

December 10, 2023

Membership	351	Sunday School Enroll.	95
11:00 Worship	87	Sunday School Attend.	51
General Receipts	\$ 6225.75	Lottie Moon	\$ 290.00
Regular Offering	\$ 5260.75	Parking Lot Repair	\$ 450.00
Benevolence	\$ —	Hope Tree	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 400.00	Freezer (paid in full)	\$ 25.00

December Tellers: Tommy Ashe & Gail Mongold

December Ushers: Sonya Anthony, Stan Gandee,
Jamie Moore, Stewart Wood

Today:

Older Child: J. Sanford & M. Sanford
Young Child: Sonya Anthony
Infant Nursery: Lynn Walton
SS Nursery: TBD
Deacon: David Crummett

Next Week:

D. Gandee & M. McNeil
 Joyce Marshall
 TBD
 TBD
 Barry Milligan

Please pray for our Deacon of the Week, David Crummett, and his church families: Paige Bond, Earl Conklin, Stan Gandee, William Hogge, Amy Martin, Shannen Jenkins, Sue McGowan, John Miller, Gary Nevitt, Donna Phillips, Gus Saunders, Dean Short, Sharon Warren and Robert (Bob) Wray

Anniversaries:

NONE

Birthdays:

12.11 J.E.B. Hutson
 12.15 Ella Evans,
 Sarah Starkey &
 Beverly West,



The Angel tree is filled with names of children in need! Our GOAL is for each child listed on a tag to receive ALL listed items. Please purchase ALL items OR if you cannot please PARTNER WITH SOMEONE TO PURCHASE ALL of the items.

- **ALL ITEMS MUST BE BRAND NEW.** Please no used items!
- **SELECT an Angel Tree Tag** (you may select more than one).
- **SIGN ON THE SIGN OUT SHEET** BY THE COFFEE KIOSK **YOUR CHILD'S I.D#, NAME,** & your **PHONE NUMBER.**
- **PURCHASE NEW GIFTS** based on information on the tag.
- **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS!** **INSTEAD PUT THEM IN A LARGE PLASTIC KITCHEN BAG & SECURELY ATTACH ANGEL TREE I.D. TAG(S).**
- **NOTICE there is a SHORT TIME to purchase gifts!**
- **PLEASE DELIVER UNWRAPPED GIFTS IN TAGGED PLASTIC KITCHEN BAGS** under the Angel Tree **BEFORE or NO LATER THAN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023.**
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRAY!**
Pray for our Angels and their families.
Pray that the **Angel Tree Ministry** will show **GOD'S LOVE** and **that lives will be changed.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING AN ANGEL FROM THE GPBC TREE!

ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact Leslie Belvin 804.815.7510



**Our Children & Youth
Christmas Advent is coming . . .
and YOU are invited!**

Dates: Wednesdays 6p–7:30p

*** Dec. 6 * Dec. 13 * Dec. 20**

The Christmas Story

Games, Crafts, Prizes, Snacks & Music

Pre-registration is encouraged—Bring your friends!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

At this time of year, we are called to pray for our missionaries who are spreading the Gospel all over the world and to support them with the Lotte Moon Christmas offering.

Our goal this year is \$2,800.00.

The Week of Prayer for Int'l Missionaries is

What Do You Know About Charlotte “Lottie” Moon?

- 1840—Born into a wealthy southern USA family
- 1858—Became a Christian after a trip to the Holy Land
- 1861—One of the first American women to earn a college degree in Master of Arts
- 1862-1865—Teacher and nurse during the Civil War
- 1873—Sailed September 1st to China as a missionary, to teach, plant churches and care for women and children—winning many over with her shortbread cookies,
- 1888—Challenged WMU to financially support international missionaries. This became our annual Christmas offering.
- 1912—Starved to death with her Chinese people weighing only 50 lbs. (Fellow missionaries were taking Lottie to America at that time)

**Lottie Moon was only 4 feet 3 inches tall.
BUT WHAT A GLORY TO GOD!!**

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office@gpbc.church**

CHURCH WEBSITE: GPBC.church

Online Giving: GPBC.church/give
Live Service Streaming: GPBC.church/media
(or just click “Watch Live” on the homepage)

This Week’s Opportunities:

(12.10.23–12.16.23)

12.10.23

2nd Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Children Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 2:00 pm C.A.R.E.
- 6:30 pm AHG—Christmas Party
- 9:30 am Community Morning Out
- 6:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 6:00 pm Children’s Advent Bible School
- 6:00 pm Youth-In-Action
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

12.11.23

12.12.23

12.13.23

12.15.23

12.16.23

VISION ARTICLES DUE

- 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study
- 9:00 am Quilting
- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Daniel Plan
- 12:00 pm AHG-Trail Life Wreath Laying-Yorktown

Future Opportunities:

(12.17.23–12.23.23)

12.17.23

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service/Cantata
- 12: 00pm Christmas Dinner
- 2:00 pm **NO C.A.R.E.**
- 6:30 pm **NO Armstrong Circle Meeting**

12.19.23

12.20.23

DOVES DUE

- 6:00 pm **NO Children’s Choir**
- 6:00 pm Children’s Advent Bible School
- 6:00 pm Youth-In-Action
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

12.21.23

12.22.23

10:00am **NO Acree Circle Meeting**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study
- 10:00 am Daniel Plan

Advent Wreath Lighting
Deacon: David Crummett - December 10, 2023
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Deacon: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

All: How does this happen?

Deacon: God’s light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God’s divine love and light.

All: “Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.”

Deacon: A reading from the prophet Malachi: “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts,” **(Malachi 3:1)**.

All: We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candles of HOPE and PEACE.

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