



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

... Where a warm welcome is just the Beginning...

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The Banner

November 29, 2022



**Advent Week 2:
LOVE**

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DECEMBER 4
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

“Zechariah’s Dream”
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Listen to [sermon recordings](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon-recordings) at
www.abingdonbaptist.org

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From Our Pastor. . .

Week of Prayer for international Missions – December 4 to 10



Each year at Christmastime we receive our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for international missions. **Our church goal this year is \$8,000.** The international offering goal this year is \$196M. You may give to this offering by designating either the “Lottie Moon–SBC” or the “Lottie Moon–CBF” channel of giving. Monies given will be forwarded to the designated organization for support of international missions. You may give online, by mail, or in person.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman’s Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. The season chosen for receiving this offering and its purpose may best be described in the words of Lottie Moon herself when she said, “Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?” For a daily prayer guide for the week of prayer as well as other resources, please visit [Lottie Moon Videos Archives - IMB Generosity](#).

Christmas at Abingdon Baptist Church

The season of Advent leads us to our celebration of Christmas. As you plan your Advent/Christmas calendar of activities, please add the important events and activities listed below. Advent / Christmas will again be a busy but meaningful season for our church.



Breakfast with Santa (12/3 @ 9am) – Our children in preK-5th grade are invited along with parents and family to Breakfast with Santa. We will enjoy a light breakfast, singing, crafts, the Christmas story, and plenty of time to visit with Saint Nick.

Abingdon Christmas Parade (12/3) – The church will have again have a float in the parade sponsored by the Deacon Ministry Team. Children and youth are invited to ride the float. Please contact Carrie Trivett or Lisa Wolfe by 12/2 if you have children or youth who would like to ride the float or if you can be a walker to pass out candy. Gather at the float by 5:15pm near The Girl and the Raven on E. Main St. The parade kicks off at 6pm. The church parking lot will be open for parking, and we will serve coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies from our front sanctuary entrance.

Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange (12/10 @ 11am) – This annual event is open to the ladies of our church and community. Contact Trina in the church office to purchase your ticket (\$35 each).

Children’s Christmas Program 12/14 @ 6pm Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5pm and then for our Children’s program in the Chapel at 6pm. We will enjoy a time of cookies and fellowship afterwards.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - November
Ken Johnson 276-608-2384



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, November 27
In-person/Zoom Study Groups - 76

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Extended Session Workers
November 27, 2022

Carrie Trivett & Mary Garrett

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Worship Technicians:

Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Sid Lanier
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Car Ministry

December 4 - Tony Roberts 698-6319

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Financial Update
November 27, 2022

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,464.00
Received 11/27/2022	\$10,422.00
YTD Total Expenses	\$395,644.50
YTD Total Receipts	\$353,936.89

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Building Fund

To-date \$100,860.99

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Mended Women Offering

To-date \$4,465.00

The Shoebox Drop Off Committee registered, packed and loaded **3133** boxes. Abingdon Baptist contributed **311** to this number

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY December 3

9:30am Breakfast with Santa
Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Abingdon Christmas Parade
Main St.

SUNDAY December 4

9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

11:00am Worship In-person or
Livestream Worship
Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY December 5

10:00am Ladies Canasta & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY December 6

12:00pm Friends of Audrey & Jill Circle
Christmas Luncheon
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY December 7

5:00pm Fellowship Supper

Menu:

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Homemade Chili, Chips, Assorted Desserts

5:30pm New Horizons Class

6:00pm Children's Music (grades K-5)
Youth Group (grades 6-12)

Adult Bible Study
"Circumcision/Presentation"
Luke 2:21-39

Chapel

6:45pm Children's Missions with Carrie
Youth Missions with Lisa

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room

THURSDAY December 8

7:00pm Council of Deacons
Christmas Dinner
Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY December 10

10:30am Ladies Cookie Exchange
Fellowship Hall

Youth Ministry News. . .

Saturday, December 10-Christmas Progressive Dinner

We will meet at the church at 5:45 pm for an evening filled with wonderful food and fellowship. We will enjoy appetizers at the home of Cathy & Melvin Shelton, main course at the home of Mary & Roger Garret, and dessert at the church provided by Louise Crigger. Please let Lisa know by December 4 if you will attend so our hosts can better prepare for our visit.

