



Westfield
BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ-centered. Family-focused. Bible-based.

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



**REACHING
THE NATIONS,
TOGETHER.**

100%

of your gifts go to the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering[®]
to enable gospel transformation
among the unreached.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

During the month of December we will be collecting a special offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering[®].

The WMU has set up a "Post Office" for you to "send" Christmas cards to those in the church family. You are encouraged to donate your postage savings to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We ask that you stop by the post office to pick up any cards that have been sent to you.

**3,072 PEOPLE
GROUPS**

No one is engaging them.
Until now.



We're preparing to go to the
DEEPEST PART OF LOSTNESS
to find the people no one else is looking for.



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From My Heart,

Almost 2,000 years ago, the angels appeared over the portals of heaven in expectancy. The plan of God through the ages was beginning to unfold. It would be only moments before they announced to the shepherds, **"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be the sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12)**

In the fullness of the time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, lying in a manger. Unable to contain heaven's joy any longer, the angels would explode with jubilation, **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."**

On Dec 3rd, we'll begin the countdown to Christmas known as Advent. During this season, may we be reminded, in the midst of all our busyness...the shopping, parties and decorating...the programs to attend, presents to buy and cookies to bake...it can be easy to forget to reflect on the true reason for the season - the Birth of long-awaited Messiah – Jesus Christ!

The four weeks before Christmas are a great time to slow down and begin to ponder the true meaning of this joyous season. As we spend time with family decorating our homes with garland and trimming our trees with ornaments & lights...may we take some deliberate steps to infuse our lives with hope, peace, love and joy in order to better celebrate and live out the truth of this season. For the beauty of Christmas is not found in the presents underneath your tree, but in His Presence in our everyday lives!!

I'll be sharing a series of messages entitled 'Christmas through the Eyes of Isaiah'. To truly grasp the essence of Christmas, let's experience Christmas through the eyes of the **prophet Isaiah**, who lived about **700 years before Christ**. His perspective sheds light on the profound significance of this season.

In Isaiah's time, the world was in turmoil. The mighty Assyrian empire threatened Israel and Judah, casting a shadow of darkness. Despite this impending danger, God's chosen people turned away from Him, relying on unholy alliances and their own strength. Isaiah warned them, but they remained unyielding. Consequently, they faced exile.

From that very exile, God promised a new salvation—a fresh exodus. Here is where Christmas enters the scene: **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..." (Isaiah 9:6)**. This child, our Messiah, would bring hope, comfort, and lasting peace. His government would know no end, and His reign would be just and righteous.

Isaiah's story extended beyond the manger to the cross, where Christ's sacrifice would transform lives. So, let's celebrate Christmas not merely as a sentimental holiday, but as the fulfillment of God's Grand Plan - a plan that began with a baby born in a manger would culminate in a Risen Savior who defeated SIN, DEATH and the GRAVE – which provides eternal hope for us all.

So, you can be prepared to rejoice this Advent Season – here are the verses for each week. **Week 1** – Hope – Isaiah 9:6-7; **Week 2** – Peace – Isaiah 28:16; **Week 3** – Love – Isaiah 53:4-6 and **Week 4** – Joy – Isaiah 61:1-3.

As we gather each week for worship, my prayer is for the Lord to enrich our fellowship, expand our influence, and enlarge the fields of harvest...all to HIS GLORY!!

Jimmy



A Note From Tricia

I can hardly believe it's already December. I love this time of year for so many reasons. I love the bright Christmas lights, making memories with those I love, spending a day baking cookies, celebrating the birth of our Savior, and reflecting on the year.

Both personally and professionally this past year has been such a fun year for me. I love being back in children's and youth ministry, I love seeing the growth that is happening in our church, and I love the friendships that are continuing to deepen. The Lord has brought me to WBC "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) and I'm thankful for those who continue to support the ministry.


I wanted to take time to celebrate with you some things we saw happen at Westfield Kids and Students as well as share some plans for the upcoming year.

Highlights of 2023 include but not limited to:

- A fun indoor egg hunt
- Introducing Terrific Tuesdays in June
- Taking 6 kids to Centri-Kid and 6 Students to Caswell
- Weekend VBS
- Hosted a Back 2 School Dinner
- Numerous Service Projects to help WMU and Baptist Men
- Learning the Books of the Bible together
- Introduced Wednesday Meals for families
- Co-hosted a community Trick or Treat Party with WVFD
- Hosted a Friendsgiving event for 28 kids and students and 15 adults

Coming In 2023:

- Sunday Night Bible Study for Middle and High School Students
- Sunday Afternoon Trips for Preschool and Elementary Kids
- Kids Worship "Nerf" Battle Theme
- Study on Prayer on Wednesday Nights
- "Camping" VBS Theme
- Summer Camp
- Family Campout Weekend



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and encouragement this year. I pray that this Holiday season is filled with love and joy for your family. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if I can help you in your personal walk with the Lord! (That goes for kids, students, and adults!).

