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**Our Live Nativity is December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Please make plans to come and join us  
celebrating the birth of our Savior.**

### **Baptism Sunday - December 7<sup>th</sup>**

We will also plan for baptism on the first Sunday of every month for anyone who wants to be baptized. Please contact Pastor Bo.

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## **Joyous Greetings Philadelphia,**

As we celebrate together the miracle of Christmas, we are reminded of the true reason for the season, the wonderful birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This Christmas let us reflect on the words of John 1:9: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."

### **A GIFT FOR YOU**

I must take a moment and praise you, Philadelphia. Each Sunday we join together in one musical accord with corporate worship. It brings such warmth and encouragement to my soul to hear the zeal you have for Christ through your singing! Your worship encourages me and lifts me to sing all the more. You are a light for Christ to those around you when you worship in spirit and in truth.

As a special gift to you all this Christmas season, I would like to introduce you to the Worship Initiative. The Worship Initiative is founded by Christian Artists, Shane and Shane. They aim to equip the church body of believers with theologically sound music. They train the believer to worship through song each day. I personally have enjoyed their devotions that come through on my phone each morning. It is a great way to start each day. I just simply click on the text that arrives to my phone and I enjoy 10-15 minutes of deep devotion and worship. To access this worship treasure, simply go to <https://devo.theworshipinitiative.com> to sign up.

### **24 DAYS OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

Christmas is intended to focus on Christ. While there are many other festivities to enjoy it can be easy to become distracted with the hustle and bustle of the season and forget the true reason we celebrate Christmas. To prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth, I would like to ask for each family and individual in our congregation to read the book of Luke beginning December 1st. Please make it a spiritual discipline in your home to read one chapter a day for 24 days. By December 24 you will have completed the Gospel of Luke by Christmas Eve.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and may Christ fill your homes with the light of His WORD. I hope you tune into the Worship Initiative in the NEW YEAR and reflect on the beautiful scriptures in the book of Luke. For God brings us the good news of great joy! Luke 2:10-11.

May the glory of our Savior's birth fill your heart with peace and love this Christmas! *Pastor Bo*



Our items to collect are Pop Tarts, individual packs of grits, oatmeal and individual boxes of cereal.

Thank you for helping with this mission project!

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### **A Note from Jenks**

I must admit, I put our Christmas tree up the first week of November. I tried to hold off until Thanksgiving week, but I realized I had a little free time during that week than later on. Okay, Mindy decided for me that I had more time.(Ha)

Lexi was off at college. Mindy and Lindsey were at a cheer competition. So, I started the process of bringing everything down from upstairs. As I was bringing everything downstairs, I did have some help from our Shih Tzu (Sunny). He wanted nothing more than to be right there with me every step of the way, up and down, back and forth, side to side. He was always there. As I was finishing up, I came across a card we had received many years earlier that was attached to one of the boxes. I took the card, placed in back inside one of the boxes and sat down on the couch to relax for a bit. Sunny must have had the same thought because he jumped up and sat right down next to me. It got me thinking about the gifts we give each other and the process we take in deciding what gift, how much to spend, at what point do we decide on who and when we give gifts. Am I alone in thinking about that? Think about it. What is our thought process when we receive a gift from someone? Especially if the gift was unexpected and is given days before Christmas. Now what? If you are like me, and let's be honest with each other, we feel we need to give a gift of equal or more value in return, right? Isn't that our initial thought? I mean besides the "uh oh, I didn't get them anything." Sometimes this just adds to the stress we cause ourselves during the Christmas season. As Sunny and I were sitting there, another thought came to mind. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE BEST GIFT EVER---- JESUS. How can we ever respond to that? There is no way we can ever give a gift more valuable than that, right? Well, I believe there is. Here are a few ways Sunny and I came up with....

