



**Opportunities for All Ages**  
Sunday School is one of the best ways for believers of all ages to learn about the faith

and grow in Christ. This month, classes using the Family Bible Study material are looking at the biblical truths behind four favorite Christmas songs. Other adult classes are beginning a study of the Gospel of Mark, with a focus on encouragement in hard times and the conflict that marked Jesus' ministry. See Chris if you are looking for a class.

In addition to Sunday School, children have AWANA on Sunday evenings from 6:45 to 7:15, and our very own ABC Wednesdays program meets at 6:30 during the adults' prayer meeting. The youth also have evening Bible studies on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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## The Messiah Has Come!



**Christmas Celebration**

For centuries, Christians have remembered the coming of our Lord to earth through singing music both old and new, through fun and feasting, and through

times of worship with fellow believers.

On December 13, we will have a special Christmas-themed Sunday. The morning service will feature *A Churchwide Celebration of Christmas*, which will include presentations from the children, youth, and Celebration Choir, as well as a congregational carol. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce loved ones to the gospel.

Following the morning service, we will enjoy our annual Christmas dinner in the CARE Building. Friends and family are invited to this fellowship. Please bring side dishes and desserts.

**Candlelight Service**

This year's candlelight service will be on Wednesday night, December 23, at 6:30. This will be a brief but important time of devotion



for our church family.

**Upcoming Events and Meetings**

- Dec. 3—Joyful Seniors Breakfast**  
Begins at 9:00 AM.
- Dec. 6—Benevolence Offering**  
After the morning service.
- Dec. 7—WMU Meeting**  
2 PM in the fellowship hall.
- Dec. 13—Christmas Musical & Dinner**  
During and after the morning service.
- Dec. 13—Finance Meeting**  
After the evening service.
- Dec. 14—Deacons Meeting**  
Monday at 6:30 PM.
- Dec. 16—Business Meeting**  
6:30 PM in the sanctuary.
- Dec. 18—Youth Christmas Party**  
See Steve & Clover for details.
- Dec. 23—Candlelight Service**  
6:30 PM in the sanctuary.
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day**
- Dec. 27—Building & Grounds Meeting**  
After the evening service.

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## Last Month...

- ◆ We collected, prepared, and delivered 115 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- ◆ Our Soul-Winning Commitment Day featured KBC Evangelism Growth Team Leader Ross Bauscher, and 37 of our members made pledges to witness, invite friends to church, and hand out tracts this month. Hundreds of tracts and EvangeCubes were distributed.
- ◆ We received \$659.04 for the World Hunger Fund.

To all of our many Christian friends, during the loss of my loving husband Neil of almost 37 years, yes, it is going to be slow for me due to my illness. I can truly say, I felt the presence of our Lord Jesus giving me the peace and the surpassing joy of knowing prayers were lifting me up. Special thanks to Bro. Tim and family, the Faith class, Louis and Mary Gex, the food, the cards, and most of all the prayer warriors. I can tell you, I felt the comfort of our Lord Jesus giving me the comfort of surpassing peace I have within. I love each and every one. God bless.

Love in Christ,  
Edna Miller



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest missions-sending agency in the world, and over half the money for our international missions efforts comes through Lottie Moon.

Throughout December we will be collecting this offering, and 100% of the funds are given directly to the missionaries. Our local goal is \$3,000 this year, with a national goal of \$175 million.

This year's theme is "Whose Missing? Whose Mission?" focusing on the 1.5 billion people in the "Last Frontier," currently isolated from the gospel. Many of these live in countries hostile to missions, and 80% have no contact with the outside world.

The offering is named for Charlotte "Lottie" Moon (1840-1912), who was a missionary to China from the age of 33 until her death by starvation 40 years later. Though raised in a home of "culture and means," she grew to love the Chinese in the midst of war, famine, and plague, and adopted their customs and dress.

She also proposed the idea of a Christmas missions offering (named in her honor in 1919) and lobbied for regular ten-year furloughs for missionaries to allow them to devote the full span of their lives to the mission field.

### Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve. Otherwise, our regular Monday-to-Thursday office hours will continue, and we will be open on December 31.

### Sunday Morning Nursery for December

December 6—Amy Colson

and Clover Embry

December 13—Jean Shelton

and Ruby Widmer

December 20—Jeanette Cheatham

and Mike Gillespie

December 27—Margie Flener

and Karen Schmidt

If you are unable to work your scheduled week please contact Ruby Widmer.

### G.R.O.W. Visitation

Our visitation is on Christmas break. The G.R.O.W. program will resume January 4.

## Sermons for Christmas

*The Best Christmas Tree*

December 13

*The Best World*

December 20

*The Best Savior*

December 27

*The Best Christmas Carol*

January 3

*The Best Christmas Ever!*

### Sunday School Greeters for December

December 6—Team B

December 13—Team C

December 20—Team D

December 27—Team E

### Ministry Positions Are Open!

If you do not already have a place of ministry, please continue to pray how God would have you serve.

: We continue to search for drivers and riders for our overflowing van ministry.

: Snacks are always welcome for our ABC Wednesdays activities.

: The youth are looking for service projects to do. See Crystal to bless them with the opportunity to serve you.

### Christmas Baskets

The deacons will be delivering Christmas baskets to our homebound members this month. If you know of a member who should receive a basket, please contact the pastor or the church office by December 14.

*The purpose of the Hillsdale Herald is to promote the ministries of Hillsdale Baptist Church. It is sent to the members and enrollees of the church as well as others on our mailing list, and is available on the church website. If you have an event you would like to announce, please contact the church office by the 15th of the month.*