



Philadelphia Baptist Church

5709 Philadelphia Church Road
Marshville, NC 28103

2022

Children's Church

December 4th: Doug & Skyla Anderson
December 11th: Michelle Query & Jenny Taylor
December 18th: No Children's Church
December 25th: No Children's Church
January 1st: Sherree Jenkins & Whitney Beard

MISSION FRIENDS

December 7th: In FLC Lesson-Lisa & Vanna; Snack-Lisa
December 14th: Michelle Query & Lisa Stutts; Snack: Luisa
December 21st: Happy Birthday Party for Jesus Lisa & Vanna
December 28th: Chad & Lisa; Snack: Sara

NURSERY WORKERS

December 4th: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge, Kelsi & Alyssa
December 11th: Luisa Price & Lisa Stutts
December 18th: No Nursery (Cantata)
December 25th: No Nursery - Merry Christmas!
January 1st: Ava & Kyle Strawn, Lindsey Jenkins

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The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Merry Christmas! I can't wait to celebrate this season with you. Our choir has been working diligently on music that will stir our souls. Our children have been working on a Christmas play that will not only be entertaining but will draw our attention to the true meaning of

Christmas. You have been generous with your giving to Operation Christmas Child, to the Lottie Moon Offering, and to the Donna Pittman Toy Store. And while you may never meet the people who benefit from your generosity, it is my hope that the joy of giving will fill your heart with joy.

Speaking of filling our hearts, I plan to use our Sunday morning time to talk about the "Heart of Christmas." What is Christmas really all about? Each year, the culture focuses on gifts under the tree, meals around the table, family spending time together and hopes of winter weather. These all certainly play a part in the most wonderful time of year, but there is something else that is at the heart of the Christmas season. The Bible tells us that the real reason to celebrate is the saving grace offered to us through the birth, life and death of God's son, Jesus. Hope is at the heart of Christmas. The prophet Isaiah writes one of the most classic of all Old Testament prophecies about the coming birth of Christ. The passage that he writes is born out of gloom and darkness. The world had felt the full weight of sin and it had wreaked havoc on all of creation. What Isaiah offered in chapter 9 was something the Jewish people needed more than anything. Hope. Hope that one day someone would come to make all things right and restore what had been broken. The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of that hope, and it offers us hope in our lives today.

We find peace in the heart of Christmas. The announcement of Jesus' birth was delivered to shepherds, who lived on the fringe of society. If a King were born to the world, you would expect that these shepherds would be the last ones to know about it. Yet the heavenly angels tell these men that peace was coming to the earth for those on whom God's favor rested. God's favor was on even these shepherds. They were being offered peace. And if it would be given to them, then we can rest assured it is offered to us as well. Now that is good news for a world that is in turmoil. The heart of Christmas is love. At just the right time, Jesus came into the world. He came to free us from the crushing weight of the law. We could never be good enough to earn salvation, so Jesus lived a perfect life on our behalf. Why? Because of love. God wanted us to be a part of His family. Out of love He adopted us through the work of Christ. We are now the sons and daughters of God. Jesus is our brother, and we can rest in the love of the Father.

May our Father bless you this Christmas season. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

Happy Birthday!



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| Travis Cox | December 1 |
| Belinda Goodman | December 1 |
| Wyatt Helms | December 1 |
| Cameron Knight | December 1 |
| Timothy Pressley | December 1 |
| Skylar Clay | December 2 |
| Jack Ellison | December 2 |
| Case Gouch | December 2 |
| Shirley Rorie | December 4 |
| Sherry Severt | December 4 |
| Jake Taylor | December 5 |
| Phillip Bowers | December 6 |
| Darrell Jenkins | December 6 |
| Kevin Ciucevich | December 7 |
| Veronica Freytag | December 7 |
| Bryar Gouch | December 7 |
| Sandra Davis | December 10 |
| Hannah Freytag | December 10 |
| Jan Howell | December 11 |
| Lisa McClain | December 11 |
| Nancy Glidewell | December 13 |
| Lori Lee | December 13 |
| Linda Day | December 14 |
| Leejon Tadlock | December 15 |
| Avery Gouch | December 16 |
| Mindy Jenkins | December 16 |
| Matt Tucker | December 16 |
| Carla Bowers | December 17 |
| Leah Clay | December 17 |
| Kelsi Brock | December 18 |
| Logan Helms | December 18 |
| Tiffany Estelle | December 19 |
| Nicky Lee | December 19 |
| Cookie Helms | December 20 |
| Katie Jo Lee | December 20 |
| Fred Porter | December 21 |
| Mary Katherine Atkinson | December 22 |
| Chris Davis | December 22 |
| Deneice Hendrick | December 22 |
| Jerry Medlin | December 23 |
| Sherry Arant | December 24 |
| Drew Bowers | December 26 |
| Amy Duke | December 26 |
| Erin Felt | December 27 |
| Jaleigh Sinclair | December 27 |
| Billy Hendrick | December 28 |
| Ayda Turner | December 30 |
| Sarah Bailey | December 31 |
| Dawn Woodward | December 31 |

January 1-7 Birthdays

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| Maggie Altman | January 1 |
| David Autry | January 1 |
| Ava Glidewell | January 1 |
| Jeffrey Hunter | January 1 |
| Todd Nash | January 1 |
| Ona Ruth Smith | January 1 |
| Olivia Gathings | 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 |

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

Girlfriends in Christ

Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM
at Pastor Carol & Sherrie's house.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, December 20th
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

Donna Pittman Toy Store

Saturday, December 10 at the UBA

If you would like to volunteer at the toy store, please contact Teresa Polk at 704-634-0530. Also, we have a box in the vestibule if you would like to donate toys. Please turn in by Sunday, December 4th. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

FOOD ITEM THIS MONTH:

Laundry Detergent

LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER December 4-11, 2022

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 4-11, 2022.

