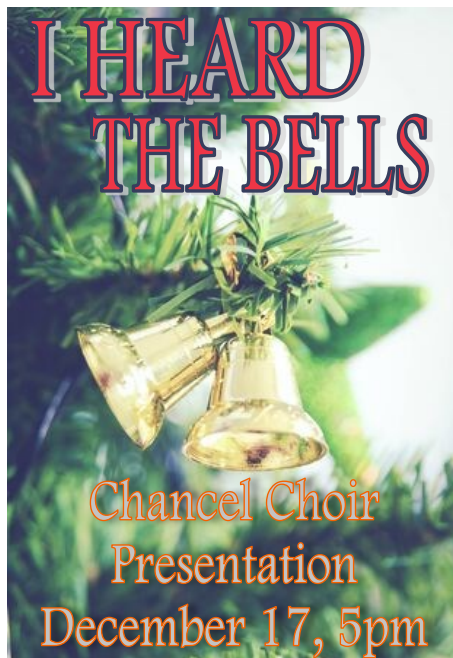




the Tapestry

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SENATOBIA, MS (www.sfbcms.com)

December 7, 2023



OUR CHURCH'S OFFERING GOAL: \$30,000

As believers, we are called to pray for missionaries to join the effort of reaching the lost around the world. We are called to give to the mission effort of reaching those who have never heard. We are called to go, to be a good neighbor to all in our lives who need to know that life is available in Jesus.

Please be in prayer about how God will use you this Christmas for His kingdom.

WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

Growing up in Virginia, Lottie Moon and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem - **LOSTNESS**.

In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China.

Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where **100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries.**

imb.org/lottiemoon

Children's Ring and Sing December 10, 5pm



All families of our 2yr olds to 6th grade kids are invited to join us for breakfast in the gym during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45am) as we celebrate the coming of Christ!

December:

- 10 "Breakfast in Bethlehem" during Sunday School; Children's Ring & Sing at 5pm
- 17 Chancel Choir Musical at 5 p.m.
- 20 No Wednesday night meal or services
- 21 Church offices closed
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- 24 One Service at 9:15am; Grief Service at 4pm; Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 26 Offices closed
- 27 -29 Church offices open 1/2 day
- 27 No Wednesday night meal or services
- 31 One Service at 9:15am, Sunday School at 10:30am; no evening activities

January:

- 1 Offices closed
- 3 Regular Wednesday night activities resume

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| Sunday School | 364 |
| Regular Weekly Tithe | \$36,819.77 |
| Regular Weekly Budget | \$26,630.00 |
| Regular Monthly to Date..... | \$36,819.77 |
| Regular Monthly Budget | \$115,398.00 |
| Regular Year to Date..... | \$240,810.73 |
| Budget Year to Date..... | \$253,875.60 |
| Prior Year to Date | \$259,479.25 |
| 2023/2024 Annual Budget | \$1,384,772.00 |
| Capital Additions & Improvements Offering | \$270.00 |
| LOTTIE MOON..... | \$12,299.00 |

Fiscal year: October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024

PRAYER LIST

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|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Pam Allen | Shirley Lane | Carolyn Rials |
| Suzan Erber | David Lunceford | Larry Simpson |
| Jason Brister | Joyce McMillen | Janice Taylor |
| Gail & Jere Gammon | Linda Newton | O'Neta Thompson |
| Pat Hardison | Elizabeth Nobles | Martha Jo Williams |
| Jamie Chapuis Moore | Marilyn Pang | |
| Jack/Brenda Kilpatrick | Nelle Parks | |
| Harriett Land | Cohen Perkins | |



Sanctuary Flowers

December 10 Robert & Camille Massey
December 17 Allen & Kim Bradley

The flowers gracing our sanctuary this week are given by Robert & Camille Massey in memory of Leroy & William Massey and Bob & Ann Darnell. And given in honor of their children and grandchildren: Craig/Nikki, Ali Grace, and Cameron Massey; Robert/Katie, Bryce and Brennan Massey.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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| Sunday, December 10 | Wednesday, December 13 |
| 8:30 Early Worship Service | 5:15 Family Night Supper |
| 9:45 Sunday School | 5:55 Prayer Time/Bible Study |
| 11:00 Worship Service | Youth Bible Study |
| 5:00 Evening Worship Service | Children's Activities |
| | 7:00 Chancel Choir |
| | Thursday, December 14 |
| | 12:00 Men's Bible Study |

EXTENDED SESSIONS LEADERS

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| December 10 8:30 a.m. | December 17 8:30 a.m. | December 24 8:30 a.m. |
| Dolores Wooten Elaine Sealy | Craig & Lacey Dean | Hayley Warren Melissa Wilhite |

HOMEBOUND FOOD DELIVERY

Dec 6 Alexis Robinson, Charisse Reed, Kim Moore
Dec 13 Allison Tomlinson, Marcus Perkins, Maxine Barr

CHILDREN'S CHOIR WORKERS

| | Refreshments | Monitors |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| December 5 | Barbara Franklin Linda Summerford | Glenda Brown Martha Williams |
| December 12 | No Children's Choirs | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Dec 7 | Patti Warren, Hugh Smith |
| Dec 8 | Skylar Bundrum, Steve Sinquefield, Gene King |
| Dec 9 | Canan McKellar, Camden Sheffield |
| Dec 10 | Ty Young, Barry Perkins |
| Dec 11 | Abby Russell |
| Dec 12 | Rosita Merritt, Robin James, Tyler Russell |
| Dec 13 | Kay Chapuis, Katie Lipscomb |
| Dec 14 | Juanita Walden, Melissa Wilhite |
| Dec 15 | Walt McKellar, Kimberly Bradley |
| Dec 16 | Ashley Price |

