

From Our Pastor

December 8, 2024

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

A story was told of a lady in Waterloo, Iowa that was called by a radio quiz show two days before Christmas. She was given the chance to answer a question about a particular subject and if she answered the question correctly, she would win \$1000.00. As they asked her the question, she gave the right answer and received the money a week later. Six weeks after that her name was drawn again, and she was called by the same radio quiz show. This time if she answered the question correctly, she would receive \$2000.00. Because she was a very giving individual and was aware of the Christmas season, she forfeited her opportunity to participate. As a result, the next person in line was called and they answered the question correctly and received \$2000.00. When asked later why she did that her response was, “to give someone else a Christmas present.”

What a blessing for her to consider someone else above herself. The Bible says in Philippians 2:3, “but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.” That’s what the Christmas season is all about. That’s why the Christ child was born. He was placed here by God for the purpose of ministering to people and their needs. He came to minister, not to be ministered to. Wouldn’t this world be a better place to live in if everyone thought and acted that way? As you look at the life of Christ, He was always ministering to others and doing things for people.

We must take that same approach to life. Ask yourself this question, “Who can I minister to this Christmas season? What can I do to be a blessing to someone in need? There are plenty of needy people that live and work beside us day in and day out. People that feel they have no one to care for them. People that feel they have no hope in this world. May God give us eyes to see the needs that are represented right around us and may we be quick to respond to those needs.


Jesus came not only to minister to people, but He also came to be an example to you and me. We are to learn from His life and desire to pattern ourselves after Him. Remember in Acts 26:16 when Jesus said to Paul, “stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee.”

A story was told of two young men that had been called into war together. They had been friends and had grown up being very close. They played together, went to school together and had enlisted together. Fate had determined that they would be in the same area of battle together. After a bitter battle one day, it was found out that one of the young men had been wounded in battle and was missing in an area called “No Man’s Land.” The friend of the other boy who was safe and unhurt went to his commanding officer to get permission to go out looking for his friend. He was told that there was no use to go looking for him because more than likely he would not find him alive. After much discussion he was finally given permission to go and he went and searched for hours. Sometime later he came back with his friend over his shoulder. The commanding officer said, “Didn’t I tell you it was no use going after him?” The young man responded with a gleam in his eye. “But it was not; I got there just in time to hear him whisper in my ear, “I knew you would come.”

Does this story describe the kind of heart that you have? Do you really care for people to that degree? May we be quick to remember that God desires for us to have a heart like His and to use it to minister to people. Who can you love in Jesus name this Christmas season? Remember **Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last brings JOY.**

Bro. Terry

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Fellowship</i> <i>Friday</i> <i>6 p.m.</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark Store 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 6:45 p.m. Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Fellowship</i> <i>Friday</i> <i>6 p.m.</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. Bible Study/Youth Bible Study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Packing</i> <i>Food</i> <i>Boxes at</i> <i>Food</i> <i>Center</i> <i>6 p.m.</i>	<i>18</i> <i>5:45 p.m.</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Caroling</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Play</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> <i>9-11 a.m.</i>
<i>22</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Children's Christmas Play (Children need to be here by 10:45 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:15 p.m. Christmas Potluck No PM Services	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Eye</i> <i>Candlelight</i> <i>Service</i> <i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>25</i> 	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

Nursery for December

December Birthdays

1	Brenda Collins		
5	Cam Moore	Sun December 1, 2024	
8	Logan Mills	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Pam Anderson, Emmalee Ayers, Pam Kendrick, & Hannah Shaw
9	Michael Bryant		
	Brianna Carter	Sun December 8, 2024	
10	Tim Hayes	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Zoey Mills, Renee Moore, Anna Dunn, & Samantha Pressley
	Tiffany Smith Moore		
14	Sonja Gregory	Sun December 15, 2024	
	David Matherly	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Dana Wells, Holly St. John, James & Sylvia Lumpkins
	Dale McFaddin		
17	Lillian Paciello	Sun December 22, 2024	
	Kent Bishop	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Shelly Lewis, Cassie Gatewood, Donnie & Peggy Moore
19	James Lumpkins, Jr.	Sun December 29, 2024	
	Sydney Scarce	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Adam Kendrick, Misty Bishop, Drake & Brenda Easley
	Avery Kendrick		
21	Tara St. John Harper		
	Samantha L. Hedrick		
	Michelle Paciello		
23	Dawn Aaron		
	Chasity Kendrick		
24	Cathy Moore		
	Hailey Moore		
25	Traci Nuckols		
26	Brenda Easley		
28	Will Nuckols		
	June Conner		
30	Adam Burgess		
	Makayla Lewis		
	Pam Kendrick		

