for a specific item. There will be boxes set out for you to place each item. Below you will find the requests for November's items. Thank you for any donations for our food ministry. Please see Brenda Walker if you have any questions.

NOVEMBER FOOD DONATION ITEMS

1st Sunday...box of chicken or turkey stuffing

2nd Sunday...if each Sunday School class could take up an offering to help purchase turkeys, Brenda will shop for these.

3rd Sunday...box of individually wrapped snacks such as oatmeal cakes, any Little Debbie snack cakes.

4th Sunday...pack of 4 or 6 applesauce individual cup.

Whether you shop at Food Lion, Aldi, HT, feel free to purchase their store brand.

Thank you!

Children's Play

Sunday, December 11th

10:45 AM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"One Small Child"

Sunday, December 11th following Children's Play



Bethlehem Inn

DATE: Sunday, December 11th **PLACE:** Church Fellowship Hall

The play is set in the dining room of the Bethlehem Inn on the night Jesus was born. This will include dinner at the Inn, so everyone that comes will be guests at the Inn that night. Time will be announced.