

Philadelphia Baptist Church 5709 Philadelphia Church Road

Marshville, NC 28103

2021



December 5th: Ingathering for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering **November 28th – December 5th:** Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

Hey kids and adults...can you find 4 little 🌲 inside the newsletter? Have a Merry Christmas!

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December 5th: Whitney Beard, Lexi Jenkins

December 12th: Sheri Bradshaw & Ava Strawn, Kelsi Brock

December 26th: Jill Aldridge & Mindy Jenkins, Lindsey Jenkins December 19th: Kelly Gouch & Skyla Anderson, Lindsey Jenkins

January 2nd: Luisa Price & Jana Turner, Alyssa Brock

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The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Last Christmas was not a time for celebration in my family. I was recovering from a three-week battle with Covid. After fighting her own battle with this disease, my wife got out of the hospital on Christmas Eve. My daughter went into the hospital that same day and went home with Jesus rather than coming home to me. Our church was completely shut down because we had at least 18 people who were sick. There was no children's program, no choir cantata, no church fellowship, no Christmas carols, and no laughter of children in the sanctuary. There just was not too much to celebrate.

That is why I am so excited about this Christmas. As I write this, I have just returned from the Marshville Christmas parade. (PBC had the best float, by the way.) In just a few hours, our church family will gather around the Thanksgiving table. Our choir has been working on some special Christmas music for the coming weeks. We are planning to do our outdoor live nativity scenes this year. And there is joy and laughter in the sanctuary again.

The Old Testament prophet in speaking about the coming Messiah said, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call HIS name Immanuel.'" The word "Immanuel" means: "God is with us."

The truth is, that the one constant between last Christmas and this Christmas is the fact that "God was with us." He has promised that He "will never leave us. He will never forsake us." (Hebrews 13:5). He loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son to save us. And nothing can separate us from His love. Paul said, "I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, not things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created things, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38 – 39) I would add, "neither Covid, nor riots, nor hospitalizations, nor anything other thing that is going on right now will be able to separate us from HIS love."

So, whether Christmas contains the normal activities or not, whether you have empty places at your Christmas table as I will this year, even if you still feel it is not wise for you to participate in Christmas activities at all, God is with us. God loves us. He sent His son to save us. So, we will celebrate.

May our Father bless you and your family. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.





Backpack Buddy Items Needed:
Pop Tarts, Individual Cereal, Grits.
Please drop off in the vestibule or outside
the secretary's office. Thank you!





Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store 2021

DATE: Saturday, December 11th **TIME**: 8:00 AM

If you would like to donate a toy(s), please drop off in the church vestibule with a tag on it with the price. Parents can purchase the toys for 10 cents per dollar value. If the parents cannot afford to pay, they get a "Shop Free" card. Money received goes towards buying more toys. Please turn in all toys by Sunday, December 5th. Volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts on December 11th and at times during the week prior to the event to assist with setup. They also need counselors on the day of the event.

7 Ways to Teach Your Children to Give Cheerfully

- 1. Model a thankful heart. Express aloud your thankfulness for God's provision of your family's daily needs.
- 2. Explain what the Bible teaches about tithing, and show children how they can figure their own tithe. Let them see you tithing cheerfully.
- 3. Explain that we are the managers, not the owners, of all the resources God has placed in our care. Model good stewardship for them as your family decides how to spend money.
- 4. Explain how money is used when it is given to the church. If you have older children and teens, discuss the church budget with them.
- 5. Introduce your children to the ministry personnel of your church and to missionaries who visit in your church and discuss how tithes help them do God's work.
- 6. Participate in ministry and missions opportunities as a family so your children can see their tithes at work.
- 7. When God provides for your family in unexpected ways in times of crisis, call attention to His faithfulness by having a special time of prayer and thanksgiving.

Ladies' Bible Study

DATE: Monday, December 6th **TIME:** 7:00 PM **PLACE:** Church

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, December 21st **TIME:** 9:00 AM **PLACE:** Beth's

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Please contact Sheri at the church office to update Birthday List. Thank you.

January

Maggie Altman	January 1
David Autry	January 1
Jeffrey Hunter	January 1
Todd Nash	January 1
Corinne Rushing	January 1
Ona Ruth Smith	January 1
Olivia Davis	January 3
Hannah Turner	January 3
Whitney Beard	January 4
Brittany Ciucevich	January 6
Eddie Wallace	January 6
Brian Benton	January 7
Mark Hinson	January 7
Brent Vaughn	January 7



7th BBQ, Bake & Chili Cookoff

Saturday, January 29, 2022



Senior Adult (65 & Older) Christmas Party and Fellowship

PLACE: Mayfair Seafood Restaurant, Monroe

DATE: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 TIME: 11:30 AM

Senior Adults (65 years and older) are invited.

