



December 25, 2022

**Merry Christmas!**

A pre-recorded service will be posted on our public Facebook page on Christmas Day by 10 AM!



**There will be no activities on campus on Christmas Day.**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

**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!

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.



**Backpacks for Hope Cards**



If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food backpacks New Years' cards, please drop them off in the church office.

**Church Council**

The Church Council meeting has been moved to January.



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### Sunday, December 25, 2022

Submission to God in Place of Fear (Luke 1:26-38)

**The Point:** God's desire to work through us is no cause for fear.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Let's get rid of one mistaken idea about older adults: They don't like change. The rationale has been that they don't like change because they're older and, therefore, set in their ways. But the truth is: None of us like change—and we all get set in our ways! We get used to a routine or doing things a certain way, and we see no reason to change.

Of course, we willingly make some changes on our own such as purchasing a different car or changing to a new job. We embrace the changes that come with becoming a parent or grandparent. But when change is thrust upon us by others, we can resist. What if things aren't better? What if this is harder? What if...? We can quickly raise a lot of concerns and potential fears.

Even when we know God is behind the change, fear can still be present. In Luke 1, we see a young woman who was about to experience an incredible change in her life and circumstances. We can be encouraged by her example to trust God no matter what.

**Live It Out: Read.** Read through an OT book like Exodus. Note the times when God came through despite the impossible situation those in the biblical narrative were facing. Let this serve as a reminder of why you can trust God in any situation. **Obey.** If you feel you're facing an impossible situation, maybe there's a step of obedience that needs to be your first step. Meditate on the verse: "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). Step out in trust as God empowers you to obey Him, regardless of your circumstances. **Serve.** There are areas within your church that are seeking others to get involved. Maybe you feel ill-prepared or that your past has disqualified you. Contact whomever you need to and let them know your "yes" is on the table.

### Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

#### Putting Fear in its Place

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| Sunday, January 1 | Courage in Place of Fear<br>(Matthew 14:22-33) |
| Sunday, January 8 | Joy in Place of Fear<br>(Zephaniah 3:9-20)     |



### Opportunities for Ministry & Service

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

*Resumes 1/1/23*

10:00 AM Online Worship

#### Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

6:30 PM Online Worship

#### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Service Details

Sunday's Scripture, bulletin, and worship playlist can be found on the Bible event, via the YouVersion Bible App or OBC's website!



### Service Attendance

Sunday, December 18

Indoor: 58

Online: 99



Wednesday, December 21

Online Reach: N/A

Youth: 9

### Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

December Offering

To Date: \$12,174.00

### Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Mike Helms

Nan Helms

The Hillman Family

Christine Hinson

Gabe Horne

Rich Majewski

Jenny Modesitt's Sister

Laura (Irene's daughter)

Rebecca (Susan's sister)

Norma Kilgore

The Stewart Family

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

1st Responders

The Sick & Elderly

The Poor

Backpacks of Hope Students

### Missing Thanksgiving Dish

We are looking for a cream-colored Corningware dish. If you grabbed this dish, please bring it to the Church Office. Your dish is in the kitchen!

