

MORNING WORSHIP

December 17, 2023

10:30AM

Lottie Moon Video

Welcome/Announcements Jordan Drake

Hymn Number 180
"The First Noel"

Advent – Shepherd Candle of Joy Kerri Henegar

Hymn Number 179
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Morning Prayer Jordan Drake

Choir Anthem Sanctuary Choir
"Unto Us"

Scripture James Henegar

Message James Henegar
"Joy"

Invitation Hymn Number 183
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

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 \$13,095.00.

MBC NEWS

Birthdays

Tuesday: Peyton Ward **Wednesday:** Anne Shepherd **Friday:** Richard Clayton*, Deborah Whitley **Saturday:** Beth S. Wynne

Advent

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.

Budget Presentation

The Business Management Team will present the 2024 proposed budgets to the MBC membership for approval after service today.

Adult Christmas Cantata

We will be having our presentation of "Majesty" with our Sanctuary Choir and Contemporary Orchestra TONIGHT at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary. There will be a Churchwide Social immediately following the Christmas Cantata in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a kids table in the corner with snacks.

Deadline for January Calendar

The deadline to submit calendar dates and news items to the church office for January calendar is this 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!


Africa Mission Trip

James Henegar, Reagan Henegar, Jordan Drake, Randy Garner, Hollie Styons, Amanda VanStaalduinen, Fin VanStaalduinen, Branson and Claire Rogers will be leaving for their mission trip to Africa on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 and returning on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Please keep them in your prayers.

New Ladies Bible Study

A new Ladies Bible Study, "The Great Disappearance" by David Jeremiah, will begin January 9, 2024 at 9:30AM in Red Building 24. We will meet every other Tuesday. If interested, please text or call Diana Cratt to ensure that you receive a study guide. Books are \$9.00.

Young @

The Young @  will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 12, 2024 for Brunch and Bingo at 11:00AM. We need a count of how many can attend by Thursday, January 4, 2024. Please call the church office to sign up.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday December 17, 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
 5:00 PM No Mom’s in Prayer
 6:00 Christmas Cantata – Sanctuary

Monday December 18, 2023
 10:00 AM Mae Courtney Circle – Brunch at Frankie Chesson’s
 House
 3:00 PM Prayer Team
 6:30 Emelyne Griffin Circle – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday December 19, 2023
 6:00 PM GriefShare Support Group – Adult Education Center
 (Barnes House)
 7:00 Renee Crane – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday December 20, 2023
 11:00 AM No Benevolence Meeting
 5:30 – 6:30 No Church Library Open until January 3, 2024
 5:45 PM No Meal until January 3, 2024 with Covered Dish
 6:30 No Awana and Students until January 3, 2024
 6:45 No Adult Prayer Time until January 3, 2024
 7:35 No Sanctuary Choir

Record for December 3 – December 9, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,134.00
 Last Week’s Giving: \$ 9,992.00

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.

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

Youth Mission Trip – Panama City, FL: Youth (9th grade and older) are invited on a mission trip that will take place over spring break (April 1-7) of next year. 11 spots are available on this team. Youth will have an opportunity to serve and engage the community of Panama City, Florida, alongside Immanuel Baptist Church as they pursue making Christ known through a post-Easter outreach effort. \$50 deposit due with completed application by December 31, 2023.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES – December 17, 2023

Deacon of the Month – Ken Hardison

Facilities Team – Hank Edwards

Courtesy Walk – Greg Shepherd

Flowers – Debi Rogers

Food Service Team – Ryan Garner

Nursery Chair – Teri Speller

Birth – 18 Months – Beth Davis and Fannie Howell

18 Months – 2 Yr. Old – Hollie Styons and Ricky Coltrain

3 Year Olds – Kindergarten – Daniel and Emily Buck

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.membap.org

Duke Medical Center: Brenda Oliver

Newly Added Prayer Concerns: Norma Casper, Herman Daniels

Military: Chris Holland, Everett Paschal, William Manning, Matt Dougherty, Kristen Caldwell, Calvin Dickinson, McCauley Griffin, Jim Davis, Jackson Hocutt

David & Renee, Nikki & Steve Hart, Tim & Lynn Davis (Daughter of Tommy & Jean Harris), Baptist Children’s Home
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Additional Announcements

December 17, 2023

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.

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.

