

Wednesday, Dec 5		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
3:00	pm	Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm	Kid's Klub
4:00	pm	Youth Activities
5:00	pm	Pre-School & Children's Choirs
6:00	pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm	Youth Activities
6:45	pm	Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
7:30	pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, Dec 6		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
Friday, Dec 7		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
Sunday, Dec 9		
9:00	am	Prayer Time
9-9:45	am	Library Open
9:45	am	Sunday School
10:55	am	Worship Service
2:30	pm	Nursery & Children's Volunteers Meet in Chapel
4:00	pm	Youth Choir & Activities
Monday, Dec 10		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
Tuesday, Dec 11		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
5:00	pm	Prayer Walk at CHS
Wednesday, Dec 12		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
3:00	pm	Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm	Kid's Klub
4:00	pm	Youth Activities
5:00	pm	Pre-School & Children's Choirs
5:00	pm	Prayer Walk @ FBC
6:00	pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm	Youth Activities
6:45	pm	Children's Christmas Music
7:30	pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, Dec 13		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
Friday, Dec 14		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
7:00	pm	Youth Dinner Theater
Sunday, Dec 16		
9:00	am	Prayer Time
9-9:45	am	Library Open
9:45	am	Sunday School
10:55	am	Worship Service
		Chancel Choir Music
3:00	pm	Children's Christmas Party
4:00	pm	Caroling & Soup supper
Monday, Dec 17		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
Tuesday, Dec 18		
9-12:00	am	Kindergarten
7:00	pm	Kindergarten Christmas Program

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December 19
6:45 pm



Dec 5	BBQ Chicken on Bun, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Dessert
Dec 12	Chicken Filet Sandwich & Trimmings



Need a break from the hustle and bustle of this holiday season? Finding a quiet place for just a few minutes of reading each day can help calm the nerves and reduce the stress. In your church library there are books, both fiction and non-fiction, that will help you focus on what is truly important and help us all remember that this is a Christian holiday in spite of society's efforts to make it otherwise. There are also several DVD's you would enjoy. The Christmas books and DVD's are in a special display beneath the clock on the right as you enter the library. We're open on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11. If you come at other times, there are directions for self check-out on the desk. The library is there for you---make use of it!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we help missionaries share the gospel of Jesus Christ and make disciples. A gift of \$10.00 will buy a Bible in a local language and a gift of \$60.00 will buy Bible study materials for a new believer's class. It is important to train national church leaders and a gift of \$445.00 will provide training, food, and travel for more than 90 pastors, leaders, and believers. A gift of \$800.00 will provide a five tier training event over five years for Muslim background believers. As we give, resources are provided for missionaries to be on mission among people groups throughout the world. What will you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year?

The Annual Children's Christmas Party, for children through grade 6, will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 in the Social Hall. Children are asked to call the church office to sign up. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child your age to help make a needy child's Christmas brighter.



Christmas Party

Tithes & Offerings November 25

Worship Service	162
Sunday School Attendance	106
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	6,118.00
Security	1,000.00
Music	50.00
Thanksgiving Offering	90.00
Lottie Moon	125.00
Total	7,383.00

Memorials

Doris Whitesides	George Whitesides
Jane Murray	

December 2

Worship Service	181
Sunday School Attendance	122
Budget Offering Required	8,193.00
Offering Received	11,110.00
Music Fund	50.00
Security	15.00
Thanksgiving Offering	3.00
Lottie Moon	795.00
Total	11,793.00
Lottie Moon Total	920.00

Memorials

Doris Whitesides	George Whitesides
Jim Yelton	Billy Jo Carter

Honorariums

Ruby Doolittle

Children's Choirs Christmas Music

The Children will present their Christmas Music, "Sing a Song of Christmas," on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:45 PM. Please come out and support the children as they share the story of Christmas through music.



Nursery and Children Volunteers Meeting

There will be an important meeting of all nursery and preschool teachers and volunteers on **Sunday, December 9, at 2:30 PM** in the chapel. We will discuss changes in policies and procedure for these areas. Please try to be present as we seek to provide opportunities for children to learn and experience a peaceful and loving Christian environment.



Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent, so it is official; the Christmas season is upon us! I hope you will take some time each day to pause and reflect on what has changed, or will change, in your life because of the birth of Jesus. May we be thankful and celebrate not just during the Christmas season, but throughout the year!

On Saturday, December 15th at 5:00 pm, we will be having our annual progressive dinner. We will go to three different homes for an appetizer, main course and dessert. We will also do a gift exchange, so bring a wrapped gift (\$10 or less), and don't tell **anyone** what it is!

We will be adopting a family for Christmas, and shopping for toys and clothes for the children. Stay tuned for more details.

Lastly, a reminder: Youth Choir Dinner Theater: "Code Red" is Friday, December 14th. If you are not in it, buy a ticket to support our youth choir! David

Candlelight Service



Candlelight Service

The annual Candlelight Service and Christmas Pageant is one of the most meaningful services our church family experiences during the Christmas season. The story of Christ's birth is portrayed through scripture, music, and the children's pageant. This worship opportunity will take place on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:45 PM in the sanctuary.

Children who wish to participate in the pageant should meet in the Children's Activity Room at 5:00 PM to practice. Children should bring a pair of shorts and a white T-shirt and a white long sleeved shirt. There will be **no school pickups** and no children's choirs on that date. We will give the children participating in the pageant pizza for supper.

Bring your family and friends as we join together to celebrate the coming of light and hope into the world through the birth of our Savior.



There are so many things to enjoy during the Christmas Season. People decorate their houses for the season – it is fun to get the Christmas tree and have it up and decorated. There are Christmas gatherings as people get together to have a good time with family and friends. There is the hustle and bustle of shopping – although more and more people are shopping online these days. There are Christmas parades and opportunities to see Santa Claus. Children are so excited and have so much fun during the celebration of Christmas.

And we have many special events at the church. There are Sunday School Class parties, the Youth Dinner Theater, the Children's Christmas Party, the Children's Music, and the Chancel Choir Music. We go Christmas Caroling and have the Candlelight service. There are opportunities for us to be together and to worship together as a church family.

And as I think about the opportunities that we have to worship together, I am reminded that in the midst of all the things that we do at Christmas, we are called to keep our focus on the Lord Jesus. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus and the love and joy that He brings to our lives. It is easy for us to lose Jesus in the midst of our activity. I enjoy as much as anyone all the things that we do at Christmas; in the midst of all those things let us remind ourselves and help others to see that Christmas is about the celebration of the birth of a Savior. Let us be thankful for His coming and the difference He makes in our lives each day. And may we be faithful to share the good news of Jesus at Christmas and throughout the year. I am thankful that we can celebrate the birth of a Savior. What a wonderful time of the year!

Youth Choir



Youth Choir Dinner

The Youth Choir will present a Christmas Musical, "Code Red" on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Code Red is described as "an unpredictable and unforgettable collision of humor and truth that delivers a strong evangelistic message to young and old alike. The storyline follows a group of teens who spend a night in the emergency room trying to see a friend who has just had an accident. Their venturesome and crazy experiences in the E.R. take a serious turn when they realize that they have been more concerned about their friend's physical health than her spiritual condition." Come out and support the Youth Choir as they share the meaning of Christmas through music and drama. The cost of the tickets are \$8.00 and will be available on Sundays and Wednesdays and in the church office beginning Sunday, November 25. The last day to buy tickets is Sunday, December 9.