Friday, December 16-Speedway in Lights

We will meet for dinner at the church at 6pm before going to Bristol to enjoy the Speedway in Lights show. Please register with Lisa to reserve a spot on the church coach. There will be a \$5 charge per person for this event to cover admission and dinner.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Bristol Regional
Kenneth Mullins

Recuperating:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Richard Foil, Carole Fuller, Lee Garrett, Denise Gobble, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyrethia Mullins, Rita Reynolds, Press Stanley, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Matthew Childers, Barbara Compton, Barbara Dunn, Wayne Hayter, Lucille Heath, Bruce Hicks, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, George Owens, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Jan Derting, Harold & Masel Dunaway, Jimmy Hughes, Christine Kohr, Genevive McCall, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Renva Gunter, Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass.

Homebound of the Week **Howard Smith**



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer J. Nichols
Abingdon Police Department
Scott Adkins
Crystal Aguirre-Escobar
Washington County Sherriff's Dept.



Monday, December 5

- Diana Johnson

Abingdon Christmas Parade **December 3 at 6:00pm**

Please bring cookie donations to the church office or kitchen by noon on 12/2

We start streaming at 10:45am

Tune in to check your connection
and to prepare for Worship
Service will begin at 11:00am



Full in-person or Livestream Worship.
Doors open at 10:45am

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Speedway in Lights (12/16 @ 6pm) – Our children and youth will gather at the church parking lot for a trip to Bristol Motor Speedway to enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations.

Christmas Dreams Cantata (12/18 @ 11am & 5pm) – Our Sanctuary Choir will present the cantata “Christmas Dreams” during the morning worship service at 11am and again at 5pm.

Sunshine Basket Delivery (12/18 @ 2pm) – Our Deacon Ministry Team will lead us in this annual tradition of taking baskets of goodies to our shut-ins. We need your help to make the deliveries and share Christmas cheer.

Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles (12/24 @ 5pm) – Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held in the sanctuary at 5pm.

Christmas Day Worship – This year Christmas falls on Sunday. Sunday School will be dismissed, but we will worship together on this special day in the sanctuary at 11am.

New Year’s Day Worship – This year New Year’s Day also falls on Sunday. There will be no youth or children’s Sunday School and adult Sunday School classes will meet as each class determines. Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 11am.

Here are some other important Christmas Season programming changes and notes:

Wednesday Night Meal & Activities – There will be no Wednesday night meal, Bible study, or other activities on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week (11/23) and on two Wednesdays during the Christmas season (12/21, 12/28). While there will be no meal on 12/21, the pastor will have Bible Study at 6pm in the chapel that evening.

Wednesday Children’s and Youth Activities – Our children and youth will not meet for Bible study, music, and missions activities on Wednesday 12/21 or 12/28. Normal Wednesday night programming for children and youth will resume on Wednesday, 1/4/23.

Sunday School – There will be no Sunday School on 12/25 and adult Sunday School only on 1/1/23 as each adult class decides. We will have worship services on both 12/25 and 1/1/23 at 11am as normal.

Church Office – The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving (11/24-25) and for Christmas Holiday Break (12/23/22 – 1/1/23). The church office will reopen on 1/2/23 at 9am. There will be no Banner the week of 12/26.

Lottie Moon Post Office Is Open – Instead of mailing your Christmas cards to other church members, please bring them to church and drop them off at the Lottie Moon Post Office (LMPO) located in Fellowship Hall. Our Lottie Moon elves will sort them and hand them out to our members. You can then donate the cost of the postage saved, not an insignificant amount these days, to our annual Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. The LMPO will be open until Sunday, December 18.

New Library Additions – John Blake has donated two resources to our church library. The first is the book *When Forgiveness Doesn’t Make Sense* by Robert Jeffress. He discusses the importance of forgiveness in our lives as Christians including the whys and hows regarding the choice to forgive others. The second resource is a *National Geographic* magazine focusing on “Jesus and the Origins of Christianity.” Both of these resources are available for checkout in our church library. We thank John for these generous and thoughtful donations.

Bill



Children & Parents are invited to go see the holiday lights at the Bristol Motor Speedway on
December 16, 2022

6:00pm Supper at the Church~6:45pm Depart

\$5 Charge (covers admission and meal.) Register with Carrie or Lisa.

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Church Pianist

Entire Congregation

Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan

Mr. Shawn Howell

Rev. Lisa Wolfe

Mrs. Trina Vickers

Miss Carrie Trivett

Mrs. Carol Clifton

Mrs. Rose Payne

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

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