



# SIMPSONVILLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2020

Volume 31 Issue 12

## Christmas Toy Store



Saturday December 12  
8am-5pm

Due to Covid we will host 30-minute sessions for each family.

Volunteers are needed to help in a multitude of ways including set-up, "pricing," refreshments, and clean-up. Please go to Signup Genius at this link to register to serve:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48ABA829A0FC1-volunteer>.

Follow us on Facebook at @SBCChristmastoystore for more information to stay up to date with the store.

Donations of toys and new wrapping paper can be placed in the collection box located in the foyer. Suggested items can be purchased through Target: [tgt.gifts/christmastoystore](https://www.target.com/gifts/christmastoystore).

Donations of cash and gift cards can be taken to the church office.

## *Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd*

### REFLECTION

How is our church doing with global infirmity, social instability, financial insecurity, racial inequality, and political incivility? How would you grade our church on her effectiveness of making disciples and making a difference because of her faith and community ministry? How do you think the universal Church has done in serving current needs to show there's hope in Christ and His Kingdom?

**It's always helpful to do some reflection and ask ourselves hard, honest questions.**

If you look around and listen for very long, it seems that some Christians have done little during the mayhem of 2020 other than vote, post their opinions on Facebook, complain, and blame. We are all guilty of it. In a year where racial unrest, police protests, the Coronavirus, and the election are front and center in our faces, the Church should be a refuge for those seeking truth and compassion. Whether it means wearing a mask to keep others/ourselves safe or offering food and financial assistance to those in need, Christians should be first in line to serve and care for others.

We, as the Body of Christ, are a different breed. Literally. In 2 Corinthians, we see this incredible truth: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (5:17) Anybody can complain. Anybody can align with a political party to outsource the letter of the law. Anybody can assassinate the character of others because they won't do the hard work of understanding the real division of thought. Anybody can believe whatever is said to them without testing it by Scripture. But scripture tells us we aren't just "anybody." We serve a God Who calls us to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives, to die to ourselves. In spite of what the world says, we put our trust in God.

### MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Beginning in January, we hope to "Move Forward Together" by mobilizing for greater local community ministry and outreach. Our goal as the church is the same as it's been through history – to make disciples who make disciples. We want to make an eternal difference in our community and see new ministries spring up to meet real needs and share Christ.

As we adapt to some of our current COVID realities, we will be giving further opportunities to re-gather for worship, Sunday School, discipleship, events, and ministry. As always, we encourage you to be safe and we will continue to utilize precautions given by healthcare experts.

For those of you who are hurting and lonely, please let us know more how to help. We understand that it's been eight months since Covid-19 began, and we want you to know we are responding to many needs in our church and community. I would ask you to give me a phone call and I will be glad to get back with you as soon as possible. Please don't think you are less important or unloved; the truth is I have never seen such a time of need.

**MOVING FORWARD  
TOGETHER**



**Thursday, December 24 at 5pm**  
**We will offer communion in individual serving cups.**  
**Masks are required for entry into the building.**





### Happy December Birthdays

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|----|----------------------------------|----|--|
| 1  | Tim Renfro, Cathy Carlson        | 18 | Abbe Henkel                                      |
| 4  | Rhonda Jones                     | 19 | Emily Royce                                      |
| 5  | Kenneth Moody                    | 20 | Brad Renfro, Linda Wade                          |
| 6  | Tony Sanford, Stanley Sheehan    | 21 | Stanalee Gowin, Jamie McEldowney                 |
|    | Andrew Cline, Phyllis Walker     | 22 | Denise Logue, Mike Waterman                      |
| 10 | Lillian Brewer, Kelly McAllister | 24 | Ann Purnell, Kim Fulkerson                       |
| 11 | Christy McEldowney, Jerry Miller | 25 | Cherissa Eden, Jody Jones, Bob Gordon, Max Moody |
| 12 | Al Poulter,                      | 26 | Luke Scott                                       |
| 14 | Amy Griggs, Ian Wyatt            | 28 | Nancy McLeroy                                    |
| 15 | Linda Kerr, Beckham Stein        | 29 | Jim Pruitt, Dawn Wright                          |



