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CONCLAVE
YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE
23-25 JANUARY 2025 | CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

JOIN US FOR OUR
Community Church Gathering
29 DECEMBER 2024 | 6PM
UNION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

In the event of snow and ice the Baptist Center will be closed for the day.

Sanford Baptist Church
Presents
"The Drive-Thru Christmas Story"
December 14th and 15th from 5pm-7pm
2283 County Rd 50 Riceville, TN 37370
"We will be accepting donations for our upcoming youth trip"



Links

Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30—1:30 pm

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December

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We are now taking used literature again.

December 1-8—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 24-25—Christmas Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

December 31—New Year's Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

January

January 31-1 New Year's Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

January 6—Pastor, Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*

January 11- Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 14-Pack & Sort 9:30, *Baptist Center*

January 15- Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*

January 19 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 23-25—Youth Ministry Conclave, *Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga*

Pope Avenue
December 1st- Hanging of the greens
December 15th- Christmas around the tree

The **Week of Prayer for International Missions** is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.

We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, December 1-8th

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.

The 2024 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is **\$185 million.**

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From Brother Mike. . .

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

It is Lottie Moon time! The Week of Prayer for International Missions is upon us. Sadly, I am afraid there are a number of people who are sitting in our pews that do not know who Lottie Moon is.

Lottie Moon was a missionary to China for 1873 to 1912. She was a prolific letter writer who shared the story of the situation she found in trying to minister to the lost in China. She asked churches to pray and give so that more missionaries would be able to reach into the dark world. Lottie died on the way back to the United States, in part because she had given much of her food to the Chinese people around her. The Mission Board later named their annual offering after Lottie.

I encourage every church to give something to the Lottie Moon offering. Because the Cooperative Program provides for the overhead needed in operating the International Mission Board, every penny given to the Lottie Moon Offering will be put to work on the field to support and aid our missionaries and the work they are engaged in around the world. As of the end of October, churches who give to Lottie Moon and/or the Cooperative Program are supporting 3,602 missionaries around the world. For 2022 this resulted in 102,417 baptisms. Let us faithfully give and pray for the advance of the Gospel around the world.

Also, don't forget to share the Christmas message with those in our own community. There are many living around us who do not

know the real meaning of Christmas. Let's let everyone know that a Savior came into the world to die for them.

Merry Christmas,

**Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:
Athens 1st, East Niota, Goodhope, Lakeside, New Bethel, North Etowah, West End.**

December Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 01 ... *Karrie Sweet* Association Staff
- 12 ... *Jordan Metzger* First Baptist Decatur
- 14 ... *Stefanie Lones* Rogers Creek
- 17 ... *Bo Dunkle* Clearwater
- 18 ... *Vicki Vest* Wildwood
- 23 ... *Annie Elkins* Rocky Mount
- 28 ... *April Shaver* Bethsadia

Anniversaries

- 14 .. *Toby & Johnna Brogden* First Baptist Calhoun
- 18 .. *Donnie & Pam Dalton* Mount Verd
- 21 .. *Larry & Libby Johnson* Cottonport
- 23 *Victor & Tina Abernathy* Pisgah
- 23 *Gun Fine & Jenna Fine* Valley Road

Church/Association Anniversaries

Prayer for Revival

Every Monday at the Baptist Center
9:30 AM ♦ Everyone welcome!

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

We will not meet during the month of December—our next meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm.

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	196.07	196.07	Good Hope	150.00	300.00	Pond Hill	0.00	200.00
Athens First	2,400.00	2,400.00	Goodsprings	448.02	666.24	Pope Avenue	267.20	606.80
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	0.00	0.00	Riceville, First	98.34	205.64
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	250.00	250.00	Idlewild	0.00	100.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	150.00
Calhoun First	200.00	400.00	Lakeside	98.70	211.80	Rogers Creek	80.00	224.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	100.00	Lakeview	330.00	735.15	Sanford	0.00	0.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	50.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	400.00
Central	958.01	1,458.10	Marshall Hill	300.00	400.00	Short Creek	1,100.96	1,430.46
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	McMahan Calvary	82.12	197.80	South Liberty	400.00	400.00
Clear Springs	388.70	1,094.74	Mnt. Harmony, N	853.00	1,983.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	300.00	600.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	106.33	106.33	Ten Mile	181.51	323.27
Coghill	50.00	100.00	Mount Pisgah	530.99	790.52	Union Grove, D	0.00	92.00
Cottonport	299.72	299.72	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Union Hill	527.00	893.00
Decatur First	699.80	1,568.18	Mountianside	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	0.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	220.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Vally View	0.00	0.00
Double Springs	50.00	100.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	776.85	2,197.05
Eastanallee	100.00	200.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	West End	155.50	611.73
East Athens	800.99	800.99	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	93.08	221.76
East Niota	201.00	402.00	North Etowah	200.00	400.00	Wildwood	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	180.68	408.88	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
Englewood First	965.35	1,930.70	Old Salem	447.78	983.12			
Etowah First	0.00	125.00	Pisgah	781.20	1,636.89			
						Total Receipts	16,433.90	29,290.94

All donations after November 25th will go into January's newsletter.

Church News

- **North Etowah** December 9 from 5-8 there will be a live nativity. December 20th at 6 PM Christmas Party Grades 6-12.
- **West End** Hanging of the Greens December 1st at 6PM everyone is welcome.
- **Old Salem** Drive Thru Christmas Program December 7 & 8 6PM-8PM. Please come out and see us.
- **Sanford** Breakfast with Santa/ Happy Birthday Jesus December 7th at 9AM. Feel free to bring your young one to enjoy this.

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.