Greeters

December 1	Emma Walden & Chris Power
December 8	Nancy Power & Jetty Burgess
December 15	Joan Nuckols & Melody Collins
December 22	Patsy Conner & Brenda Collins
December 29	Mary Moon Moore & Paige Conner

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

December 1	Chris Falls*, Aiden Mullins, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin
December 8	Tommy Jefferson*, Bobby Mullins, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood
December 15	James Allen*, Daniel Moore, William Tosh, Chuck Easley
December 22	Adam Burgess*, Damon Mullins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden
December 29	Sid Lankford*, Adam Lumpkins, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore

Children's Church

December 1	Sherry Reynolds, Liz Ferris, Jess Gray, Wendy Byrd
December 8	Karen Carlsen, Linette Nuckols, Cherrie Swanson, Wendy Byrd
December 15	Hannah Shaw, Megan Rouleau, Wendy Byrd
December 22	Blair Lumpkins, Becky Roberts, Wendy Byrd
December 29	Karle & Wendy Byrd



2024 Lottie Moon Offering



The Lottie Moon Christmas offering goes to support World Missions in getting the Gospel to all the ends of the earth. The money is collected thru out the year but our pledge amount is taken every December to determine our what our goal is for the next year.

You will find a yellow pledge card in your bulletin in the month of December. If you would like to make a commitment towards our 2025 goal, simply fill out the card and return the small part of the card in the offering plate.

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of **\$22,930.00**, for the 2024 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of November 24, 2024 we have collected **\$25,950.54**.



2024 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$22,930.00



Sally Shoebox was delivered safely to the drop off location along with 451 of her brothers and sisters. Next stop the processing center!

Samaritan's Purse distributes Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children across the world as a way to get the Gospel to children in more than 170 countries who might otherwise never hear the name of Jesus.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we filled boxes for 451 children!

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!

Stay tuned in 2025 for updates on where our boxes went!

December Missions Update

Ministries we support directly with monthly donations:

- **Transitions**
- **House of Hope**
- **Heritage Academy**
- **Mt. Pisgah Bible Printing—Bobby Lee**
- **God's Pit Crew—Randy Johnson**
- **Good News Global Jail Ministry—David Abernathy**
- **Navaho Ministry—Leroy & Rhonda Benally**
- **Christ Life Ministries—Harold & Debbie Vaughan**
- **Christian Law Association**
- **Pitt. Co. Young Life—Ben Paris**



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

In addition to these, we have the following individuals and organizations on our prayer list, and we try to be mindful of any special requests from them as we lift them in prayer each week.

- Gideons
- Samaritans Purse
- Jared St. John-KARM
- Randy McPherson
- Ross Riley
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Rick Via
- Rev. Jackie Hughes
- Harold & Cecil Peasley
- Otto Koning Jr.
- Dave & Diane Glaze

This is an ever-growing list as God continues to call more people to go out into his mission field here locally, and around the world. Please remember to pray for each of these ministries, and thank God for the work they are doing.

Mission of the Month:

Christ + Life
MINISTRIES



Our featured mission this month is Christ Life Ministries. Harold and Debbie Vaughan and their family have a deep burden to promote spiritual revival, renewal, and refreshment for churches, pastors, and individuals. In order to do this, they organize multiple prayer advances for different groups throughout the year. In the past year, members of our church have attended the Men's Prayer Advance, the Ladies' Prayer Advance, and the Couples' Prayer Advance. In the coming year, we're planning trips to these three advances, as well as a trip to the

Student Prayer Advance (we're looking for chaperones for this trip, if interested please see Bobby or Terri Mullins).

Wherever you are in your spiritual walk, and whatever stage of life you find yourself in, these advances are valuable tools to help strengthen your relationship with Christ and refresh and renew your spirit. Because so many of our people who have attended these advances have found them so meaningful, this year the Missions committee proposed supporting the work of Christ Life Ministry with a monthly financial donation.

If you would like to attend an advance, opportunities for the Men's and Ladies' advances are coming up quickly. The church will have hotel rooms reserved, and scholarships are available if needed. We hope you can experience these life changing events for yourself this year! If you have any questions about the prayer advances, please contact the church office, we'd love to help!



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Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year to
Hollywood Baptist Church.
Your Mail Carrier,
Jeff

Dear God's Pit Crew Mission Partner,

On behalf of all the staff and selfless volunteers at God's Pit Crew, **WE THANK YOU!**

Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible outpouring of love and support you have shown in our efforts to give hope, healing, and restoration to those in need during times of disaster. Your generosity has made a profound impact on the lives of hurting people throughout the country, and your kindness truly humbles us.