**Remember our homebound members this Christmas with a visit, phone call or card!**

**Nancy Edington**  
2401 Antioch Rd  
Shelbyville 40065  
386-7741

**Jimmy & Joyce Crawford**  
208 Old Veechdale Rd Simpsonville  
405-3028

**Wendall Casey**  
Crescent Place Assisted Living  
148 Allen Dr., Shelbyville 443-4240

**Liddie Harper** 110 Cardinal Dr  
Simpsonville 40067 405-4292

**Ruth Phillips** 903 Meadow Ridge  
Simpsonville 40067 722-5753

**Mattie Johnson** 1316 Oak Ridge Court  
Simpsonville 40067 722-8701

**Marie White** Amber Oaks Assisted Living  
156 Haven Hill Rd. Shelbyville

**Bonnie Pruitt** Masonic Home  
711 Frankfort Rd. Shelbyville 40065

**Tina Ball** PO Box 147 Simpsonville 40067  
722-5253

**Lillie Duncan** 3936 Aiken Rd Simpsonville  
40067 382-5096

**Lillian Brewer** 7477 Brunerstown Rd  
Shelbyville 40065 330-1566

**Juanita Myers** 370 Colt Run Rd  
Simpsonville 40067 722-5389

### Directory Updates

**Sandra McCain**  
111 Prestwick Drive Georgetown, KY 40324

**Evan & Ashley Boswell**  
1208 Taylorwood Rd. Simpsonville 40067

# WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

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).

**If school is cancelled on Wednesday, we will cancel Wednesday evening ministries.**



## Holiday Hours

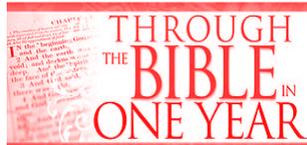
**The church office will close at 12pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.**

**The office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1.**

**Please ensure that all year-end giving is turned into the Finance Office by Thursday, December 31 at 11am.**

**As a reminder, the church office closes at 12pm on 12/31.**

YEAR-END  
**GIVING**  
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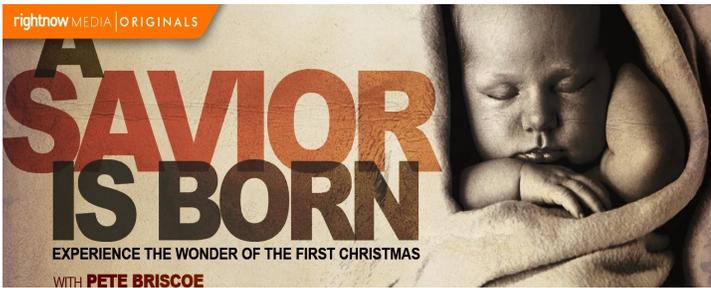
- December 1 Galatians 1-3
- December 2 Galatians 4-6
- December 3 Ephesians 1-3
- December 4 Ephesians 4-6
- December 5 Philippians 1-4
- December 6 Colossians 1-4
- December 7 1 Thess. 1-5
- December 8 2 Thess. 1-3
- December 9 1 Timothy 1-3
- December 10 1 Timothy 4-6
- December 11 2 Timothy 1-4
- December 12 Titus 1-3

- December 13 Philemon
- December 14 Hebrews 1-3
- December 15 Hebrews 4-6
- December 16 Hebrews 7-9
- December 17 Hebrews 10-13
- December 18 James 1-3
- December 19 James 4-5
- December 20 1 Peters 1-5
- December 21 2 Peter 1-3
- December 22 1 John 1-3
- December 23 1 John 4-5
- December 24 2-3 John, Jude
- December 25 Revelation 1-4
- December 26 Revelation 5-8
- December 27 Revelation 9-12
- December 28 Rev. 13-16
- December 29 Rev. 17-20
- December 30 Rev. 21-22



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.

**New Feature: See your whole group and discuss the series with the new built-in video chat function!**



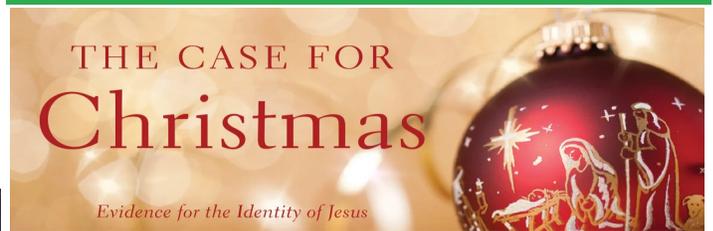
**Has Christmas lost its significance?**  
 It's one of the most familiar stories in human history: the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. A Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Yet, how can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day?

In each of these four Advent sessions in this video Bible study, viewers will experience cinematic short films that capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up Scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ.



Cutting down trees? Hanging stockings? Santa Claus? What do any of these have to do with Jesus' birthday?

Join VeggieTales creator Phil Vischer along with intrepid newsman Buck Denver and all his friends on an amazing journey into the world's most popular holiday! Sure, you know the Christmas story. But do you know the story of Christmas?

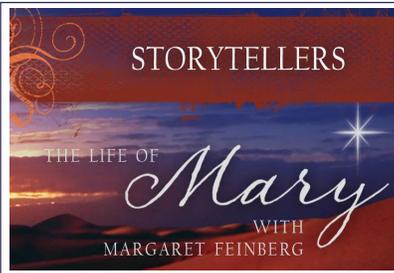


Even when he was an atheist, Lee Strobel enjoyed the Christmas season- the gift-giving, holiday parties, and being with friends and family. But after his wife became a Christian, Lee started to investigate the real meaning behind all those nativity scenes he had seen outside of churches. In this four-week study, Lee reveals what he discovered as he sought to separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition.



