

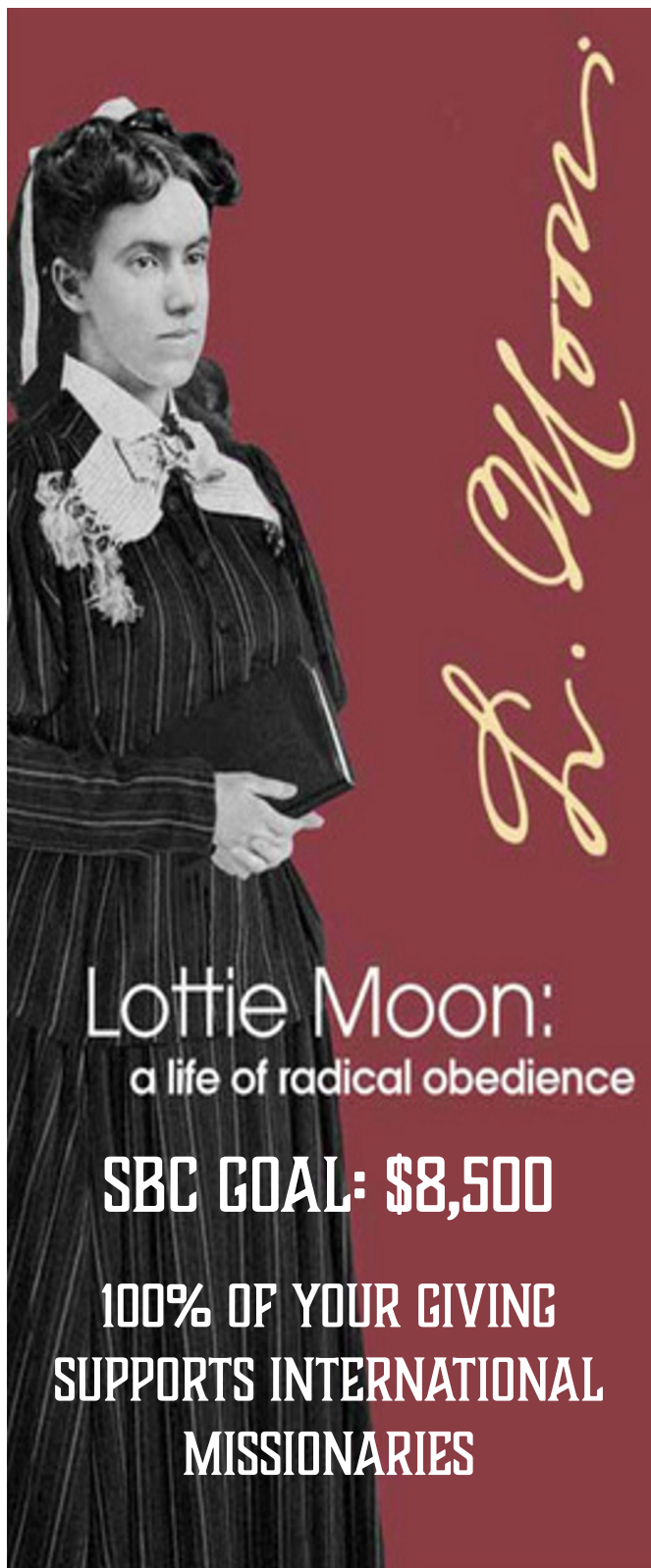


# SIMPSONVILLE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

**3,072  
PEOPLE  
GROUPS**

**No one is engaging them. UNTIL NOW.  
Your gifts will send 300 missionary explorers.**

Born in 1840, Lottie was a Southern Belle at heart. She was raised in a home built by a friend of George Washington, and with her uncle purchasing Thomas Jefferson's home, they were a wealthy family. Despite her parents strong faith, Lottie grew up with an aversion to religion.

However, in 1858, during a series of evangelistic meetings led by John Broadus (who later was a co-founder of Southern Seminary) she gave her life to Christ. She graduated in 1860, and during the Civil War aided the Confederate army; by 1866 she was a teacher in Danville KY. She had a successful career as a teacher but with strong encouragement from her mother and sister she decided to become a missionary to the Chinese in 1873.

The results of following Christ for Lottie meant that for the next 40 years Lottie would serve the people of China. Teaching and evangelism were her priorities, but she also became a prolific letter writer to the Foreign Missions Board and her letters were shared with the many WMU's beginning in the late 1880s. Her pleas for funds at Christmas time produced one of her greatest legacies: the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missionaries.



