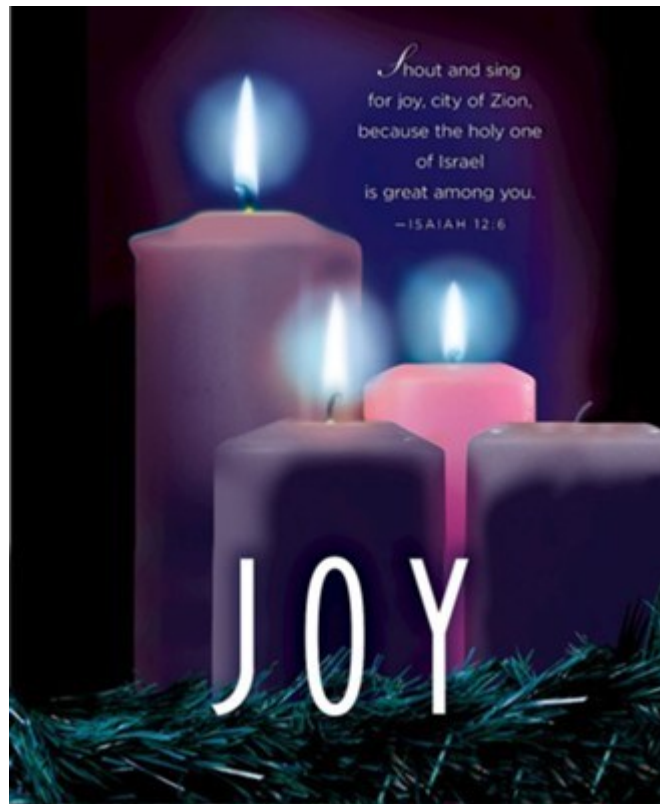




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The Banner

December 5, 2022



**Advent Week 3:
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DECEMBER 11
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

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“Mary’s Dream”
Luke 1:26-56

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

From Our Pastor. . .

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions – Our Lottie Moon



Christmas Offering for international missions 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

Our remaining Advent/Christmas calendar of activities and events are listed below.



- **Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange (12/10 @ 10:30am)** – 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) no later than Thursday December 8.
- **Children’s Christmas Program (12/14 @ 6pm)** – Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5pm and then for our Children’s program at 6pm. We will enjoy a time of cookies and fellowship afterwards.
- **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.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - December
Saundra Farmer 276-623-7300



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for Sunday, December 4
In-person/Zoom Study Groups - 118

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Extended Session Workers
December 11, 2022

Carrie Trivett & Julia Childers

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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 11 - Roger Garrett 608-4705

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Financial Update
December 4, 2022

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,464.00
Received 12/4/2022	\$9,621.00
YTD Total Expenses	\$397,049.61
YTD Total Receipts	\$363,557.89

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Building Fund
To-date \$100,860.99

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
To-date \$1,740.00
Goal \$8,000

Mended Women Offering
To-date \$4,465.00

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY December 10

10:30am Ladies Cookie Exchange
Fellowship Hall

5:45pm Youth Progressive Dinner
Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY December 11

9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

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

WEDNESDAY December 14

5:00pm Fellowship Supper

Menu:

Breakfast, Assorted Desserts

5:30pm New Horizons Class

6:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant
Fellowship Hall



7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room

FRIDAY December 16

10:00am Widows Support Group
Home of Dana Duncan

6:00pm Supper - Children & Youth
Fellowship Hall

6:45pm Depart for Speedway In Lights
Bristol Speedway

		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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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 Garrett, 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
Virginia Moore
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 **Jan Derting**



This week we want to lift up
Patrol Officer C. Barker
Abingdon Police Department
Earl Alexander
Randall Andis
Washington County Sherriff's Dept.



Monday, December 12

- Benjamin Childers
- Glenda Mayfield

Tuesday, December 13

- Shirley Turner

Wednesday, December 14

- Trula Harris

Thursday, December 15

- Ronnie Webb

Saturday, December 17

- Tamrya Spradlin
- Renee' Roberts

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...

Important Christmas Season programming changes and notes:

Wednesday Night Meal & Activities

- There will be no Wednesday night meal, youth, or children's activities on Wednesday 12/21, but the pastor will have Bible Study at 6pm in the chapel.
- There will be no Wednesday night meal, Bible study, or any other activities on Wednesday 12/28.
- Wednesday night meal, adult Bible study, and programming for children and youth will resume on Wednesday 1/4/23.

Sunday School & Worship

- There will be no Sunday School on 12/25.
- There will be 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 the Christmas Holiday Break (12/23/22 – 1/2/23). The church office will reopen on Tuesday, 1/3/23 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.

Bill



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Church Pianist

Entire Congregation

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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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