This is our Christmas Party...I hope to see you there. Bonnie Oster

Mission Friends December Schedule									
Date	Lesson	Snack	Date	Lesson	Snack				
12/1	Lisa (FLC)	Lisa	12/15	Morgan/Lisa	Luisa				
12/8	Vanna/Lisa	Morgan	*12/22 Happy Birthday Jesus Party						
*Everyone invited. I'll contact everyone soon about bringing Christmas goodies.									

2021 Christmas Card Delivery

WMU Ladies will "deliver" your Christmas Cards for you.

- 1. Send cards to *active church members/church friends only. (*This is so all your cards will be picked up here at the church since we do not mail them out by US Mail.)
- 2. Donate your "stamp money" to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help send missionaries all around the world. (If you write a check, please note on check "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" or if cash, please have in envelope with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering written on it.
- 3. Turn cards in no later than Sunday, December 5, 2021.
- 4. Please put your cards in alphabetical order.
- 5. We will have cards ready for pick up on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Thank you for supporting Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our church goal is \$5,000.00.



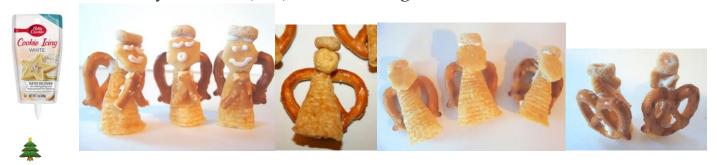
PAINTING WITH THE LADIES!

DATE: Sunday, December 5th **TIME:** 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM **PLACE:** Family Life Center

\$20.00 per lady (pay when you arrive to paint).

Angel Snack

Fun to make with your child(ren) while talking to them about the birth of Jesus.



Making Your Angel Snack:

Bugles– 1 for body/dress; **Oyster Cracker**– for head or a round Kix cereal piece **Pretzel**– for wings; **Cheerio**– for halo

Cookie Icing (Example below)—to "glue" together and make faces

Dear Friends, Awana

We invite your church to join Awana for a journey through Advent in our FREE family devotional series, "The Promise of a Savior." Our desire is to equip the parents, grandparents, and guardians in your church to lead intentional time and conversation with their families around the promise of our savior, Jesus Christ. In this resource, you'll find weekly family discussion guides, printable activity sheets, and more.

Families can sign up for this resource at www.awana.org/advent or by scanning the QR code included in this folder. Feel free to use the included wideo and promotional items to tell others about this resource. Once families sign up, they will immediately receive the first week's lesson. They will then receive an email each Friday (for a total of 5 weeks), with the resources they'll need for the week to lead their family as they celebrate the Advent of Jesus Christ together!

Here are just a few of the features in the Advent devotional:

Parent Prep: This is a short video to help parents and guardians prepare to have a time of intentional discipleship with their children. Each video is less than two minutes long and will provide background on each week's lesson.

Family Discussion: This guide will lead families through Scripture passages as they consider Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Families will find suggestions for prayer, Scripture to memorize, and questions from the story to consider.

Family Fun Guide: This section will reinforce each week's theme with extra opportunities for FUN! Families can use the optional activities in the family fun guide to intentionally draw their children into this season of watching and waiting for the coming of Christ! They will find coloring pages, printable flashcards, a music playlist, and more for kids of all ages to dig into the theme each week.

We are here walking this journey alongside you; please reach out to advent@awana.org with any questions. Blessings! Kathy Brock, Carolinas Missionary, Awana 843-672-8408



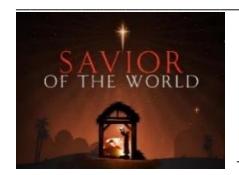
THANK YOU

We collected 85 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!
Thank you to all that participated!
Your gift made the difference in the life of a child!



Children's Christmas Choir

All children are invited to sing for three Sundays starting December 5th, 12th & 19th. We will practice at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary each Sunday beginning today. See Kay Haigler if you have any questions. Thank you.



DISCOVERING THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Live Nativity

DATE: Saturday, December 18th

TIME: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	1	WEDNESDAY	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
December 2021			1 6:00 PM: Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook; 7:00 PM: WMU, Mission Friends, RA's, Youth, 8:00 PM: Choir Practice		Dea- cons' Meeting 7 PM	3	4
5 Christmas Cards due. Toy Store items due. Lottie Moon Offering Ingathering 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship; 2:00-4:30 PM: Painting with the ladies. 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth 6:00 PM Nativity Practice	6 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM	7 11:30 AM Senior Adult (65+) Christmas Party and Fellowship at Mayfair Seafood Rest. In Monroe	8 WMU Separated Cards 7:00 PM: Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook 8:00 PM: Choir Practice		9	10 FLC: Clay	11 FLC: Clay Donna Pittman Toy Store at UBA
12 PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship; Church Conference 4:30 – until Nativity practice; NO AWANA CLUB 5:00 PM: Youth	13	14	7:00 PM: Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook 8:00 PM: Choir Practice		16	17 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 5:00 PM	Live Nativity 5-9PM
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