728,589 people heard the Gospel.  
21,231 new churches were started.  
67 new people groups were engaged.  
102,417 individuals were baptized.  
178,177 people became new believers.  
3,521 missionaries were supported  
with comprehensive care.

On Sunday, December 17,  
our coffee café will become the  
**Latte Moon Christmas Café**

Our mission team will be preparing and serving  
lattes as a fundraiser for our Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering from 8:30-10:30am.



Regular coffee will also be available.

Your donations will help support the cost of maintaining  
a missionary presence throughout the world.

## THE COST OF MISSIONARY PRESENCE AROUND THE WORLD

### HOUSING FOR ONE MISSIONARY FAMILY

Rural Lesotho .....	\$110 per month
Singapore .....	\$2,500 per month
Japan .....	\$3,166 per month

### LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR A MISSIONARY COUPLE

Hungary .....	\$134 per month
West Africa .....	\$1,231 per month
Mexico .....	\$1,833 per month

### MISSIONARY KID EDUCATION

Czech Republic .....	\$575 per month
Thailand .....	\$975 per month
Malaysia .....	\$1,114 per month

## SBC Christmas Adoptions

The Mission Team has children that are in need of adoption for Christmas.  
If you, your family, or your bible study group are interested in helping a family out for Christmas  
we have signups on

**Sunday, November 28 & Sunday, December 3**

All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 17.

### SBC Mission Team Update

We are excited for this upcoming Christmas season at Simpsonville Baptist, and what God is doing within the Missions Ministry. We encourage everyone to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and help us reach our goal of \$8500 this year. This helps so many people involved in missions to further the kingdom of Christ. On December 17th, we will be having a Latte Moon Cafe prior to the morning worship. Our Mission team will be serving coffee, and we are asking for donations to help us reach the Lottie Moon Christmas goal.

Coming up on December 1-3, we have a group of 15-20 that will be going to Elkhorn City, KY to serve the people there. We will be helping them begin an annual Christmas holiday dinner to serve the community and love on the people of Elkhorn City. Please be in prayer for these individuals who will participating: Matt & Emma Garner, Kathy & Kevin Nickel, Heather & Jonathan Janes, Susan Watkins, Lisa Davis, Charles & Carlette Stalker, Billy Bell, Jesse Wright, Amanda Glasscock, Bryce Allen

We are also excited for a Christmas adoption opportunity within Simpsonville Baptist. We have a list of children that can be adopted for Christmas by families, Sunday school classes, ministry groups, Bible study groups, or whoever else wants to participate. We encourage everyone to help spread the love of Christ through the season. If you're interested in this opportunity, please contact me.

What a wonderful time to be a part of Simpsonville Baptist!

Heather Janes, 270-300-3630  
Missions Team Chair

# ORDINATION = SERVICE = FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL

## Deacon Ordination Service Sunday, December 10 at 5pm

**Debbie Willman  
Jack Nicholson  
Roy Shuler  
Richard Walker**



All deacons, both past and present, are encouraged to attend the deacon council at 4pm.

The church family is invited and encouraged to attend the Ordination Service at 5pm.

# Welcome

### Micah Tucker

Hi, my name is Micah Tucker. I am 7 years old and homeschooled. I also go to Newsong Christian Academy for first grade two days a week. I like to play with my friends, play soccer, and learn about superheroes. I also love to read and be outside. I love Jesus and learning more about Him. Micah's parents are Clark & Amy Tucker.

Micah was baptized in October!



## Budget & Pastoral Housing Allowance Vote

On Sunday, December 3, during worship, members will have an opportunity to pass the 2024 church budget.

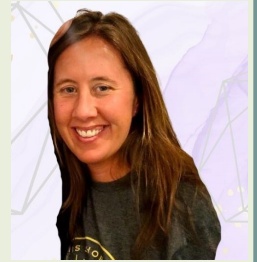
If you have not received a copy of the budget, you may pick one up in the foyer.

## Adventure Club

As a mission of SBC we would like to introduce you some of our ministry partners who serve at Adventure Club and ask that you pray for these individuals this month.

### Amanda McReynolds

Mrs. Amanda McReynolds has been a part of our Adventure Club family for 2 years now and is in her first year in our preschool program as our accelerated 4s teacher.



Outside of AC she enjoys spending time with her 3 boys, her 2 dogs, and her soon to be husband. She loves to camp and hike and loves live music! Her favorite travel destination is anywhere that Dave Matthews Band is performing but she enjoys traveling even if it doesn't involve Dave. This year she is looking forward to having her own classroom and seeing her student's blossom.

