

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**December 14, 2025**  
**10:30AM**

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Video Announcements

Welcome/Prayer James Henegar

Hymn Number 181  
"Joy to the World"

Advent – Shepherd Candle of Joy Kristen Hardison

Hymn Number 196  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Missions Moment / Prayer David Crane

Contemplative Worship / Offering

Choir Anthem Worship Choir  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture James Henegar

Message James Henegar  
"Advent – Joy"

Invitation Hymn Number 202  
"How Great Our Joy"

Closing Prayer James Henegar

Postlude

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**MBC NEWS**

**Birthdays**

**Sunday:** Karen Whitfield **Monday:** Phebe Bland\* **Tuesday:** Nancy Hocutt  
**Friday:** Peyton Ward **Saturday:** Anne Shepherd

**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.

**Called Business Meeting**

Called Business meeting this morning at 10:30AM for the Business Management Team to present to the MBC family the 2026 Budget for approval.

**Adult Christmas Cantata Tonight**

We will be having our presentation of "The Heart of Christmas" with our Worship Choir and Contemporary Orchestra tonight at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. **NOTE:** Childcare will be provided for 4 year olds and younger.

**Christmas Card Mailbox**

Save a stamp, help a missionary! Located on our missions table is an alphabetical mailbox. Instead of mailing cards to fellow MBC members place them by last name, and please consider giving your postage savings in the Lottie Moon offering box beside mailbox.

**Deadline for January Calendar**

The deadline to submit calendar dates to the church office for January calendar will be Friday, December 19, 2025.

**Biblical Recorder**

It is time again to update our subscription list for the Biblical Recorder, the official journal of our Baptist State Convention. To be added to our subscription list, to continue, to be taken off, or to note a change of address, please contact the church office by December 15, 2025. The cost will be \$7.00.

**Ladies Book Club**

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 4:00PM, discussing "Of Love and Treason" by Jamie Ogle, at the Henegar's house. You can order a copy of the book and sign up in the atrium.

**Thank You Note**

We have received a thank you note from Williamston Youth Baseball. It is posted on the hall bulletin board.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Remember our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our goal is \$33,000. We have received \$10,386.00.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 14, 2025</b>
9:00–10:00	Church Library
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30	Morning Worship – Sanctuary – Live Stream – Live Radio WIAM 900AM – 92.1FM
10:30	Children’s Church
5:00 PM	No Mom’s in Prayer
6:00	Christmas Cantata – “The Heart of Christmas” – Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 15, 2025</b>
3:00 PM	Prayer Team
5:30	Children’s Christmas Choir Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:30	Emelyne Griffin Circle – Sheila Godard’s House
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 16, 2025</b>
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Red Building 24
5:30 PM	Children’s Christmas Choir Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:00	Grief Share – Adult Education Center (Barnes House)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 17, 2025</b>
5:30	Church Library Open
5:45	No Meal
6:30	Children’s Choir Christmas Program – Sanctuary
7:35	Worship Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 18, 2025</b>
6:30	Renee Crane Circle – Amanda VanStaalduinen’s House

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### Grief Share

We are beginning a new cycle of Grief Share on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. This is a weekly grief support group meeting every Tuesday from 6:00-7:30PM in the Adult Education Center (Barnes House). You can register online at [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup) or contact Fannie Howell.

### Young @ Heart

On January 23, 2026, Young @ Heart will be hosting a covered dish luncheon followed by bingo for those who want to play! Lunch will begin at 12:00noon in Red Building 24. Please bring your favorite side or dessert. We will provide the chicken. Please call Lynn in the office by Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure we have enough meat and beverages.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES (Grades 6-12)

- ❖ No youth tonight.
- ❖ Youth Christmas Party is next Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Jacobson’s house! Ask a leader for details!

## Additional Announcements

December 14, 2025

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### Ladies Bible Study

The ladies every other Tuesday Bible Study will be beginning a new study on January 6, 2026 at 9:30AM. This study will be “Luke: Gut-Level Compassion” by Lisa Harper. If interested, please contact Diana Cratt no later than December 15 so that you will have a study guide. After that date, participants will need to purchase their own book.

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### Upcoming December Dates and Activities

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

**Wednesday Activities** – No Wednesday activities on December 24 or 31, 2025. We will kick off the new year on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. We will resume our Awana’s and Youth at 6:30PM and Adult Mid-Week at 6:45PM.

**Office Closed** Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026 – We will be back in the office on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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### Food Pantry

The food pantry has been affected by reduced grants which results in less food coming from the Food Bank. In November they served 191 families. Phyllis Rodgerson, who heads up the pantry, is asking for some particular donations: canned vegetables, canned soup and cereal (i.e. cheerios, fruit loops - especially the bags of cereal and generic brand is fine). Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry.



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### Nursery Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to fill several roles on several Sundays over the next couple of months. We need two people per room for each of the following dates, unless otherwise noted. Please reach out to Jane Ashley as soon as possible if you are able to help:

**1s-2s:** 1/25, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

**2s-3s:** 2/1 (1 person)

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES – December 14, 2025**

**Deacon of the Week** – Matthew Harrell

**Facilities Team** – Jerry Howell

**Flowers** – Debi Rogers

**Food Service Team** – Ryan Garner

**Transportation** – Duke Stone

**Nursery Chair** – Harris Harrell

**Infants** – Daniel and Emily Buck

**Toddler 1 (1s-2s)** – Roy and Lucy Taylor

**Toddler 2 (2s-3s)** – Leslie, Teri, and Kati Beth Speller

**Preschool (3s-4s)** – Jason and Cynthia Manning

**Sunday Tellers** – Jerry Howell and Neal Phelps

**Tuesday Teller** – Diane Hardison

**Greeters** – Jerry Howell and Ben Daniel (Sanctuary Greeters), Sheila Godard (Double Glass Door in Atrium)

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**CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS**

MBC Web Page [www.membap.org](http://www.membap.org)

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**Sympathy:** To the family of Dot Coltrain.  
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**ECU Health:** Kevin Ward  
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**Military:** Chris Holland, Everett Paschal, William Manning, Matt Dougherty, Kristen Caldwell, Jim Davis  
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David & Renee, Nikki & Steve Hart, Tim & Lynn Davis (Daughter of Tommy & Jean Harris), Baptist Children's Home, Travis & Caroline Jones Fennessy, Shaun & Joy Price

