

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our 2023 goal: \$2,000



Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

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!

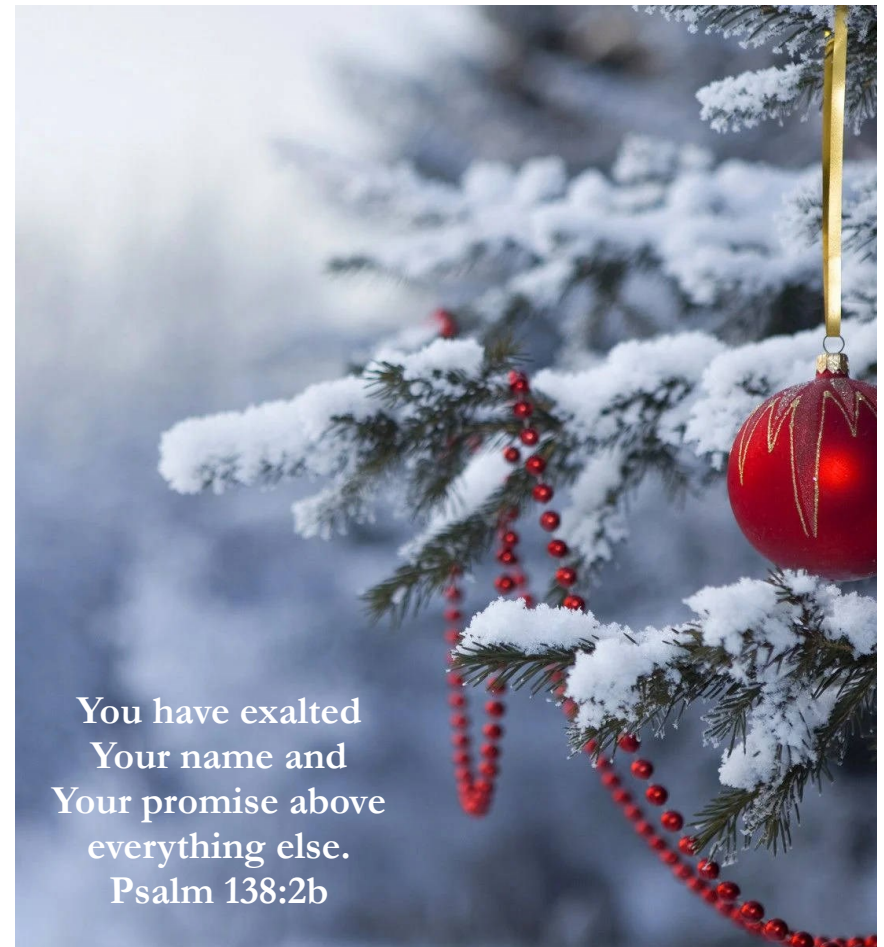
CHRISTMAS
Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Oakland Baptist Church - 600 E. Sunset Drive, Monroe NC



December 10, 2023



You have exalted
Your name and
Your promise above
everything else.
Psalm 138:2b

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The Majesty of God's Name

Psalm 138:1-8

The Point: God is majestic and exalted by everything He does.

The Bible Meets Life: We all have at least one song—perhaps several—that moves us. Songs that have a way of touching our emotions. Songs that stir something within us. Maybe they put a smile on our face or make us want to dance. Even if the song is in a language we don't know, the music itself can often move us. (Just ask somebody who loves opera.) Music is a universal language.

- ▶ The right patriotic song stirs in us everything we love about our country.
- ▶ The right Christmas song can quickly put us in a festive mood, longing for home, snow, or pumpkin pie.
- ▶ A certain love song takes us back to a special moment in our lives.
- ▶ Some songs just make us feel good.

Songs that stir our emotions are nothing new. The Bible is full of just such songs. While many of the psalms in the Bible express human emotions, one type of song was predominant for David, the most well-known writer of psalms. David was most moved by the majesty and glory of God. With all the soul-stirring themes in our music, nothing compares to the majesty of God's name.

Live It Out: Consider. Think about how God displays His majesty around you. Write down items that are important to you. Look for opportunities to share about these blessings with others. **Hear.** Create a playlist of songs that life up the majesty of God. Listen to this playlist throughout the week to draw your attention to God. **Worship.** Get alone and have a time of praise for God's majestic name. Get with your family and share a devotional focused on God's majesty. Get with your church and join in worship of our God.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

A Name Like No Other

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

Sunday, December 24 The Salvation Expressed in God's Name
(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 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.



Service Attendance

Sunday, December 3

Indoor: 57

Online: 110



Wednesday, December 6

Online: 20

Youth: 14

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

December Offering

To Date:

\$7,585.00



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

Majewski Family

Evan Manly

Richie Raines



Encouraging Cards

If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food bags each week an encouraging card or a Christmas card, please drop them off in the church office.



Jail Ministry

Lift up the jail ministry team and

the people they minister to in your prayers this Christmas season; pray that they will actively hear and respond to the gospel.