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The Banner

December 5, 2023



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DECEMBER 10
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

“The Ghost of Christmas Past”
Luke 2:1-20

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

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**3,072
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*No one is
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UNTIL NOW.



**Week of Prayer for international Missions –
December 3 to 10**

– Each year at Christmastime we receive our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions. Our church goal this year is \$8,000. 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 100% to the designated organization for

support of international missions. You may give online, by mail, or in person. For a daily prayer guide for the week of prayer as well as other resources, please visit [Lottie Moon Videos Archives - IMB Generosity](#).

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 17.



Abingdon Christmas Parade – Again this year we had a float in the Christmas parade and opened our doors to the community for restrooms, hot chocolate, cider, and cookies. Our children did not ride the float due to the cold rain, but our youth helped Mike and the Kitchen Team prepare and serve the goodies. We are thankful for their good work. We are also thankful to Steve Lowe for pulling the float and to Shane Lawson for coordinating the float decoration team. Even with the rain, it was another successful evening. Also, notice the back of the float which shows the total OCC shoeboxes collected this year was 3,252!



Christmas at Abingdon Baptist Church As you are planning your Advent/Christmas calendar of activities, please add the appropriate events and activities listed below. Some classes, circles, and groups may be having special events not listed below. Please check with your group leaders concerning other events of the season. Also, contact Trina to have an event added to this list which will be updated each week as we move through this busy but meaningful season.

F.Y.I...

Deacon of the Month - December
Mike Overstreet 276-356-3129

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, December 3
Sunday School & Bible Study - 119
Worship Service - 120
Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 36

Extended Session Workers December 10, 2023

Carrie Trivett & Mary Lynne Lowe

Worship Technicians:

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

Car Ministry December 10 Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

Financial Update December 3, 2023

Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,306.00
Received 12/3/2023	\$11,052.00
YTD Total Expenses	\$456,705.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$397,210.31

Building Fund

To-date	\$100,860.99
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

To-date	\$2,125.00
Goal	\$8,000.00

Gifts...

Have been given in memory of:
...Larry Payne

Have been given in honor of:
...Margaret Klose
...Glenda Mayfield
...Jane Moore
...Laura Brown



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

9:45am

December 10

Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

11:00am

Worship In-person or Livestream
Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

MONDAY

9:00am

December 11

Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 1

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm Ladies Bible Study

December 13

Conference Rm

5:00pm Fellowship Meal

Fellowship Hall

Breakfast, Assorted Desserts

5:30pm New Horizons Class Eagle Wings

Childrens Missions 1-3rd Classroom

Youth Missions Youth Room

6:00pm Adult Bible Study

Chapel

Young Adult Circle Common Ground

Youth Group Youth Room

Childrens Music 1-3rd Classroom

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

THURSDAY

11:30am

S.I.S. Circle Christmas Luncheon

Home of Lesa Brame

6:00pm

Council of Deacons

Christmas Dinner

Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY

9:00am

December 15

Stone Soup Food Pantry
Team 2

10:00am

Widows Support Group

Home of Dana Duncan

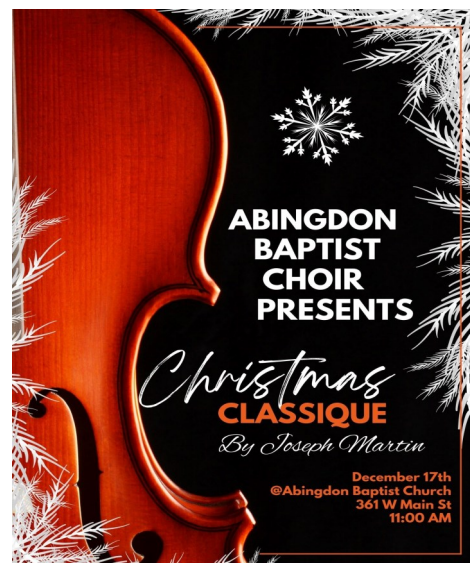
SATURDAY

4:00pm

December 16

Cantata Rehearsal

Sanctuary



Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Johnson Memorial
Gladys Snead

Recuperating:

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Denise Gobble, Wayne Hayter, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyretia Mullins, Joel Piazza, Rita Reynolds, Bill Roark, Press Stanley, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Barbara Back, Easton Ball, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Barbara Compton, Barbara Dunn, Chris Dye, Richard and Sue Foil, Lee Garrett, Bruce Hicks, Bob Jerrell, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Kevin Mullins, George Owens, Linda Pugh, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout, Stephanie Wyvill.


Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Joe Campbell, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Harold Dunaway, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Christine Kohr, Genevive McCall, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Bill Roark, Howard Smith, Collette Taylor.

Homebound:

Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Shirley Turner.

Homebound of the Week **Renva Gunter**

	<p>This week we want to lift up Sergeant M. Fields Abingdon Police Department Brian Stanker Robert Stines Washington County Sherriff's Dept</p>
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Tuesday, December 12

- Benjamin Childers
- Glenda Mayfield

Wednesday, December 13

- Shirley Turner

Thursday, December 14

- Trula Harris

Friday, December 15

- Ronnie Webb

Sunday, December 17

- Tamrya Spradlin
- Renee' Roberts

Continued from Pastor Bill...

- **Seeker's Sunday School Class Dinner** (12/5 at 6pm) – Please contact Roger Garrett for details on this event.
- **Choir Christmas Dinner** (12/7 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall) – Please contact Kathy Singleton for details on this event.
- **Denton Foil Mens Breakfast** (12/8 at 8am at Cracker Barrel) Please contact John Crigger on details of this event.
- **Friendship Class Luncheon** (12/8 at 11:30am At The Polished Diamond) Please contact Margaret Klose for details on this event.
- **Odd & Ends Class Dinner** (12/9 at 6pm) – Please contact Steve Lowe for details on this event.
- **Deacons Christmas Dinner** (12/14 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall) – Please contact Tony Roberts, chair of deacons for details on this event.
- **Christmas Cantata** (12/17 @ 11am) – Our Sanctuary Choir will present their cantata during the morning worship service at 11am.
- **Sunshine Basket Delivery** (12/17 @ 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.
- **Common Ground Christmas Party** 12/20 6pm - Home of Shawn & Liz Howell
- **Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles** (12/24 @ 5pm) – Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held in the sanctuary at 5pm.

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

- **Wednesday Night Meal & Activities** – There will be no meal on the two Wednesdays during the Christmas season (12/20, 12/27). While there will be no meal on 12/20, the pastor's Bible Study will meet in the Chapel and Common Ground will meet at the Howell's home.
- **Wednesday Children's and Youth Activities** – Our children and youth will not meet for Bible study, music, and missions activities on Wednesday 12/20 or 12/27. Normal Wednesday night programming for children and youth will resume on Wednesday 1/3/24.
- **Christmas Eve Sunday Schedule** – This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. We will have our normal schedule of Bible study classes and 11am worship.
- **New Year's Eve Sunday Schedule** – This year New Year's Eve also falls on Sunday. We will have our normal schedule of Bible study classes and 11am worship.
- **Church Office Closed** – The church office will be closed for Christmas Holiday Break (12/25/23 – 1/1/24). The church office will reopen on 1/2/24 at 9am. There will be no Banner the week of 12/25.

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Church Organist

Mrs. Carol Clifton

Church Pianist

Mrs. Rose Payne

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

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