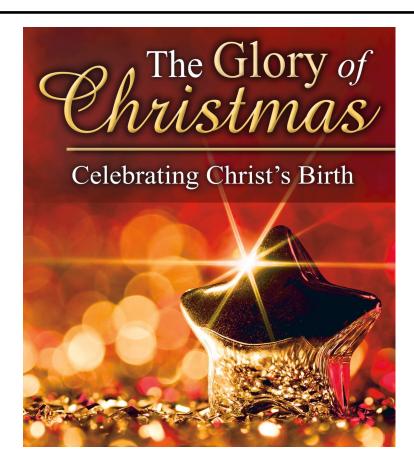


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The Banner

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Saturday December 14 - 7:00pm Sunday, December 15 - 11:00am



DECEMBER 15

11:00am Worship

"The Glory of Christmas"

Presented by: Sanctuary Choir

No Evening Service

Listen to <u>sermon recordings</u> at www.abingdonbaptist.org



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50/50 Challenge for 2020 - As we move toward the new year, we are considering a proposed budget for our ministry together in 2020. By now, you should have a copy of the proposed 2020 budget prepared by our budget team and approved by our deacons. If you still need a copy, they are available in the church office. The proposed total 2020 budget is \$447,987. This amount is a net increase of 5.3% or \$22,563 over our 2019 budget. With

God's help and your generous response, we can meet this challenge.

An additional challenge that we must address in 2020 is the vision for ministry to our children and students. Last year, we were blessed to add Carrie Trivett as our year-round, part-time Children's Ministry Assistant (CMA). We have seen good fruit from her work and that of our children's ministry volunteers. The budget team considered increasing the 2020 budget to allow us to hire a full-time CMA. That additional need, which was not included in the final 2020 budget proposal, is \$22,000. The addition of a full-time CMA would require an additional 5% increase in our budget above the 2020 proposal. If we are to grow our children's ministry and engage families with children in the life and ministry of our church, then we must move forward to address this additional challenge.

The budget team, deacon board, and I place this vision for the addition of a full-time CMA in 2020 as a challenge before the church. As we increase our giving to meet the 5.3% increase in the proposed 2020 budget, we must also respond with an extra 5% increase to allow us to add a full-time CMA to our staff. The budget team, deacons, and I carefully monitor our giving each month. We have agreed that if we see increased giving during the first six months of 2020 that not only meets the proposed 2020 budget increase but also exceeds it by \$11,000, then we can move forward with confidence in hiring a full-time CMA. It would not be fair to add another staff member without the ability to sustain that position financially.

Additionally, there is also a need for a part-time Student Ministry Assistant (SMA) for our junior and senior high students. The need for a SMA will increase each year as our children mature. After we establish support for a full-time CMA, then we must make plans to add at least a part-time SMA. We must begin now to take the necessary steps to build up our staff and volunteers to reach, retain, and disciple our children, students, and their families.

I am confident that together, with God's help, we can rise to this challenge and make the vision of adding a full-time CMA in 2020 a reality. Personally, I will increase my general fund giving by an additional \$100 per month starting in January 2020. That is \$50/month to meet the basic budget increase and \$50/month to provide for a full-time CMA. If 36 other individuals or families will join me in responding to this 50/50 challenge, then we will cover the 2020 budget increase and provide the on-going funding necessary to fulfill the vision of adding a full-time CMA in 2020. Here is the math: 37 givers x \$50/month increase x 12 months = \$22,200. How much is \$50 per month? Well, it is \$1.65 per day and that is less than the cost of a large morning coffee at McDonald's. The sacrifice necessary to better meet the needs of our children and families is not large.

Will you please join me in rising to meet this 50/50 challenge so that together we can meet our budget and see our 2020 vision of a full-time CMA fulfilled in this coming year? The 2020 vision and 50/50 challenge has been laid before us. How will we respond? Let it be to the glory of God!

Lottie Moon Offering – We had a great evening of soup and missions last Sunday evening as Rev. Armand Jalbert shared about his missions work in Japan. We were encouraged to give to support our missionaries as they reach out with the Good News to "... a great multitude form every nation and all tribes . . ." (Rev 7:9). Thank you to the WMU for the delicious soup supper and informative and challenging missions program.

Lottie Moon Christmas trees are still available with either white or multi-colored lights. You can see these beautiful seasonal creations in the picture to the right. A Lottie Moon tree will be given to anyone donating \$150 or more to our Lottie Moon Offering this year.

Thank you for doing your part to share the light of Jesus in this season of light by praying, giving, and going out with the good news.