Sending handwritten thank you cards to our friends and mission partners is one of our greatest joys. However, during this time of extreme focus and the busyness of providing aid to countless disaster victims while moving forward with our normal day-to-day operations, we wanted you to promptly receive our note of gratitude.

Your belief in our mission and willingness to step forward and help those in need is awe-inspiring. Your support enables us to continue our diligent work, assisting as many people as possible during these unprecedented times.

Please know that your contribution is deeply appreciated and valued. Your generosity has touched the lives of so many, and we are honored to have you as part of God's Pit Crew's mission. We pray that God pours abundant blessings on you and your household as you have poured love and support into those in need.

Thank you once again for your incredible support. Your kindness and generosity mean the world to us, and we are grateful for the impact you have made on our organization and the lives of others. We are committed to our mission and will continue to work tirelessly to make a difference, thanks to partners like you.

Blessings Upon Blessings,

Rhonda Zola



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As we are enjoying the Christmas season, it is often easy for us to forget that there are members of our community who are struggling. This year more than ever, many members of our community are struggling with food insecurity and financial hardship.

Join us as we help pack boxes of food at our local food bank to help brighten the Christmases of families who would otherwise face hunger. We will be packing boxes at the Pittsylvania County Food Distribution Center at 402 Chaney Lane, in Gretna at 6:00 p.m. on December 17.



Joy on the Ark Special Dates!

December 8 — Store

December 15— Christmas Party

December 22 & 29— Joy on the Ark will not be meeting.



On December 18 we will be meeting at the church at 6:00 p.m. to go Christmas caroling. We will be visiting shut ins and other members of our community to share the joy of the Christmas season through song. Everyone is welcome to join us, talent is appreciated, but not required, all you need is a joyful heart!

We'll be singing familiar Christmas classics (so there is no need to fear that you won't know the words). Don your favorite festive apparel and come make a joyful noise!



Join us and this could be YOU!



Fellowship Fridays

- Craft Night — December 8 at 6 p.m.
- Youth Christmas Party — December 13 at 6 p.m. (bring a \$5 gift to exchange)
- No Fellowship Fridays on December 20 or December 27



Join us after the morning worship service on December 22 for a potluck fellowship meal. The church will be supplying drinks, paper products, and cake. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a sweet time of fellowship!



On December 24 at 5:30 p.m. we will be holding a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This service will feature a celebration of Jesus' birth, song, and Scripture. Join us for this special time of the remembrance of the greatest gift that the world has ever received.



In Remembrance and Honor

The Poinsettias used to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas were donated in memory or in honor of the following people:

In Loving Memory Of

Louise Yeatts

Billie Louise Pierce

Nelson & Louise Turpin

Stephanie Arehart

Polly Jo Dawson

Mabel & Ed Grubb

J.B. & Lila Grubb

Lucile Whitney

*Wayne & Dorothy Osborn
Doris & Olive Garner*

*James Holmes
Bob & Mary Showalter*

*Kenneth & Peggy Reynolds
Elizabeth "Lizzie" Reynolds*

Rena Taylor & Brad Crowder

Charlie Mahan

Generously Donated By

Pam Anderson

Rosemary Bennett

Jason Bookheimer

Darren & Paige Conner

Laila Grubb Cox

Sherri Garner

Susan Holmes

Julie Kelly

Chasity Kendrick

Anthony, Adrienne, & Josie Mahan

In Loving Memory Of

*Charles & Lillian Moore, Jr.
Stan Rush*

*Mom & Dad
Lori*

Betty Reynolds

*Rev. Robert & Betty Jennings
Clide & Charlotte St. John*

Generously Donated By

Terry & Renee Moore

Chris & Nancy Power

Steve & Brenda Reynolds

Pastor Terry & Holly St. John

In Honor Of

Henry & Virginia Bennett

John, Jess, & Lena Phelps

Generously Donated By

Rosemary Bennett

Mary Moon Moore

Attention Parents!!



The children will be presenting a Christmas play during the morning service on December 22. We have been practicing each week during children's church, and there will be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Byrd at 434-724-4095.

If you want your child to be in the play, please have them here by 10:45 a.m. on December 22, in order to get them into costume.

Thank you so much for the privilege of working with your children this year.



Offering envelopes will be available soon. If you would like envelopes and did not receive them last year, please let Julie know. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes or wish to continue using the envelopes you currently have, please let Julie know.

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

January 8	Regular Business Meeting
January 12	Church Council
January 19	Joy on the Ark—Movie Night
January 23=25	Men’s Prayer Advance