

LAYERS OF RELIGION AND THE GLORY OF JESUS MICAH 5:1-5

LAYERS OF RELIGION:

1. Layers of Religion disguise the consequences of our sin. 5:1a
2. Layers of Religion distract from the baby born to suffer for our sins. 5:1b
3. Layers of Religion downplay the humility of the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem. 5:2a
4. Layers of Religion deny the deity of Christ. 5:2b
5. Layers of Religion detract from the Messiah's role as our shepherd. 5:4
6. Layers of Religion distort the real source of peace. 5:5

POINTS OF APPLICATION:

1. Christmas reminds us that our sin problem must be addressed.
2. Christmas reminds us that God came on a rescue mission for you.
3. Christmas reminds us that you need the Good Shepherd to guide you away from the destructive choices and towards constructive choices.
4. Christmas reminds us that peace comes when you are reconciled to God by faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

**ALL SCRIPTURE READINGS ARE TAKEN FROM THE
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD (1995) VERSION OF THE BIBLE.**

*But as for you,
Bethlehem Ephrathah,
too little to be among
the clans of Judah,
from you One will go forth
for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
from the days of eternity.*

Micah 5:2




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE VILLAGES

December 21, 2025

A Special Welcome To Our Guests

We are blessed that you chose to worship with us today! We hope you will feel right at home. If you need assistance or have a question, please ask any of our folks who are wearing a yellow lanyard or visit The Guest Counter just inside the main doors or The Information Counter in the center of the Gathering Hall.

We pray your worship experience today is uplifting and enriching and that you will consider our church family your church family.

Just FYI: Restrooms are located in either corridor leading off The Gathering Hall. **Child Care** is available for infants and preschool age children. Our Worship Center is equipped with a **Hearing Induction Loop**. If needed, more information is available at the A/V area in the back of the Worship Center. We also have a **Medical Response Team** ready to assist you if needed during the Worship Service.



JOIN US ON

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SERVICES AT 4:00PM & 6:00PM

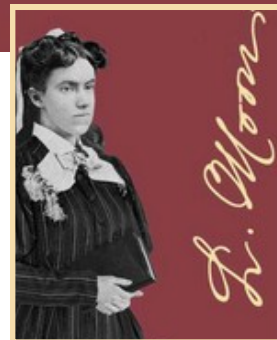


CANDLELIGHT SERVICES TO CELEBRATE
JESUS AS "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

Pick up an extra "invite" card at The Information Desk and invite a friend!

Lottie Moon CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your gifts, so far this Christmas, total
\$41,481!



Every year, our Southern Baptist Churches collect an offering to send and support international missionaries. That offering has been named to honor the legacy of Lottie Moon, who spent nearly 40 years sharing the gospel with love, courage and unwavering faith. Every dollar you give to The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to support missionaries who carry the gospel to the ends of

the earth. You may read more about how your gift is used at lottimoon.com.

Your gift to The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** may be given on any of the remaining Sundays in December. **If you give by check**, simply designate the amount on the "memo" line. **If you give cash**, please enclose in an offering envelope (*available at the Information Desk*) and mark as "Lottie Moon" on the outside. **Online givers** will see an option to designate their gift for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



**Quiet Time Diary Daily
Devotional
with Commentary**

There's still time to order your copy and commit to a daily devotional time in 2026.

Cost is \$22. Order at
The Information Desk.

WEDNESDAY
Nights

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
ON DECEMBER 24 AND 31.