Deacon of the Month - December 276-206-7910

Steve Lowe

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, December 8: 95

Greeters

Upstairs entrance

Charles Grogan Jim Hughes

Downstairs entrance

Peggy Hughes

Ushers & Greeters 11:00am

Co Chairs:

Kevin Abel, Larry Payne, Mike Overstreet

December

<u>Greeters</u>

Upstairs

Mary Fraysier Nan Jones **Downstairs**

Joel Piazza Willie Morris

<u>Ushers:</u>

Melvin Shelton Cathy Shelton Judy Daniels Gabe Hoyle

Worship Technicians:

Bill Klose Tony Roberts

Van Driver:

December 15 - Tony Robers 698-6319

Financial Update December 8, 2019

Budget Funds

Weekly Requirement \$7,914.35 Received \$10,675.59 Year-to-Date Receipts 2018 \$333,602.41 Year-to-Date Receipts 2019 \$403,862.72 **Budget YTD** \$379,888.80

International Mission Offering

To-date(goal \$10,000) \$3,038.00

The following people have given in memory of Loved Ones to

General Fund...

...Beulah Mueser

The following people have given in memory of Pat Phillips to

Lottie Moon...

...Ron & Connie Hicks

The following people have given in memory of Margaret Moore to

Lottie Moon...

...Gerald Moore

The following people have given in memory of Josie Berry, Rachel Baughman, Vivian Anderson to

Lottie Moon...

...John & Janet Berry



SATURDAY December 14

Senior Adult Birthday Celebration 2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

4:30pm Dress Rehearsal

> The Glory of Christmas Sanctuary

7:00pm The Glory of Christmas

Presented by Sanctuary Choir

December 15 **SUNDAY**

9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary Choir

The Glory of Christmas

MONDAY December 16

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry

Team 1

9:45am Hearts of Gold Mission Outing

NHC Bristol (10:30am)

Lunch at Cheddar's

Rehab Center of Bristol (2:00pm)

WEDNESDAY December 18 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY December 20

9:00am Stone Soup Food Pantry Team 2



Be the first to know about church schedule changes

The following people have given in memory of Rev. Howard Smith to

Lottie Moon...

...Marjorie Smith

The following people have given in memory of Betty Jo Carrier & Tammy Morelock to

Lottie Moon...

...Buddy Carrier

The following people have given in honor of Margaret Klose, Jane Moore, Glenda Mayfield

Lottie Moon...

...Friendship Sunday School Class



Hospital:

Smyth County Rehab

Jim Jones

Recuperating:

Charles Meade

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Lendy Dunaway, Judy Ferrell, Richard Foil, Denise Gobble, Charles Grogan, Bill Heddrick, Rose Ann Jenny, Charles Meade, Glenda Pollard.

Long Term:
Curtis Burkett, Gene Compton, Wayne McCall.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Lydia Collins, Sue Goodman, Lucille Heath, Marie James, Christine Kohr, Janet Lambert, Luke Martin, Genevive McCall, Bonnie McCracken, Jean Moore, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Mary Pace, Martha Patton, Edsel Phelps, Howard Smith, Sally Stevens, Betty Webster.

Homebound:

Eva Cunningham, Eddie Dunn, Patricia Hensley, Bea Jones, Jim Jones, B.R. Munsey, Sue Munsey, Dale Orfield, Jake Turner, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass, Anne Smith, Doris Southerlin.

Homebound of the Week **Bea Jones**



This week we want to lift up **Yancey Wilmoth** Patrol Officer Abingdon Police Department **David Johnson** Jordan Johnson Washington County Sherriff's Dept.

Come celebrate December Birthday's

December 14th - 2:00pm **Fellowship Hall**

Everyone's invited to come join us for cake & ice-cream



Tuesday, December 17

• Renee Roberts

Thursday, December 19

- John Blake
- Mark Harless

Friday, December 20

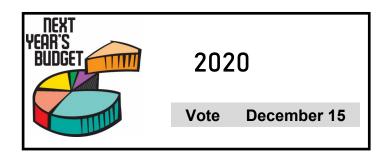
· Candance Sykes

Saturday, December 21

· Cheyanne Crigger

Sunday, December 22

Susie Minor





Advent/Christmas Schedule

Sanctuary Choir-The Glory of Christmas Saturday, December 14 - 7:00pm Sunday, December 15 - 11:00am Sunshine Basket Delivery Sunday, December 22 - 2:00pm

Christmas Eve - Candle Light Lords Supper Tuesday, December 24 - 5:30pm

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