### Madison Alfrey



Miss Madison Alfrey has been a part of the Adventure Club family for 2 years. Madison is a teaching assistant with the 5-day 4's preschool class and is a student at JCTS studying to be a radiography technician. In her free time, she enjoys baking, spending time at the lake and camping. Her favorite part of

working at Adventure Club is seeing how happy the children are when they understand what they are learning!

## *Thank You*

*Dear Church Family: My family and I would like to thank you so much for all of your care, kindness, visits, food and most of all prayers during this long season.*

*Byron loved teaching and learning by attending SBC. We love you all.*

*Many Blessings,  
Hope Thompson & family*

*Dear SBC: My family and I would like to thank the church for all the ways they have helped my family with food and fellowship. The death of my brother David, has hit us hard-especially my mother, who misses him so much. We all do. Thank you again and again. I am not surprised the Baptist church in Simpsonville has such a large and active congregation. Your kindness and caring mean so much.*

*Fondly,  
Donna Smith*

## **Mijomboni Orphanage Update**

Christmas celebrations at the Rescue Center are certainly less elaborate than what we are used to. The children will celebrate with a large meal and the Christmas goat has already been purchased. Each of the children will receive a bottle of Fanta or Coke afterwards.

Although gift-giving is not a normal part of life for these kids, they did enjoy some unexpected gifts from our recent mission team. All of the children got new shoes, clothing and a blanket. In addition, Nathan was able to purchase a television.

The addition of the tv will help Nathan and the teachers utilize the internet for teaching school and Sunday School.

### **Prayer Need**

We have been greatly blessed to have 6 new families step up to adopt additional children. Fortunately, all children already have sponsors but we are constrained to add more by the need for additional teachers and facilities. The only income which the Center receives is through the generosity of our SBC family.

The cost for two teachers, a cook, a groundskeeper and a caretaker for a year is \$21,800 a year. Please note that Nathan does not receive any income through our partnership with him. Teachers and the cook receive \$150 a month, the other staff receive \$100 a month. If you would like to help sponsor one of the staff for a month or longer, please contact Angie in the church office.



Next Step Training Program exists to assist young adults with level 1 autism spectrum disorder in gaining skills that will enable them to successfully enter the work force.

Next Step will be staffing the Christmas wrapping station at the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass in Simpsonville.

SBC has been invited to come and help the students.

Gift wrapping is located in the Food Court.

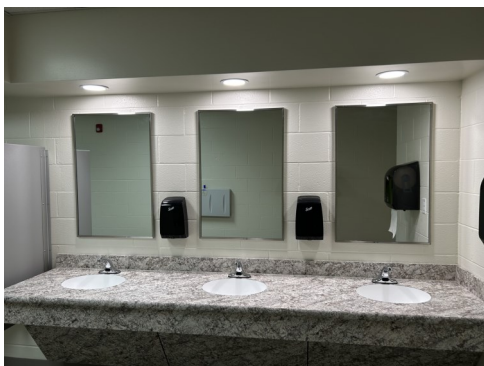
December 16-17 from 12-6pm      December 21-22 from 6-9pm

December 23-24 from 12-6pm

You and/or your class could serve for one hour or four! This is not only a great opportunity to serve but to help the students with social skills!

Contact Suellen Barnes at 502.645.9748

**You're in for a treat when you see our new updated restrooms!**



Thank you to  
Chris Russman,  
Russman Repair & Renovations



New Sermon Series

# Prepare Him Room

December 10

Message: *By Faith*

Luke 1:26-38

December 17

Message: *Slow Down and Listen*

Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

Message: *With Peace*

Luke 2:8-20

December 27

Message: *With Joy*

Matthew 2:1-12

Messages given by Andy McDonald.



## Celebration Choir

*Sunday, December 10*  
10:30am

*Sunday, December 17*  
10:30am

## Christmas Eve Communion Service

*Sunday, December 24*  
5pm



- 1 Tim Renfro
- 4 Rhonda Jones
- 5 Kenneth Moody
- 6 Tony Sanford, Stanley Sheehan,  
Phillis Walker
- 10 Lillian Brewer, Kelly McAllister  
Carter Richardson
- 11 Christy McEldowney,  
Jerry Miller
- 12 Al Poulter
- 15 Vicki Davis, Linda Kerr, Beckham Stein
- 18 Abbe Henkel
- 19 Liz Encinia, Emily Royce
- 20 Brad Renfro
- 21 Stanalee Gowin, Jamie McEldowney
- 22 Drew Keller, Denise Logue, Mike Waterman
- 24 Kim Fulkerson, Ray Hayes
- 25 Mary Ball, Cherissa Eden, Jody Jones, Max Moody
- 28 Nancy McLeroy
- 30 Jesse Wright




**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

Sunday,  
December 2  
at 8am

Please join us at  
**The Farm Kitchen**  
6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville

## WINTER RECREATION



**MONDAYS 6-9PM**

**Adult Open Play  
Coed Volleyball**

**Thursdays at  
6:30pm**

*Please note that childcare is not provided and  
children must stay in the gym with parents.  
They will not be allowed to congregate in the  
foyer.*



**Christmas**

Church Office Schedule

The church office will close at 12pm on  
Friday, December 22 and reopen on  
Wednesday, December 27 for Christmas.