\*\*\*\*We Can give GOD our ATTITUDES. Yes, Attitudes. Our SS class is in the middle of a Bible study on the book of Philippians. Chapter 2 has a lot to say about (Continued)

## **A Note from Jenks, continued**

Christmas even though it doesn't mention Christmas not once. But it does say a lot about our attitudes toward each other. We are to have that Christlike concern for all people. This is one of the reasons Jesus came .

\*\*\*We can also give God our THOUGHTS. Multiple scriptures allude to the importance of Prayer. Regularly spending time talking not only to him but with him. Take the time to LISTEN to what he says.

\*\*\* We can also give Him OUR TALENTS. We all have a spiritual gift. Let's commit to using our gifts more and more together to bring Him honor and glory.

\*\*\* We can give Him our SINS. What better time to lay down our sins and ask forgiveness for those. If you are reading this and you don't have that personal relationship with him. I can think of no better time than now. After all he died for them.

What better thing to GIVE GOD other than YOURSELF. Admit it, if you have kids or grandkids or even nephews and nieces, it is a sight to see kids opening their gifts. Imagine how perfect and pleasing it would be for JESUS to see you as a gift back to him.

I heard it put like this some time ago. "We put our gifts under the tree, but God put His ON the tree!"

I tell the Youth all the time if you don't know an answer to a question, respond with Jesus. You can never go wrong. May we continue to bring him honor and glory in everything we say and do. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas. And remember Jesus is the reason for the season. JENKS

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## **Men's Supper**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> **TIME:** 6:00 p.m. **PLACE:** Jud's Restaurant

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## **2026 Caswell Ladies' Retreat**

Theme: Girl! Shut Your Mouth and Open It

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Cost: \$170.00 and is due by December 1<sup>st</sup>**

See more information on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School Office or contact Sheri Bradshaw or Luisa Price.

## **75 Plus December 2025**

Our meeting in November was really great. We were invited to Joyce Ashcraft's birthday party. Everyone was excited and happy to visit with her and her family. We had delicious food and great people. We had twenty from our group. We were blessed with a great meal and visited with a great family. Thanks again for the invitation.

Have a great Thanksgiving and we will see you again for our December meeting. Looking forward to seeing lights, presents, Christmas trees but most of all to celebrate the true Christmas when Jesus was born to save us for now and forever.

We will have a regular meeting on December 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in our Life Center. See you then, Bonnie Oster

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### **Sweet Treats for the Live Nativity**

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we'd love to share the warmth of homemade goodies with our friends and neighbors. Please plan to bring your favorite cakes, cookies, or breads to the church Nativity Celebration to share with others. Your delicious treats and loving spirit will help make this a truly joyful evening of fellowship! We will need treats for both nights, December 13<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Roger & Kristi Cox

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### **December AWANA NEWS**

**7<sup>th</sup>:** Reindeer Games/Antler Night; **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>:** No AWANA (Live Nativity)  
**21<sup>st</sup> :** No AWANA -CHRISTmas Break; **28<sup>th</sup>:** AWANA



Thank you so much for being a part of raising up the next generation of resilient disciples! Kathy Brock

(See Fall 2025 Newsletter on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School Office.)  
Youth Winter Retreat

## **YOUTH**

### **The Edge - Student & Leaders Conference**

Jan 17-19 at Ridgecrest Conference Center

Cost \$150. See Jenks for Details. 18 spots available

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### **Live Nativity & Parade Information**

12/6 - Pageland Parade (night parade) More details to come. Please let Lauren Davis know if you can attend.

For both parades we need adults who can walk and pass out flyers advertising the live nativity

Live Nativity Practices - 12/3 - 6:15; 12/7 - 4:00; 12/10 - 6:15; 12/12 - 6:00 - until (dress rehearsal)

Donations needed for live nativity: Drop cords, spotlights, wireless Bluetooth speakers (at least 7), sand for luminaries.