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 15 Blake & Penny Frazier

MEMORIALS

Sarah-Dale Pullen—Steve & Pam Allen

Becky Moore Rooker—Mary Agnes Kirkland

Catherine Warren & Virginia Cox—donation to Lottie Moon from Grace SS

HONORARIUM

Carolyn Rials—from Grace SS Class, donation to Lottie Moon

WMU NEWS

Pat Williams Mission Group, December 14, 12:00 pm

Hostess, Liz Burt; Program, Faye Burkes


Flowers Circle, December 11, 5:00 pm

Program, Nancy Warren

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the flowers, gifts, food and phone calls for my birthday. It is such a privilege to belong to the best church in the world!

James Chapuis



MEMORIAL ANGELS
 Angel ornaments in memory of a church member or a church member's family who died during the past year may be purchased for \$30. These ornaments will be placed on the Christmas tree during the Christmas Eve service. Call or come by the church office to order. We need orders in by December 10th to have time for engraving.

Honor the LIFE or MEMORY of someone you LOVE with . . .

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You can purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of special people in your life. These poinsettias cost \$10.00 each and will be used to decorate the Welcome Center and the Sanctuary for Christmas. A list of memorials and honorariums will be published in the order of worship throughout the month of December.



Wednesday Night MENU

December 6

Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans

December 13

Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

FROM THE PULPIT

REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS

A Fresh Look at the Christmas Narratives of the Bible

Sunday, December 10th

"The Angel Gabriel Brings Good News to Mary"



Throughout the month of December, we will take time in the Sunday morning sermons to examine the Christmas narratives found in the gospel. Sermons in this series will include:

- *The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold* (December 3rd)
- *The Angel Gabriel Brings Good News to Mary* (December 10th)
- *Joseph Has a Dream* (December 17th)
- *A Holy Night in Bethlehem* (December 24th)
- *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us* (Christmas Eve Service)

The scripture we will examine during this special sermon series will come from Matthew chapters 1 & 2, Luke chapters 1&2, and John chapter 1. I'm looking forward to sharing this time of worship and the study of God's Word with each of you. I sincerely hope you and your family will join us for worship each week. Morning Worship takes place in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to everyone who made our Hanging of the Green Service what it was. From our accompanists, choir, readers (thank you Barry and Joni), and all those who brought in greenery and banners and lit our tree, it takes a lot of people to make this Sunday happen and I appreciate everyone's involvement.

This Sunday night is our Christmas Ring and Sing at 5 pm. I hope you will join us as our choirs and bell choirs share the songs they have been working on. Just a reminder to come a bit early to get a place to sit as it tends to be a little crowded.

The Chancel Choir is putting the final touches on "I Heard the Bells" and will be presenting Sunday, December 17th, at 5 pm. We will be sharing some of my favorite songs from the past as well as some new songs. I hope you will not only come but consider inviting someone to come with you. It will be a blessing to all those who attend. Come join us!

This Sunday the choir will be singing "Noel." I love the words of the chorus, "Noel! Come and see what God has done!" I hope the gift of Jesus never grows old for us that the story is always fresh and real. So many need to hear about the greatest gift ever given, from around the world to across the street. I hope we are use this Christmas season to follow in the steps of the shepherds and tell everyone what we have seen and experienced from God through Jesus Christ!

*Noel, noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel*

See you Sunday! Randy

60-Plus Ministry

- **WEDNESDAY, December 20th**
Worship Service at Providence Place at
10:30 AM



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

Thank you to all
who gave to
OCC this year!!!

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Children's Church Q & As and Scripture

Why did God make you and all things?

For his own glory and pleasure

How did God make all things?

Out of nothing, God made all things by His word.

What are humans? Humans are living creatures made from dirt and made alive with God's breath.

Who were the first humans? The first man was Adam and his helper, Eve, was made from his side.

What privilege do humans have
above the rest of creation?

Humans are made as the image of God. Gen. 1: 27-31

What does it mean to be the image of God?

We represent God on earth, to rule and care for
all creation on His behalf.

Where did God place His image? He placed His image in
the sanctuary, the Garden of Eden. Genesis 2:5-9

What did God require of His image
to remain in His sanctuary?

God commanded His image to obey
all of God's instruction.

What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God?
They sinned and could no longer live in His sanctuary.

What is sin? Sin is doing what God forbids and not
doing what He commands. Psalm 51:4, 1 John 3:4

Why can no humans live in God's sanctuary now? All hu-
mans are born of Adam. Genesis 5:1-5

Please reach out to me if you would like access to the music that
goes along with these questions.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 6 from 6-7:30
in the Youth Room

Youth Trip to Memphis Zoo Lights
and Ice Skating
December 16
Leave church at 4:30
Bring \$25 & money for food
Sign up with Elliot



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| December 10..... | II John |
| December 11..... | Deut 26-28 |
| December 12..... | Neh 10-13 |
| December 13..... | Psalms 143-145 |
| December 14..... | Song 3-4 |
| December 15..... | Rev 7-11 |
| December 16..... | Acts 23-24 |

Music by
"Entreating Heaven"
gospel singing duo of
Steve and Jamey Pirtle
from Northwest
Mississippi.

60-Plus Ministry CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December
16th at 10:00 AM in
the FLC Dining Room

CHURCH STAFF

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