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.



75 PLUS Meeting

I'm thankful for everyone that made a special effort to attend our meeting. Twenty-one attended. Two of our oldest church members were able to attend (Ruth Smith and George Davis). We have so many members working to make this a real success.

If you are 75 Plus, we want to invite you to join us on December 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bonnie Oster

CLOTHES CLOSET

We still need boy clothes sizes 8 and under.



FOR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please alphabetically sort your cards, rubber band together and drop off in the vestibule. Please put your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on the top of your card stack. All cards are due on Sunday, December 4th. Cards will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11th. Thank you.

We need volunteers (Ladies' Prayer Group, Girlfriends in Christ, Sunday School Classes) to come out to the Family Life Center on Monday, December 5th at 10:00 AM to help sort cards. Thank you!



Congratulations to
David & Patsy Ann Autry
on celebrating their 52nd Wedding
Anniversary.



Christmas Play

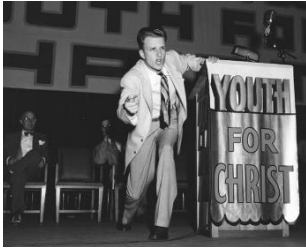
Sunday Night, December 18th at 6:00 PM

Please join us in the Family Life Center
for our Christmas Social.

We are asking everyone to please bring
finger foods. Thank you.

| SUNDAY | MON-DAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRI DAY | SATURDAY |
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| December | | | | 1 Men's Dinner Mayfair at 6:30 PM | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Christmas Cards Due Lottie Moon Week of Prayer 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:00 PM: Christmas Play Practice 5:00 – 7:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth | 5 Volunteers separate and "deliver" Christmas Cards | 6 | 7 6:00 PM: Christmas Play Practice 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 8 Golden Age Day Trip to Billy Graham Library & Cracker Barrel | 9 FLC: MKA | 10 FLC: MKA Donna Pittman Tory Store at UBA |
| 11 Lottie Moon Ingathering CHURCH CONFERENCE 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:00 PM: Christmas Play Practice 5:00 – 7:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth | 12 | 13 75 Plus meeting in FLC 11:00 AM | 14 6:00 PM: Christmas Play Practice 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 15 | 16 6:00 PM: Christmas Play Practice | 17 FLC: Church |
| 18 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship/Cantata 6:00 PM: Christmas Play & Churchwide Social afterwards. | 19 | 20 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 9 AM at Beth's Restaurant | 21 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM |
| 25 Happy Birthday Jesus! No Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship Merry Christmas! | 26 Young Adult II SS Class—Community Shelter Meal | 27 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM | 28 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Our AWANA club will meet from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on December 4th and December 11th This will allow the children extra time for play practice and preparation for the Christmas Play on December 18th.



Golden Age Group 50 years and older
Christmas Celebration at
The Billy Graham Library & Meal at the Cracker Barrel
“The Journey of Faith”

Retrace Billy Graham’s life through stunning multimedia presentations, interactive kiosks, photos & memorabilia. Take *The Journey of Faith* tour and discover what your heavenly Father can do through any life that is fully surrendered to Him.

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022 **TIME:** Leave from church at 9:30 AM & ride together.

Tony will be our driver. We hope to be returning by 4:00 PM.

Please eat a big breakfast. We will enjoy a late lunch/early supper at Cracker Barrel.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your partnership in our ministry, building resilient disciples. Thank you for the value that you have placed on child discipleship. It is encouraging to hear from churches that are seeing significant growth in the number of children attending the Awana club this year.

Darren Hill, the Awana Ministry Director at Freedom Baptist Church, told me about two children from his Awana Club who were at the church during Vacation Bible School preparation. Brayden, a 12-year-old, talked to Cloe, an 8-year-old, about Jesus. Cloe decided to trust Jesus as her Lord and Savior during the conversation. It is so exciting to see the Holy Spirit working in the lives of these children. I’m thankful that Brayden could show Cloe what to do because of what he learned in Awana. I praise God for this child that has received eternal life.

At Balfour Baptist church, I talked about the Bible with the girls in the Trek Club. Each spoke about how they incorporated reading the Bible into their daily lives. A couple of girls found instructions to read the Bible for 30 minutes on their daily chore list. Some of them read at night before they went to bed. We talked about how difficult it is to understand portions of the Bible sometimes. We also talked about how God illuminates a passage so that the more we read the Bible, the more we know and understand.

It is so exciting to hear how God is moving through the Ministry of Awana. ! I love sharing this with you, as you are essential to this ministry. Your prayer and financial gifts make this all possible.

Thank you!

In His service,

Kathy & Sandy Brock

Awana Carolinas

Dear Philadelphia Baptist,
Thank you once again for all you do to reach kids with the gospel of Christ. I appreciate your partnership. It is so exciting to share with you each month what I see God doing through the ministry of Awana. Attached is the current Newsletter. I have also attached the November Awana Calendar. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
May God Bless You and your Family! Kathy Brock



Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

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“Today in the town of David a _____
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:11, NIV