

Christmas Service

Merry Christmas!

We will have our Christmas service (with communion) on Sunday, December 18th.

Pastor David will be out of town on Christmas. A pre-recorded service will be posted on our public Facebook page on Christmas Day!



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

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!

Backpacks for Hope Cards

If you are interested in sending the 10 middle schoolers who receive food backpacks Christmas cards or candy, please drop them off in the church office.



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®.

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

Church Council

The Church Council meeting has been moved to January.



December 18, 2022

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

Love in Place of Fear (1 John 3:13-18; 4:14-18)

The Point: There is no room for fear when God's love is in us.

The Bible Meets Life: One of my favorite holidays is Thanksgiving. Yes, I use the time to reflect on all God's blessings, but I love Thanksgiving for a second reason: the food! Thanksgiving Day is the day I set aside thoughts of carbs and calories. I start the day off with the most glorious of sausage balls; then I make my way to lunch with all the fixings. Finally, I finish the day off with a slightly smaller dinner plate. The average person consumes over three thousand calories on Thanksgiving Day, and I believe it!

If a well-meaning relative asked me to go to Taco Bell that evening, I'd surely decline. The reason is simple—and obvious—I'm full. I don't have room for anything else.

This truth is not just true for culinary journeys; it is true when it comes to our relationship with God. When we are full of the truth and love of God, there is no room for fear. We'll see this in 1 John. When we live full of the love of God, we can rest in who He is and walk confidently—with no fear.

Live It Out: Write. Make a list of all the ways you know you are loved by Christ. Turn that list into a prayer, thanking God for His incredible love. **Serve.** Look for a tangible way to show love to somebody in your life. Identify a need or way you can help the individual. This could be anything from providing a meal to leaving the person a note of encouragement. **Love.** Identify someone you find hard to love. Do something intentionally that reflects how Christ has loved you. It is genuinely Christlike to love an enemy or someone who is annoying or gets on your nerves. Afterward, write down what you learned and what it revealed to you about Christ. Use this example as a testimony for others.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Putting Fear in its Place

Sunday, December 25 Submission to God in Place of Fear
(Luke 1:26-38)

ONLINE ONLY

Sunday, January 1 Courage in Place of Fear
(Matthew 14:22-33)

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Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship &
Communion

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

6:30 PM Online Worship

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Communion Sunday

Prepare your
hearts this
morning for
communion.



Service Attendance

Sunday, December 11

Indoor: 49

Online: 131



Wednesday, December 14

Online Reach: 34

Youth: 11

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

December Offering

To Date: \$8,908.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Mike Helms

Nan Helms

Christine Hinson & Family

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!