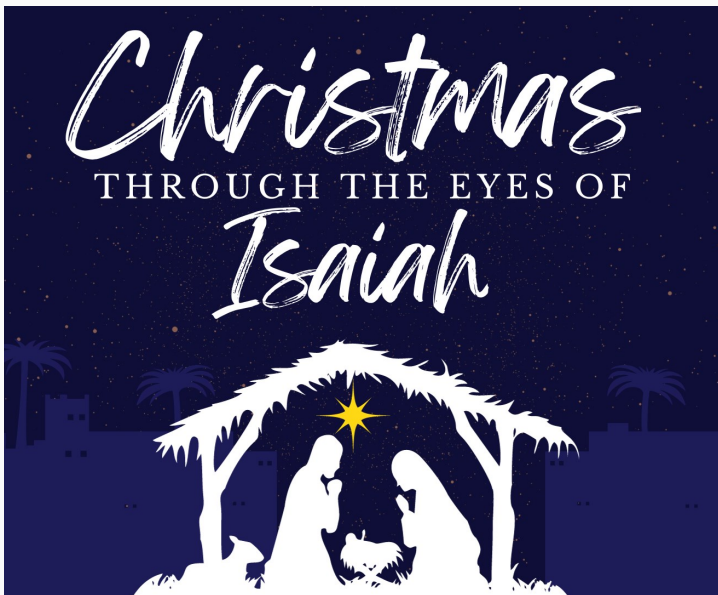
In Christ,

Tricia Lowe



During our Kids and Student Ministry Christmas Party on Dec 20, we will host a "gift auction". Kids and Students are earning Christmas Cash by bringing their Bibles, friends, and playing games. We would love your help providing gifts for the auction. If you would like to help please bring gifts to Tricia by December 19. Please keep gifts to around \$10. We need about 40 gifts so each child will be able to take home two gifts. Ideas include Board games, fuzzy socks, gift cards, puzzles, and coloring books and crayons.

December Sermon Series

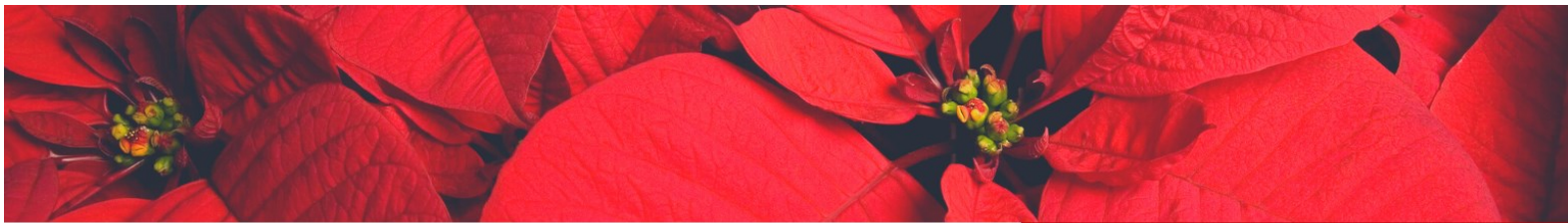


Dec 3rd
Hope from the Promises of God
Isaiah 9:6-7

Dec 10th
Peace during Persecution
Isaiah 28:16

Dec 17th
Love from a Providing Father
Isaiah 53:4-12

Dec 24th
Joy in a Powerful King
Isaiah 61:1-3



The Golden Agers enjoyed a trip to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory on Tuesday, November 28

December Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

Meal* at 5:45 pm
Meeting at 6:30 pm

*Free Pancake Dinner served by Student Ministry.



Golden Agers Upcoming Events

Mrs. Hanes's Cookie Factory on Dec 5th

Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon at Fairview Baptist Church on Dec. 12th





Christmas Eve
Candle Light
and
Lord's Supper
5:00 PM

Let's gather together as we remember the 'Reason for the Season'. We'll sing familiar Carols, Hear the Christmas Story, Celebrate the Lord's Supper & be reminded Christ is the LIGHT of the World!

Please Note...

The end of the year is fast approaching. Thank you for the sacrificial way you continue to support the work of our Lord through the mission & ministry of Westfield Baptist Church. Please remember any tithes & offerings you desire to be included on your 2023 statement MUST be made online or postmarked by Dec 31st.



