

STEWARDSHIP

11/30/25 Giving

Weekly Requirement.....	\$14,892
Weekly Receipts.. ..	\$7,389
Year-to-Date Requirement	\$729,708
Year-to-Date Receipts.....	\$696,410
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal.....	\$10,000
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Receipts	\$1,020

Please remember there are three additional ways to participate in giving.

- Our Church E-Give: you can set up electronic giving through your bank account only **(no credit card)** at www.ctbc.org and follow the E-Give link.
- Mail contributions to the church: 220 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17055
- Drop off your offering at the church during office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

SERMON NOTES



COUNTRY & TOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

LOVING | GROWING | SHARING | SERVING

December 7, 2025

SERMONS



Good News of Great Joy! (Advent 2025)

Proclaiming the good news of God's greatest gift

Good news, everyone! We can live joyously because of the great gift that God gave us: his son, Jesus. Join us as we consider our great need for Christmas and the fulfillment of God's great promise. Together, we'll unwrap the greatest gift ever given and proclaim the greatest news ever heard as we welcome the Light of the World, God with us!

Dec. 7 *Why Is Christmas Such a Big Deal?* - Micah 5:2-5

Dec. 14 *Good News of Great Joy!* - Luke 2:8-20, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dec. 21 *'Twas the Sunday before Christmas:*

What Do We Get Right (and Wrong) about Christmas? - Galatians 4:4-7

Dec. 28 *Christmas Is Over. What's Next?* - Philippians 2:1-11

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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6:00pm - Candlelight Service of Carols and Scripture

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

9:00am Sunday School (pre-K - grade 5)
10:30am Contemporary/Family Worship in the Worship Center
Nursery (birth - age 2) available at 9:00 and 10:30am



Upcoming Events

December 14 Christmas Potluck Gathering

STUDENT IMPACT (GRADES 6-12)

THE LIFE

Sun, 9:00-10:15am
A morning for learning
God's word.



THE HANGOUT

Wed, 6:00-8:00pm
A time to recharge with
fellowship.

Upcoming Events

December 13 Christmas Party
January 9-11 ReBoot

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP

9:00am College/Young Adults Class (ages 18-30), Room 15, Lower Level

Upcoming Events

THE ADVENT WREATH

The first candle of Advent is known as the "Prophet's Candle," which symbolizes **hope**. This candle anticipates the arrival of Jesus.

The second candle is known as the "Bethlehem Candle" and symbolizes **faith**. It focuses on preparation and the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

The third candle, known as the "Shepherd's Candle," is pink. It symbolizes the **joy** that the shepherds felt when they found out about the coming of the Messiah.

The fourth candle symbolizes **peace** and is also called the "Angel's Candle" because the angels announced that Jesus was coming to bring peace.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Over 100 years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters challenging the American church to send and support more workers to go to Asia. After her death in the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name.

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** is a annual offering collected by Southern Baptists to support international missions. 100% of your gifts go directly to our missionaries. The C&T goal is \$10,000 and will be collected through February.

CRAFT MINISTRY

SEWING SERVANTS

10:00am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly, Fellowship Hall

JEWELRY MAKING

10:00am 3rd Tuesdays monthly, Fellowship Hall

RESOURCES

- More details of our ministries and our calendar are at www.ctbc.org.
- Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Center.
- Videos of sermons are available at www.ctbc.org.
- Complimentary monthly magazines are available at the Resource Center.

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CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

LORD'S SUPPER - TODAY, DECEMBER 7

We will be sharing the Lord's Supper this morning during worship. All believers are welcome to participate.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK GATHERING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Let's get together for some *festive* fellowship, potluck style! Everyone is invited to join us for a church-wide Christmas potluck gathering next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. There will also be a photo booth and activities for kids.

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

The Lottie Moon Post Office (in the Concourse) is a convenient way to send Christmas cards to your C&T friends. You may place your "postage" in the envelopes at the Post Office or with your regular giving envelope (mark it for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering). All "postage" goes to International Missions by way of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Remember to check each week to see if there are cards for you!

HARP AND FLUTE CONCERT - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 4:00PM

We are proud to present a concert of the Harmonia Flute and Harp Duo, featuring our own Lacy Hilboky and her friend Sophie Bradley. Both are students at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

They will be playing classical chamber selections with influences from Latin America, Scotland, and France. You won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy some great music and support some talented young musicians. The concert will be on Sunday, January 4th at 4:00 PM in the Worship Center.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSURES

In the event that C&T has to cancel services or activities due to weather, a notification will be posted on ABC 27, the church website, and our Facebook page.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to serve in the nursery/pre-K room during the 10:30 service. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this way. Contact Katie Niederoest at kniederoest@ctbc.org for more details.

AUDIO TECHS NEEDED

We are seeking some additional individuals to help with audio for our livestream and worship services. Video and hands-on training will be provided. Interested? Contact Pastor Phil at pcockrell@ctbc.org.

EGG CARTONS FOR GRACE HOUSE MINISTRIES

The Grace House is a ministry of Covenant Community Church in Harrisburg. Pastor Bob Conrad is asking for donations of dozen-size empty egg cartons. The Grace House receives eggs in bulk and needs to distribute them by the dozen. There is a table in the Concourse for your donations. Please, dozen-size cartons only.

THIS WEEK AT C&T

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

Traditional Worship Service	9:00am	Worship Center
Adult Life Groups	9:00am	Various Rooms
Children's Sunday School (age 2 - G5)	9:00am	Children's Suite
Student Impact: The Life (G6-12)	9:00am	Youth Suite
Contemporary Worship Service	10:30am	Worship Center and Livestream*
Adult Life Groups	10:30am	Various Rooms
Handbells	4:45pm	Music Suite

* 10:30 service is livestreamed via ctbc.org, YouTube, and C&T Facebook page.

MONDAY, DEC. 8

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

Men's Bible Study	10:00am	via Zoom
AA	7:00pm	Room 107

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Sewing Servants	10:00am	Fellowship Hall
Prayer Meeting	6:00pm	via Zoom
Sl: The Hangout	6:00pm	Youth Suite
Christmas Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm	Music Suite
Worship Team Rehearsal	7:00pm	Worship Center

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

AA	7:00pm	Room 107
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FRIDAY, DEC. 12

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

Sl: Christmas Party	6:00pm	Youth Suite
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