We will be selling luminaries to be displayed at the live nativity. Luminaries can be purchased in memory or in honor of family and friends. Funds collected will help offset cost of the live nativity and any additional funds will be donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Order forms for luminaries will be available in the vestibule with envelopes. Please place order form in envelope and payment in the offering box at the back of the church. Please have all order forms and payment submitted by Sunday, December 7.

Thank you, Lauren Davis

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### **Ladies' Prayer Breakfast**

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Beth's Restaurant, Pageland, SC



## **SINCE 1918 - What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®?**

In 1873, Lottie Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. She spent nearly 40 years sharing the gospel with love, courage, and unwavering faith.

Her letters home inspired churches to pray and give, leading to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Today, this offering supports missionaries and helps take the life-transforming message of Jesus to the nations.

Let's honor her legacy by praying and giving so others can hear the hope of the gospel.

### **Lottie Moon Week of Prayer:**

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Ingathering:** Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

We will receive the Lottie Moon Offering throughout the month of December.

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### **Mission Friends**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** In FLC with Mrs. Lisa

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Ornament Making Night with Lisa & Karoline; Snack: Ava

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Happy Birthday Jesus Party/Cookie Decorating Lisa & Michelle;  
Snacks-I will be reaching out to all helpers.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** No Mission Friends Class-Merry Christmas!

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** No Mission Friends Class-Happy New Year's Eve

### **Children's Church**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Lauren & Chris Davis; **December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Luisa & Aurianna Price

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** No Class; **December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Jill Aldridge & Kelsi Brock

### **Nursery**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Jana Turner & Kelsi Brock; **December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Leigha & Jake Rollins

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** No Nursery; **December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Kristy Hagler & Alyssa Brock

### **Truth Seekers**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> & December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Students should bring their notes to class the following Sunday.



### **Happy Birthday!**

1-Travis Cox, Belinda Goodman, Wyatt Helms, Cameron Knight, Timothy Pressley  
2-Skylar Clay, Jack Ellison, Case Gouch  
4-Shirley Rorie, Sherry Severt  
5-Jake Taylor  
6-Phillip Bowers, Darrell Jenkins  
7-Veronica Freytag, Bryar Gouch, Amelia Moore  
8-Brian Moore  
10-Sandra Davis, Hannah Freytag Hinson  
11-Jan Howell, Lisa McClain, Keisha Walters  
13-Nancy Glidewell, Lori Lee, Rebeka Weaver, Dale Weaver  
14-Taylor Courtney, Linda Day  
15-Leejon Tadlock  
16-Avery Gouch, Mindy Jenkins, Matt Tucker  
17-Carla Bowers, Leah Clay  
18-Kelsi Brock  
19-Tiffany Estelle, Nicky Lee  
20-Cookie Helms, Katie Jo Preslar  
21-Fred Porter  
22-Chris Davis, Deneice Hendrick, Mary Katherine Tarlton  
24-Sherry Arant  
26-Drew Bowers, Amy Duke  
27-Erin Felt  
28-Billy Hendrick  
30-Ayda Guadarrama, Mason Langston  
31-Dawn Woodward

### **January First Week**

1-Maggie Altman, David Autry, Ava Glidewell, Jeffrey Hunter, Todd Nash, Ona Ruth Smith  
3-Olivia Gathings, Hannah Turner, Katie Weaver  
4-Whitney Beard  
6-Coleston Langston, Eddie Wallace  
7-Brent Vaughn

