

MORNING WORSHIP
December 3, 2023
10:30AM

Lottie Moon Video	
Choir Anthem	Sanctuary Choir
“God So Loved the World”	
Welcome/Announcements	Jordan Drake
Hymn	Number 180
“The First Noel”	
Advent the Prophet Candle of Hope	Kristen Hardison
Morning Prayer	Jordan Drake
Hymn	Number 176
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	
Scripture	James Henegar
“John 11:36-53”	
Message	James Henegar
Invitation Hymn	Number 223
“Nothing but the Blood”	
Communion	
Hymn	Number 310
“Blessed Be the Name”	
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.

MBC NEWS

Birthdays

Tuesday: Derek Moore, Neal Phelps **Saturday:** Beth Riddick*, John R. Gurganus

Advent

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.

Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser Next Sunday

You are invited to a chili and baked potato fundraiser luncheon next Sunday, December 10, 2023 immediately after our service. Your donations will help with our mission trip to Africa in January. Thank you for your support!

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

We will be having our Community Christmas Tree Lighting on the lawn of MBC by the playground immediately following the Christmas Parade this Thursday, December 7, 2023. Please join us.

Martin County Toy Store Collection

THANK YOU for all your donations. Our church was very generous. It will help put a smile on so many children in Martin County.

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.

Adult Christmas Cantata

- ❖ We will be having our presentation of "Majesty" with our Sanctuary Choir and Contemporary Orchestra on 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.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday	December 3, 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
4:00-6:00	Pancakes and Pajamas – Families of Children Birth – 5 th Grades – Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	No Mom's in Prayer
7:00	Students – Grades 6-12 – Sawyer's Fun Park
Monday	December 4, 2023
3:00 PM	Prayer Team
5:30	Handbells
7:00	Baptist Men – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	December 5, 2023
6:00 PM	GriefShare Support Group – Adult Education Center (Barnes House)
7:00	Renee Crane – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	December 6, 2023
11:00 AM	No Benevolence Team Meeting
5:30 – 6:30	Church Library Open
5:45 PM	Meal – Diaconate – BBQ, Slaw, Stewed Potatoes
6:30	Awana and Students
6:45	Adult Prayer Time
7:35	Christmas Rehearsal
	Sanctuary Choir to Follow
Thursday	December 7, 2023
4:00 PM	Williamston Christmas Parade followed by our Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting at MBC

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Record for November 19-25, 2023

Weekly Budget:	\$11,134.00
Last Week's Giving:	\$11,273.51

Thank You Notes

We have received thank you notes from Bella, Randy and Ryan Garner, Carolyn Griffin, and the Biggs family. They are posted on the hall bulletin board.

Community Chorus Christmas Concert

Martin County Arts Council Community Chorus Christmas Concert will be on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7:30PM in the Martin County Auditorium. Please see Sue Hall to purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for youth.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Event Tonight: Our students are invited to Sawyer's Fun Park tonight from 7:00-11:00PM. We hope you can join us in this fun time of fellowship. We will meet and leave from Riverside High School at 7:00PM.

Additional Announcements

December 3, 2023

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!

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.



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Our December 15, 2023 outing to Turnage Theatre to see the Emerald City Big Band is approaching quickly. Tickets have been purchased for those who signed up and we are unable to purchase additional tickets. We will leave the church promptly at 5:15PM. Doors open at 6:00PM and the show starts at 7:00PM. If you plan to drive, please let the office or Allison Stone (217-7707) know so we can get your tickets to you and we also need a count of how many are riding the bus. Thank you for your participation!

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.



VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES – December 3, 2023

Deacon of the Month – Ken Hardison

Facilities Team – Hank Edwards

Courtesy Walk – Jerry Howell

Flowers – Debi Rogers

Food Service Team – Ryan Garner

Nursery Chair – Teri Speller

Birth – 18 Months – Betsy Skinner and Martha Rae Griffin

18 Months – 2 Yr. Old – Greg and Anne Shepherd

3 Year Olds – Kindergarten – Teri and Leslie Speller

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

Sympathy: To Fannie Howell and family in the death of her aunt, Jane Parrott.

Duke Medical Center: Becky Conner

Hospice Care in TN: Ronald Bearden (Brother of Mary Coltrain)

Newly Added Prayer Concerns: Daisy Jacobson (Daughter of John and Maribeth Jacobson)

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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