



ABINGDON

Baptist Church

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

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The Banner

December 16, 2025

The Ballad of Bethlehem

A TIMELESS STORY OF GOD'S LOVE



*Sanctuary
Choir*

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 21

11:00am Service

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 21 11:00am In Person & Live Stream	DECEMBER 28 11:00am "God's Hope" Isaiah 65:17-25	WORSHIP
	"The Ballad of Bethlehem" Sanctuary Choir Cantata	JANUARY 4 11:00am In Person & Live Stream	
		"Anointed to Proclaim"	
		Lk 4:15-21; Isaiah 61:1-2	



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 21.**



Rhea Valley Christmas Toy Distribution on Thursday – If you would like to help with the toy distribution this coming Thursday morning December 18, please contact Lisa Wolfe. It is a joy to help the children "shop" and a blessing to see each child light up when picking an item to take home. If you can only come for a short time, or the entire time, you are welcome.

Christmas at Abingdon Baptist Church – As you are enjoying your Advent/Christmas 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.



- **Christmas Cantata (12/21 @ 11am)** – Our Sanctuary Choir will present "The Ballad of Bethlehem" during the morning worship service.
- **Sunshine Basket Delivery (12/21 @ 2pm)** – Our Deacon Ministry Team will lead all willing volunteers in this annual tradition of taking baskets of goodies to our shut-ins. Anyone is welcome to participate. We need your help to make the deliveries and share Christmas cheer. We gather in Fellowship Hall at 2pm to make delivery assignments.
- **Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles (12/24 @ 5pm)** – Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held in the sanctuary.

Here are some important Christmas Season programming changes and notes:

- **Wednesday Night Meal & Activities** – There will be no Wednesday night meal or other regularly scheduled activities on Wednesday **12/24** and **12/31**. Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on Wednesday 1/7/26. We will have our service of Carols & Candles on 12/24 @ 5pm in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, December 28** – We will have our normal schedule of Bible study classes and 11am worship. Don't forget to bring change for our children's **Noisy Bucket** offering!
- **Church Office Closed** – The church office will be closed for Christmas Holiday Break **12/24/25 to 1/2/26**. The church office will **reopen on 1/5/26 at 9am**.
- **The Banner** - There will be no "The Banner" newsletter the weeks of 12/22/25 or 12/29/25. Please check the church website's Events/Calendar page or the church Facebook page for information and updates.

F.Y.I...

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Attendance for Sunday, December 14
Sunday School & Bible Study - 60
Worship Service - 76
Wednesday Adult Bible Study - 18

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Worship Technicians:

Tim Barnett
Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Paxton Matney
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Car Ministry

December 14, 2025
Kevin Abel 276-698-4710

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Financial Update

December 14, 2025

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Budget Funds

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,545.00
Received 12/14/25	\$3,337.00
YTD Total Expenses	\$527,614.00
YTD Total Receipts	\$467,576.12

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Lottie Moon Mission Offering

To-date	\$5,810.00
Goal	\$5,000.00

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

9:45am

December 21

Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom

11:00am

Sanctuary Choir Cantata
"The Ballad of Bethlehem"

Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo

2:00pm

Sunshine Basket Delivery

MONDAY

9:00am

Abingdon Friendship Café Group
Fellowship Hall

December 22

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm

December 24

~Office Closed~

Christmas Eve
Carols & Candles Service
Sanctuary

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

December 25

OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 2

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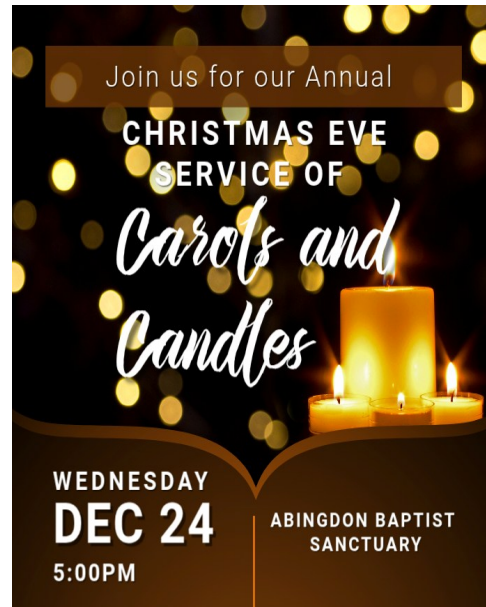
Thank you for the many
visits, cards, birthday wishes, calls,
gifts & prayers throughout the
year. I appreciate everyone at
Abingdon Baptist Church.

Jan Derting

Abingdon Baptist Church,

My thanks to everyone at
church for the their cards,
messages, and especially their
prayers during my recent surgery.
Please keep praying as I have
follow-up treatments.

Renee' Roberts



Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Abingdon Health & Rehab

Jim Hughes

Johnston Memorial

Marsha Terry

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Terry Christian, Cindy Farmer, Denise Gobble, Harold Jackson, Karen Lane, Joel Piazza,

Long Term:

Lonnie Adams, Barbara Back, Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Barbara Compton, Geraldine Culberson, Barbara Dunn, Sue Foil, Lee Garrett, Barbara Gillespie, Karen Hand, Pearl Hayter, Kenna Henderson, Bruce Hicks, Kevin Leonard, Conner Mays, Denise McDole, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, Kevin Mullins, George Owens, Ronnie Perkins, Joyce Powers, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Archer Skeens, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout, Candy Tignor, Stephanie Wyvill.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Linda Belisle, Mary Davis, Orville Davis, Jan Derting, Masel Dunaway, Renva Gunter, Trula Harris, Virginia Moore, Joanna Owens, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Nadine Culberson, Nadine Farmer, Grace Kiser, Collette Taylor, Joyce Vanover.

Sympathy:

Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy goes out to the family of Margaret Roe in her passing.

Homebound of the Week Mary & Orville Davis



This week we want to lift up
Administrator A. Sullins
Abingdon Police Department
Adam Lane
Sara Lino
Washington County Sherriff's Dept



Monday, December 22

- Susie Minor

Tuesday, December 30

- Marsha Terry

Wednesday, December 31

- Teresa Grogan
- Adryana Counts\
- Jennifer Blankenship

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



To call in by telephone to listen to our
Sunday morning Worship each week:

Call: (929) 205 6099#

ID: 851 6607 5347#

Participate ID #

Passcode: 957729#

Continued from Pastor Bill...



Year End Generosity – It's time to maximize your generous giving in support of our church's on-going ministry and missions. For the church to credit your generous gifts in 2025, we must have them in the church office by Sunday, December 28. Remember, the church office will be closed from December 24 to January 2, but you can give in person on Sunday, December 21 or 28. You can also give online at any time before midnight on December 31. If your contribution is mailed, your letter must be postmarked by December 31. Thank you for giving generously to support God's work in and through us.

Bill

Ladies Cookie Exchange 2025



Ministers			Entire Congregation
Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music/Worship & Young/Median Adults	showell@abingdonbaptist.org		Mr. Shawn Howell
Minister To Students	lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org		Rev. Lisa Wolfe
Administrative Assistant	tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 21	Mrs. Trina Vickers
Children's Ministry Assistant	hstiltner@abingdonbaptist.org		Mrs. Holly Stiltner
Church Organist			Mrs. Carol Clifton
Church Pianist			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

Phone: 276/628-8126

PRAYER LINE: extension 42, FAX: 276/628-5743

Website: **www.abingonbaptist.org**