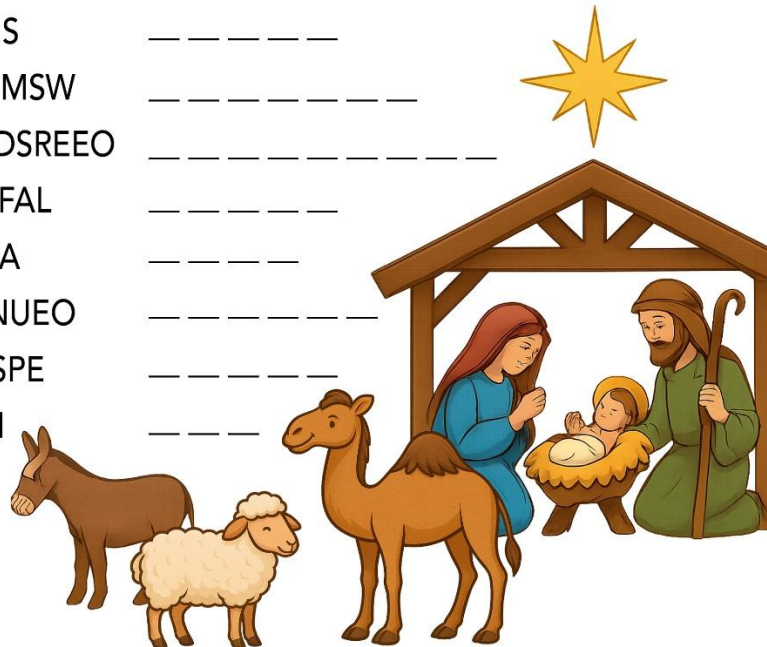


# Puzzle!

## The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) NEAGLO \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) NRMEDAG \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) ODEKSNY \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) AMGYR \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) OHESJIP \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) EFJSUS \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) ITEENMSW \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) SPHHDSREEO \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) EMCFAL \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) TLSRA \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) CSSNUEO \_\_\_\_\_
- (13) HEVSPE \_\_\_\_\_
- (14) ENIN \_\_\_\_\_



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

# December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<sup>1</sup> Ladies' Retreat Final Payment Due	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> <b>6:15 p.m.</b> Live Nativity Practice <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Classes/Service <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice	<sup>4</sup> Men's Supper at Jud's Restaurant 6:00 p.m.	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Pageland Parade
<sup>7</sup> <b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Ingathering</b>  <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Baptism/Worship <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Live Nativity Practice <b>4:30 p.m.</b> AWANA Reindeer Games/Antler Night <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Youth	<sup>8</sup>	<sup>9</sup> <b>75 Plus</b> Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the FLC	<sup>10</sup> <b>6:15 p.m.</b> Live Nativity Practice  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Classes/Service <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup> Live Nativity Practice Dress Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. – until	<sup>13</sup> Live Nativity 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  Sweet Treats in the FLC
<sup>14</sup> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship/Church Conference <b>5:00 – 8:00 p.m.</b> Live Nativity Sweet Treats in FLC	<sup>15</sup>	<sup>16</sup> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant	<sup>17</sup> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Classes/Service <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>

## December 2025, continued

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>No AWANA-            CHRISTmas            Break</b>			No Classes or Service	<i>Merry Christmas</i>		
28	29	30	31			
<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship <b>4:30 p.m.</b> AWANA <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Youth			No Classes or Service			

### Wednesday Night Classes 7:00 p.m.

Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ, Adult Bible Study

## Lottie Moon Cookie Recipe

The people in China were suspicious of missionary Lottie Moon. Lottie turned to a favorite Christmas activity to build relationships with her new neighbors — baking cookies. Children flocked around her to try the sweet treats. Soon, mothers within the community invited Lottie into their homes where she told them about Jesus.

### AS MADE BY LOTTIE MOON

#### Plain Tea Cake

3 teacups of sugar  
 1 teacup of butter  
 1 teacup of sour milk  
 4 pints of flour  
 3 eggs, well beaten  
 1/2 teaspoon of soda  
 Flavor to taste. Roll thin.  
 Bake in a quick oven.

#### ADAPTED RECIPE FOR TODAY'S COOKS

#### Plain Tea Cake

2 cups of flour  
 1/2 cup butter  
 1 heaping cup of sugar  
 1 well-beaten egg  
 1 tablespoon cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.



# **Golden Age Trip**

**Homeplace Bed & Breakfast**

**Open House and Bethlehem Marketplace Trip**

