

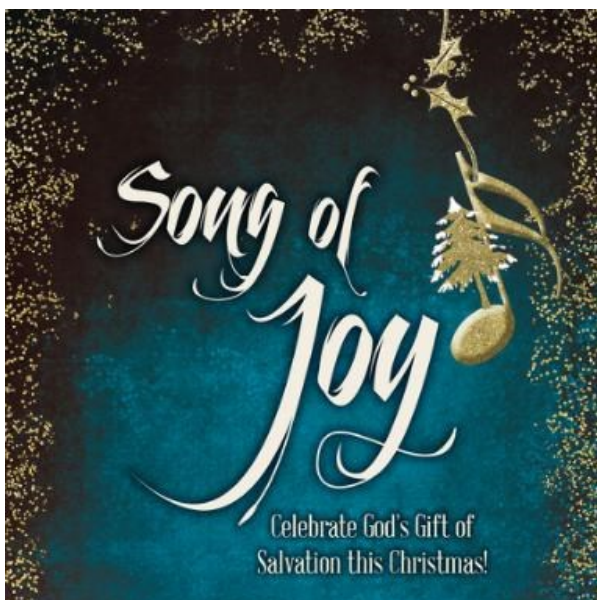


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**Presented by the Adult
Choir & Praise Band
of Sunset Avenue
Baptist Church
December 15 @ 6:00**

Church-wide social in fellowship hall.

**Candlelight Communion
Service
Sunday, December 22
@ 6:00**



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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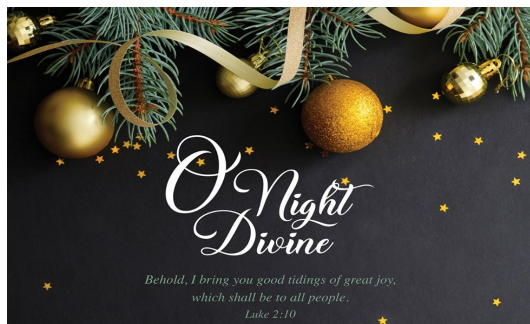
**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
DECEMBER 1—DECEMBER 8
AND**

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GOAL: \$77,500.00
CHALLENGE GOAL: \$87,500.00**

**Tree of Hope Lighting Ceremony
Sunday, December 1
@ 6:30**

**SABC'S Stonegate Ministry Center
4536 Rainbow Lane**

This event is for the entire community! Invite your family & friends & join us for hot cocoa, cookies, a time of worship through song, caroling & community fellowship



Ladies Christmas Exchange,

Tuesday night, December 3, 2024, 6:30 – 8:30

New Fellowship Hall, Sunset Avenue

Baptist Church

*Please bring three unwrapped gifts to exchange
and join us for a night of faith, fun, food and
fellowship.*

The Pastor's Pen...

Starting Sunday, Dec. 1, we launch into this year's emphasis on international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). The National Goal is \$205 million. Our Church Goal is \$77,500 and our Challenge Goal is \$87,500. Here are some key facts about this offering. Source: International Mission Board (IMB).

What is the LMCO? Growing up in Virginia, Lottie Moon and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem—LOSTNESS. In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China. Every year, Southern Baptists collect the LMCO where 100% of your giving is used to send and support missionaries.

What is God doing among the nations through our IMB missionaries and through our giving? In 2023, through our 3000+ international missionaries, 1,036 unique people groups heard some portion of the gospel. 879,798 people heard the gospel. 141,206 people gave their lives to Christ. 116,992 new believers were baptized. 269,571 new believers were discipled. 12,618 believers were trained in church planting.

What does our LMCO giving provide in terms of essential resources for our missionaries? Here are some major examples of how our giving benefits our IMB missionaries: missionary housing; in-country transportation; healthcare; security training; visas; and communication technology. Realize that our missionaries can't do much of what they need to do if we don't generously, sacrificially give to the LMCO. As one of our missionaries serving in Madagascar says, *We need U.S. churches! Thank you, Southern Baptists, for your support, generous giving, and prayers. Without you, it's impossible to do all of this. Please think about going one step further and join us.*

Please prayerfully consider what your sacrificial gift to the LMCO will be this year. Consider it your gift to Jesus this Christmas as we give so that our missionaries can make His saving name and gospel known among the nations. Thank you in advance, my church family, for your burden and obedience in this Great Commission matter. Your pastor loves you very much.

Pastor Robin



Kids Christmas Party & Parents Night Out
Sunday, December 8th
4:00—7:00



Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:30 pm
Meet in the Old Fellowship Hall

We will split into groups to go caroling! We will return to the old fellowship hall for hot chocolate, apple cider, & cookies. All are welcome to join!



Make the most of these cold winter nights & hunker down with an uplifting, inspiring book from your church library. Lots of Christmas books & DVD's available.

2024 Receipts and Check Requests are due

Please turn all 2024 purchase receipts & check requests with corresponding signed receipts by **Monday, December 16**, so that bookkeeping can close out the year. Contact Kim Stallings at kstallings@sabaptist.org with any questions.



Budget Conference
Wednesday, December 18
@ 6:30

There will be no service or activities.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive, in memory of Albert Boone, will be Wednesday, December 18, from 1:30 to 6:00 pm in the old fellowship hall.

Please contact Elizabeth Lancaster at 443-5287 or Carol Boone at 903-6173 for more information or you can schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org & use Sponsor Code: **Sunset Ave Baptist.**

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Robbie Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Karen Futrell ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Vernon Guthrie ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Michael Valentine ~ Martha Ward ~ Janet Wells ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ Jason & Lauren Boone & new baby boy Nathan ~ Taylor & Emily Whitley & baby girl Erin ~ The Family of Renate Purnell ~ The Family of Cathy Shortt ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry

In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks (unless otherwise requested).

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the January newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Monday, December 16.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

October 27, 2024 – November 17, 2024

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
27	174	272
3	212	255
10	202	230
17	208	239

Membership Additions in 2024

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	7

Weekly Budget Need for 2024: \$ 24,436.43

October 27, 2024 - November 17, 2024 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
27	\$ 24,089.01	\$ 886.00	\$ 24,975.01
3	\$ 31,494.80	\$ 3,632.00	\$ 35,126.80
10	\$ 19,732.62	\$ 3,389.30	\$ 23,121.92
17	\$ 13,390.01	\$ 2,101.50	\$ 15,491.51

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2024 - November 17, 2024

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$ 1,124,075.78	\$ 941,193.15	\$ 182,882.63



Our Church knitting ministry & WMU Group have made & sent 44 knitted & crocheted hats & 20 scarves to Western

Carolina. We also make & give hats & scarves to the Danny Talbott Cancer Center. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the church library. We will not meet in December. Please contact Phyllis Campbell at 443-6325 with any questions.

SENIOR ADULTS

Annual North Roanoke Baptist Association Luncheon at RiverBend Church.

Tuesday, December 3

The cost is \$15. Checks made payable to Sunset Avenue Baptist Church. The bus will leave at 10:15.

Thursday, December 19

Rudy Theater Christmas Show

The tickets are \$35 each & that includes lunch. Make check payable to Sunset Avenue Baptist.

There are few tickets left so sign-up in the adults classrooms or call the church. The bus will leave at 10:00.

Tuesday, January 14

The truck from Injoy Thrift Store will be here to pick up items that you bring. This is a church-wide event. Leave items in the fellowship hall. We will have breakfast at 9:00. Please join us.

There is no expense! Start your New Year by donating items that you no longer use or need!