

MORNING WORSHIP

December 10, 2023

10:30AM

Lottie Moon Video	
Welcome/Announcements	Jordan Drake
Handbells	“Ring the Bells”
Hymn	Number 181 “Joy to the World”
Advent – Bethlehem Candle of Peace	Kristen Hardison
Piano / Handbells	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Morning Prayer	Jordan Drake
Handchimes	“I Wonder As I Wander”
Scripture	James Henegar
Message	James Henegar “Peace”
Invitation Hymn	Number 182 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Handbells	“Christmas Angels”
Closing Prayer	James Henegar
Postlude	Mary Coltrain

Pastor – James Henegar

Associate Pastor – Jordan Drake

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Remember our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our goal is \$33,000. We have received \$9,190.00.

MBC NEWS

Birthdays

Monday: Laura Stone, Lucy Taylor, Sudie Reason **Tuesday:** JE Skinner
Thursday: Karen Whitfield, Libbi West **Friday:** Phebe Bland* **Saturday:** Nancy Hocutt, Skye Stone

Advent

The **second candle** represents **peace** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him "the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7). When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they ended their message by saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests".

Red Rose

The red rose has been placed in the sanctuary today in honor of the birth of Ellias Hart Grimes born on December 2, 2023. Congratulations to his parents Ed and Lisa Grimes and great-grandmother Amy T. Edwards.

Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser Today

You are invited to a chili and baked potato fundraiser luncheon TODAY immediately after our service. Your donations will help with our mission trip to Africa in January. Thank you for your support!

Adult Christmas Cantata

We will be having our presentation of "Majesty" with our Sanctuary Choir and Contemporary Orchestra next Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary. There will be a Churchwide Social immediately following the Christmas Cantata in the Fellowship Hall.

Budget Presentation

The Proposed 2024 Church Budget has been mailed to our church members. The Preschool Budget was not included in the mailout. If you would like a copy, you can pick up one in the atrium or the church office. We can also mail you a copy just call the church office to request. Please prayerfully review this financial information as we prepare to vote immediately following the service on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Should you have any questions, please contact Laura Caldwell or a member of the Business Management Team. **Note:** Each family should have received a copy of the proposed budget in the mail. If you have not received a copy you can pick up one from the church office.

Deadline for January Calendar

The deadline to submit calendar dates and news items to the church office for January calendar will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023.


GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare support group will be meeting every Tuesday evening through February 13, 2024 at 6:00PM in the Adult Education Center (Barnes House). This group is open to church and community members. For more information, contact Fannie Howell.

School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies to take to the orphanage in Kenya. If you would like to donate, please put in the designated bin in the atrium or drop off to the church office before January 1, 2024. Thank You!

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday December 10, 2023
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:15-10:00 Church Library
10:30 Morning Worship – Sanctuary – Live Stream – Live Radio
WIAM 900AM – 92.1FM
11:30 Chili and Baked Potato Fundraiser Luncheon for Mission
Trip to Africa – Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Mom’s in Prayer
6:00 Students – Grades 6-12 – Christmas Party
Monday December 11, 2023
3:00 PM Prayer Team
Tuesday December 12, 2023
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study – Red Building 24
6:00 PM GriefShare Support Group – Adult Education Center
(Barnes House)
7:00 Christmas Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Renee Crane – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday December 13, 2023
5:30 – 6:30 Church Library Open
5:45 PM Meal – Fruit of the Sprit (Group 1) – Hamburger Steak
with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Rolls
6:30 Awana and Students
6:45 Adult Prayer Time
7:35 Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary Choir to Follow
Thursday December 14, 2023
7:00 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Friday December 15, 2023
5:15 PM Young @  leaving MBC for Turnage Theater in
Washington NC

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Record for November 26 – December 2, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,134.00
Last Week’s Giving: \$ 8,470.00

Missing Pillow

The Décor Team is searching for the missing pillow on the new couch in the atrium. Any information concerning its whereabouts would be appreciated. Contact the church office with information. Thanks.