The church office will close at 12pm on  
Friday, December 29 and remain closed until  
Tuesday, January 2.

## YEAR-END GIVING

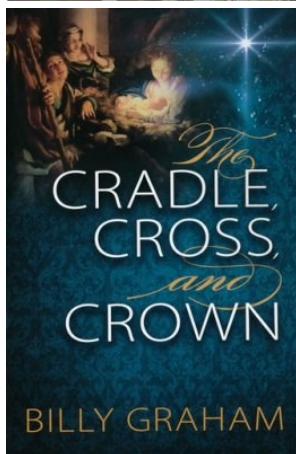


All year-end giving  
should be given by  
12pm on Sunday,  
December 31.

## Advent Devotionals

Advent begins on  
Sunday, December 3.  
We invite each family to pick  
up a copy of  
*The Cradle, Cross, and  
Crown* by Billy Graham to  
help you begin preparing for  
Christmas.

If you are unable to attend  
worship, please call the  
church office, and we will  
place a copy in the mail.



*With winter upon us,  
we would like to  
remind you of ways  
that you can check for  
weather-related service  
cancellations.*



- You may watch WHAS, WLKY, or WAVE 3 weather cancellations.
- You may check our website:  
[simpsonvillebaptist.com](http://simpsonvillebaptist.com).



## NEW Kid's Super Sunday Worship

Every 5th Sunday, we will offer an exciting, large-group, worship experience for all children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will meet in the student worship room. Mollie Hefner & Jesse Wright will lead.



## Trunk or Treat

**We had our largest attendance ever!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with preparing food, set-up, tear-down, serving, hay rides, horse rides, music, trunks, games, candy donations, photo op section, security, parking, assembling goodie bags, greeting and handing out goodie bags, scavenger hunt, and anyone else who had a part. There were so many volunteers that made that evening such a success, and helped me so much that I am beyond thankful for everyone who played a role.

*Heather Janes*



## Women's Ministry Christmas Party



Thursday,  
December 7  
6:30pm

Everyone is to bring 5 of the same gifts of their choice valued at \$5 each.

Gifts should NOT be wrapped.  
Everyone will leave with 5 different gifts.

Food and beverages provided.

Please sign up in the foyer.



**The holidays can be lonely times for our Homebound friends.**

**Notes of encouragement add cheer to any day!**

Marie White  
Lillian Brewer  
Joyce Crawford  
Rose Brewer  
Wendell Casey  
Kathleen Smith

Masonic Home 711 Frankfort Rd Shelbyville  
7477 Brunerstown Rd Shelbyville 40065 229-2650  
208 Old Veechdale Rd Simpsonville 405-3028  
710 Schumacher Dr. Simpsonville 405-3122  
Shelby Farms 100 Williamsburg Dr. Shelbyville  
1036 Noland Pike Simpsonville

*We have placed copies of the directory in the foyer to aid you in writing your Christmas cards.*

## Senior Adult CHRISTMAS POTLUCK/SOCIAL



Thursday,  
December 7  
Gather at 11:30am  
Lunch on at 12pm

Bradley Gray  
will entertain us with  
Christmas music!

Sign up in the foyer and  
indicate which dish you will bring.



Our next Ladies Bunco night will be  
Thursday, January 4 at 6:30pm.





Staying connected to friends, family, and small groups has never been easier. Watch content together on RightNow Media with our new groups feature. One person can play, pause, and rewind videos for the entire group. Everyone can use the chat window as the video plays. Use the groups feature to learn, encourage one another, and grow in your faith.

See your whole group and discuss the series with the new built-in video chat function! Also, you can connect all of your devices to RightNow Media. Go to <https://help.rightnowmedia.org/hc/en-us/articles/4415483863821-Connect-Your-Devices> to connect to FireTV, Roku, Apple,

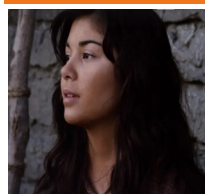
## Everyday Advent by Brenda Drost

Advent is a time to remember and reflect, but it's also a time of looking forward with hope and anticipation. We remember the significance of the arrival of baby Jesus, and we look forward with great anticipation to his coming return. But the greatest hope of all is that Jesus is fully present and being revealed in a deeper way in our hearts every day.