You can make an
IMPACT
with your
year-end giving

Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Toy Drive



You are invited to help the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department with their annual Christmas Toy Drive. You can donate unwrapped toys and hygiene items anytime before December 20. There is a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall.

You are also invited to help with the distribution on Saturday, December 23. If you would like to help, you can meet at the Fire Department at 10:00 AM. This is a great way to get to know others in our community.

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 11:00 AM

We'd love for you to join us for this special service as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season. Please note there will be no Kids Worship on this day, however our nursery will be open. The nursery will be temporarily located in the classroom in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas at WBC

Christmas Eve Day

Breakfast & Family Sunday School

9:45 am

We will all enjoy breakfast together and then Tricia Lowe, Children and Youth Ministry Director, will lead us in a time of devotion. Everyone is invited to attend!

Worship Service at 11:00 AM

Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Kathryn Barker
- 4** Tricia Lowe
- 5** Bob Rosell
- 6** Jackie Nester
- 8** Chris Sloop
- 10** Brandon Lowe
- 11** Trevor Simmons
- 13** Phyllis Owens-Phillips
- 16** Grant Overby
- 17** Ted Cox, Byron Voigt,
Gloria Warden, Kathy White,
- 19** Elizabeth Chappell
- 20** Sue Davis
- 24** Taylor Sutphin
- 26** Scott Smith
- 28** Susan Brannock, Stacey Watson
- 31** Ruth Chilton, Phil Sutphin

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Trevella Collins

Priddy Manor
Assisted Living
1294 Priddy Rd.
King, NC 27021

Hazel Burkhart

Arbor Ridge at Stanleyville
Apartment #124
350 Arbor View Lane
Winston Salem, NC 27106

Roxie Owens

Room #203
Ridgecrest Assisted Living
1000 Ridge Crest Lane
Mt Airy, NC 27030
336-673-0365

Carol Jessup

Twelve Oaks Assisted Living &
Memory Care
1297 Galax Trail
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
336-786-1130

Iris Kuhl

Walnut Ridge Assisted Living,
411 Windmill Street
Walnut Cove, NC 27052.

Homebound

Sue & Kelly Davis

6679 Westfield Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Edith Epperson

1536 Asbury Road
Westfield, NC 27053
336-351-2284

Marie Jessup

131 Marshall Johnson Road
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
336-351-2872

Barbara Lowe

10670 NC Hwy. 89 W
Westfield, NC 27053
336-351-2727



December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday SS at 9:45 am Worship at 11:00 am	Every Mon Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		Every Wed Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Youth and Kids Meal and Bible Study 6:30 pm	Every Thur. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm	1 Christmas Decorating 10a-12p	2 Christmas Decorating 9a-12p Christmas Parade 6:00pm
3 Christmas at the Farm 4:45pm	4 WMU 11:30 a	5 Staff Rela- tions 6:oop	6	7	8	9 Fellowship Hall Reserved Jill Smith
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Fellowship Hall Reserved June Tilley
17 Fellowship Hall Reserved Bonnie Jessup	18 Deacons Mtg 6:30p	19	20 Fellowship Meal 5:45pm Business Mtg 6:30 pm Students and Kids Christmas Party 6:30 pm	21	22	23 Fellowship Hall Reserved Doris Jessup
24 Christmas Eve Candle- light 5:00 pm	25 	26	27 No Wednes- day Evening Activities	28	29	30
31			Church Office Closed Mon-Friday for Christmas			



January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday SS at 9:45 am Worship at 11:00 am	Every Mon Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		Every Wed Bible Study 6:30 pm	Every Thur. Walk in Faith 4:30 pm		
	1 WMU 11:30 am	2 Staff Relations 6:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Deacons 6:30 pm	16 Prayers and Squares 1:00 pm	17	18	19	20
Tricia will be on vacation (Jan 12-21)						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Chili Cook-off Camp Fundraiser Camp Deposit due	29	30	31			



WMU
 December 4
 11:30 am
 Alice
 Arrington's
 Home

We reached our goal
 of 150
 shoeboxes for
 Operation Christmas
 Child this year!
 Thank you to the
 WMU for organizing
 this project and to
 everyone who helped
 make it possible.



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Sundays:

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

6:30 pm Kids and Students Bible Study & Dinner
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Telephone Conference System
336-374-1445, code 27053

"We proclaim Him, warning and
 teaching everyone with all wisdom,
 that we may present everyone
 mature in Christ."
 Colossians 1:28

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