Benevolence Fund

There have been many needs in our community and our Benevolence Fund is low. We would appreciate any donation you can give to help our community. You can make check to MBC and note to the Benevolence Fund. Thank You!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Students Event Tonight – Grades 6-12: Our students are having their Christmas Party tonight at 6:00PM beginning at MBC.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES – December 10, 2023

Deacon of the Month – Ken Hardison
Facilities Team – Hank Edwards
Courtesy Walk – Brian and Chris Busch
Flowers – Debi Rogers
Food Service Team – Ryan Garner
Nursery Chair – Teri Speller
Birth – 18 Months – Kemper and Jessica Smith
18 Months – 2 Yr. Old – Jeff and Effie Stalls
3 Year Olds – Kindergarten – Cynthia Manning and Laura Baber
Sunday Tellers – Jerry Howell and Neal Phelps
Tuesday Teller – Diane Hardison
Greeters – Jerry and Fannie Howell (Sanctuary Greeters), Sheila Godard (Double Glass Door in Atrium)

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CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

MBC Web Page www.memmap.org

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Sympathy: To Mary Coltrain and family in the death of her brother, Ronald Bearden.

Sympathy: To Patti West in the death of her friend, Roy Thompson.
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ECU Health: Isaiah Bunch
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Newly Added Prayer Concerns: David Bunch
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Military: Chris Holland, Everett Paschal, William Manning, Matt Dougherty, Kristen Caldwell, Calvin Dickinson, McCauley Griffin, Jim Davis, Jackson Hocutt
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David & Renee, Nikki & Steve Hart, Tim & Lynn Davis (Daughter of Tommy & Jean Harris), Baptist Children’s Home
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Additional Announcements

December 10, 2023

Financial Summary Thru 11/30/23 – Church Operating Budget

- Total 2023 Approved Budget - \$578,950
- YTD Approved Budget - \$530,704
- Required Average Monthly Contributions To Meet Budget – \$48,245
- Actual YTD Average Monthly Contributions - \$39,643
- YTD Total Expenses - \$489,694
- YTD Total Contributions - \$436,071
- YTD Contribution Deficit to Budget - \$94,633
- YTD Contribution Deficit to Expenses - \$53,623

Upcoming December Dates and Activities

Wednesday Activities – No Wednesday activities on December 20 or December 27, 2023. We will kick off the new year with a covered dish meal at 5:45PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, furnished by the members of MBC and organized by the Food Service Team. We will resume our Adult Prayer Time at 6:45PM and Awana and Students at 6:30PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Sunday, December 24 and December 31 – We will not be having Sunday School. We will be having our Worship Service at regular time of 10:30AM.

Christmas Eve Service – Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00PM in the sanctuary.

Office Closed Monday, December 25 – Friday, December 29, 2023 and Monday, January 1, 2024 – We will be back in the office on Tuesday.



Young @

Our trip to Washington to see the Emerald City Big Band is this Friday, December 15, 2023. We will leave the church at 5:15PM. Doors will open at 6:00PM and the show starts at 7:00PM. The theater does have concession items that can be purchased. If you plan to drive, please inform the church by Monday, December 11, 2023. We need to get tickets to you if you are driving and a count of how many are riding on the van. Thank You.

Blessings in a Backpack

This ministry program helps to feed children in Martin County who have been identified as needing nutritional food. The school system provides their meals during the week; however, these children sometimes go the entire weekend with no nutritional food. Each Friday, a child in the program will receive a bag of food to help sustain them until Monday. Your support of this ministry is vital. There are a couple of ways to help:

Financial Support – \$4 feeds a child for a weekend; \$165.00 feeds one child for the school year. Please make checks payable to **Blessings in a Backpack.** Our county goal this year is to raise \$25,000 to support 150 local children during the school year.

Volunteer Support – Help is needed to package and deliver food weekly to local schools during the months of September and June, and throughout the school year for shopping trips to Walmart to stock the Blessings in a Backpack pantry. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Shannon Hoggard or PJ Taylor.

Food Pantry

We are having an ongoing food collection for Friends of God Food Pantry. The bins are labeled and located in the atrium. Please donate non-perishable foods: canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, jelly, rice, etc. Thank you for your support.