The Everyday Advent is a 4-week devotional study for the holiday season that will help us refocus on our personal relationship with Jesus, and heighten our sense of expectancy to see his promises fulfilled in our everyday lives.



As Randall and friends prepare for Christmas, Maggie decides to expand the annual Sing-Along into a full-blown Christmas Eve pageant spectacular! Randall introduces everyone to the season of Advent, and Doug discovers something mysterious going on when chocolate chips go missing. Neighbor Scott Hamilton announces he's building a huge 12 Days of Christmas display, and Maggie finds herself called on to sacrifice more and more of her pageant dreams to help her friends. With so much activity and a dizzying carousel of friends stopping by, will Christmas end in disappointment or will the Workshop bunch embrace the invitation of the season and experience the true meaning of Christmas? For ages 7 and under; 2 sessions-28 min. each.



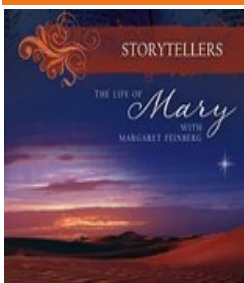
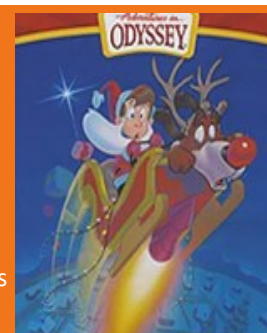
## The Christmas Experience- Kyle Idleman

*The Christmas Experience* is a 6-week small group study that examines the Christmas story in detail, helping groups (and families) prepare for the Christmas season. Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Those participating in The Christmas Experience study will be able to find themselves in the Christmas story, as they learn that what happened then changes everything now.

## Adventures in Odyssey

It's Christmastime, and all Dylan Taylor wants is an XR-7 limited edition speedster. But his hopes are zapped when he discovers its extravagant price tag would overload the family budget. That is, until he hears that the two-wheeled titanium turbo bike is the grand prize of Odyssey's Christmas yard-decorating contest!

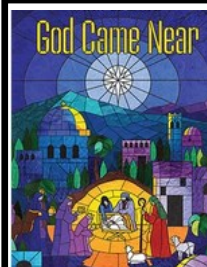
Dylan's scheming neighbor, Doug, has his own plans. And when Dylan gets a glimpse of Doug's snow-sculpted, ten-foot-tall twin T. rexes towing a skiing Elvis amid a cluster of cut-out palm trees, Dylan switches his design from a humble manger scene to a super-charged, megawatt wonderland. What follows is a powerful reminder that grounds them all in the true meaning of Christmas.



## The Life of Mary by Margaret Feinberg

*The Life of Mary* is a 4-part Bible study that unfolds Mary's life and transforms it to a 21st century audience with teaching by Margaret Feinberg. In this series, Margaret shares insightful discoveries on Mary's unique situation and brings to life her fears and struggles.

With powerful lessons and excellent teaching, this video Bible study examines Mary's life in a way you would never expect. Each session walks down Mary's road of faith as she journeys through a life of unbelievable events that ushers in Jesus Christ.



## God Came Near by Max Lucado

In the midst of the gloom of winter, the darkest and coldest of seasons, Christians still wait with great anticipation for the happiest season of all, Advent. Travel back in time and relive the coming of

Christ to Earth, as He gives up His throne next to God the Father to enter this world as a baby born in a manger. Filmed at England's beautiful Blockley Church, join acclaimed author and pastor Max Lucado as he provides insights on the season of Advent.

# Christmas Village Toy Store

Saturday, December 9

The Christmas Village Toy Store provides a "hand up" for Shelby County families who want to purchase affordable new toys for their children at Christmas. Rather than simply giving a handout of toys to at-risk families, we believe in empowering families to purchase Christmas gifts for their own children.

The Christmas Toy Store will be here before we know it and our elves are busy readying all the things for the big shopping day on Saturday, December 9th! We are still in need of am and pm shopping assistants and we can use a few more hands on our clean-up crew!

**Our biggest toy needs are-kitchen play sets, power wheel cars, tool bench sets and large remote control cars.**

Items can be shipped to the church at 7208 Shelbyville Road, attention Jill Sowder.

**Please use the sign-up genius link below if you would like to volunteer.**



Target Wish list



Amazon Wish list



Sign up Genius

Simpsonville Baptist Church  
PO Box 56  
Simpsonville KY 40067