Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our 2023 goal: \$2,000



Your 2022 gifts at work:

3,521 missionaries supported

178,177 new believers

21,231 new churches planted

67 new people groups and places engaged

102,417 baptisms

146,026 received leadership training

Christmas Cards

A couple of tables are set up near the church offices for Christmas cards. Please bring in cards for active church members only!





Christmas Eve Sunday School Breakfast

Make plans to join us for a finger-food breakfast & coffee before Sunday School on Christmas Eve. Please bring in your favorite quick-bite to share.

Christmas Eve Cookie Swap

There will be a separate table open for a cookie swap. If you're interested in swapping cookies, please bring in 20-24 cookies. Bags will be available.



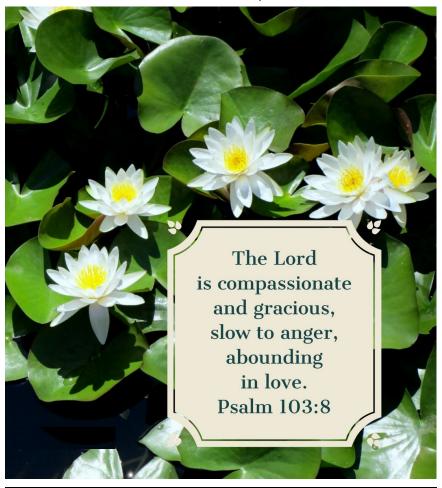


Christmas Eve Service

Mark your calendars for 6 PM on Sunday, December 24th for our Christmas Eve Service. Invite your friends & neighbors!



December 17, 2023



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Sunday, December 17 2023

The Love Expressed in God's Name Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13, 17-19

<u>The Point</u>: We can call upon the name of God because He loves us deeply.

<u>The Bible Meets Life</u>: How do you respond when someone says, "I love you"? Depending on the person and circumstances, we usually reply, "I love you, too." One man bragged he never told his children he loved them. The reason? He didn't want them to be obligated to say, "I love you, too." How did they react? Did they grow up with insecurities? How did they interact with their own children?

How sad! The need to love and be loved is built into our hearts. Think about people you like being around. Aren't they individuals who like you? No one wakes up in the morning thinking, *I think I'll ask Joe and May to have lunch. They really don't like me. It'll be fun!* No. We want to hang out with friendly, affirming people whom we can also love.

God makes our relationship with Him easy. We love Him because He first loved us and gave His Son for us (1 John 4:10, 19). David understood this dynamic. He loved the Lord because he knew how much God loved him. Throughout Psalm 103, we hear David's appreciation for God's love.

<u>Live It Out</u>: Recall. Remember some of the benefits you've received from the Lord. Jot them down. Read them several times this week. Recite. Tell someone how you've experienced God's compassion. This testimony could be about your salvation or about some aspect of God's forgiveness or provision. Relate. Identify a friend or coworker who may be struggling with understanding God's love. Help this person relate God's love to ways He has walked with you through difficult times.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series



A Name Like No Other

Sunday, December 24 The Salvation Expressed in God's Name

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25)

Sunday, December 31 The Righteousness of God's Name

(Jeremiah 23:5-6; Romans 3:10b-13, 21-26)

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School10:00 AM Indoor Worship10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Communion

As we near Christmas, let us prepare our hearts for communion and remember Jesus's birth, life & sacrifice.

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson Nancy Chapman Gary Clontz Marlene Crider Peggy Dean Wanda Goodwin Sadie Griffin's Family Hedgepeth Family Christine Hinson Lillian Lewis Tammy Lovingood Mike Lunsford Majewski Family Evan Manly JoAnn Perrin Richie Raines



Service Attendance

Sunday, December 10

Indoor: 52 Online: 164



Wednesday, December 13 Online: 47

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs: \$17,787.33



December Offering
To Date:

\$13,069.00

Township Church Plant

Shawn Payne, the lead pastor at Township Church in Clayton, NC and one of Pastor David's connections, has expressed needs for their church plant.

If you feel led to support this church plant, we are aiming to cover 1 week's rent for them at Cleveland Elementary: \$625.

Please pray that their needs are met so they can better reach those in Clayton, NC.