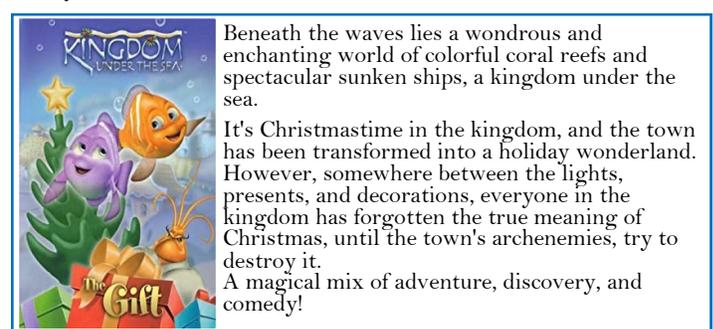
The details of the Christmas story can seem unbelievable. So now, thousands of years after shepherds watched their flocks and wise men followed a star, you may be asking, "Who needs Christmas?" Well, as it turns out, we all do. In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley shows us that the world needed Christmas, God needed Christmas, and we still need Christmas—but maybe not for the reason you think.

In each session you will explore: What the Bible actually says about Jesus' birth and how you can know it is accurate Whether the Christmas story actually happened or developed from the myths of the day The Bible's claim that Jesus was born of a virgin and why it is important to your faith How Jesus-and only Jesus-fulfilled hundreds of biblical prophecies about the Messiah. *The Case for Christmas* will invite you to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, challenge you to examine the evidence for yourself, and consider why Christmas really matters.



*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. Perfect for small group Bible studies.



Beneath the waves lies a wondrous and enchanting world of colorful coral reefs and spectacular sunken ships, a kingdom under the sea.

It's Christmastime in the kingdom, and the town has been transformed into a holiday wonderland. However, somewhere between the lights, presents, and decorations, everyone in the kingdom has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, until the town's archenemies, try to destroy it.

A magical mix of adventure, discovery, and comedy!



Thursday, December 10  
6:30pm

Due to Covid we have a max of 16 ladies that can participate.

Masks must be worn during play.

Please bring a pair of Christmas socks for a sock exchange!

We need four participants to provide a dessert.

Please contact Angie in the church office to RSVP.



Thursday, December 3  
4:30-8:30pm

and

Friday, December 4  
4:30-8:30pm

at

Walmart in Shelbyville

Volunteers are needed to ring the bell for one-hour intervals.

We are ringing the bell at both doors.

Please contact Angie in the church office at 722-5246 to sign up.



Our Women's Ministry hosted its first ladies hike in November.

**"We had such a good time on our hike! It was a great mix of ladies and new friendships were made!"**

### Address Directories

We have address directories in the church office to aid you in writing your Christmas card list. Please note that these are not pictorial directories as they only contain the contact information for our church family.

Dear Church Family:

The Church Staff wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! May you have safe and happy holidays with your family and friends.

*Steve, Matt, Jon, Kevin, Shawna, Bob, Cherissa, Jill, Angie*

Hello Church Family,

I wanted to give you a quick update on how things are going with our "Multiply" class. This is our young adult (25-35 yr. old) class. The class started about a year ago. Wow! A lot has changed in that time. What a blessing that so many in the class are new to our church. Because so many were new, it created a lot of new friendships that needed to form. It seemed like the class was just starting to build some strong relationships when the pandemic hit. As most of you can attest, the switch to virtual was a tough transition. But, through the classes commitment and God's goodness we were able to keep building the bonds of fellowship.

I am amazed to see how God is working in the class. Over the last month we have started to meet again in person while still having a virtual option available for those who need it. The class is growing stronger together. The discussions are thoughtful, and the relationships are genuine. I think most in the class would say that the class has been a bright spot during this dark time in our world. The class has been a support system for all and we've been able to build each other up during this time. To God be the glory! True to our "Multiply" name, we have even been able to add new members to our class as well.

Moreover, its easy to see how the class is growing together spiritually. As we move through the discussions, you can easily see the transformation from "I" centered conversations to God centered conversations. We have been looking at ways for the class to start serving our church and community and I'm proud to say that several of our members will be helping with the upcoming Thanksgiving meal. I am so thankful to be a part of this class. If you would like to join us then please email me at [larrymiller703@gmail.com](mailto:larrymiller703@gmail.com) for more details. Soon, we will be moving into a deeper discussion of the Gospel of Luke. This would be the perfect opportunity to come and see what we are about: Making disciples who make disciples. Larry Miller

Dear Church family: Thank you very much for the beautiful plaque in memory of my wonderful mother. Your kind words, prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

*Faye Hyde*



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missionaries

The global need for missions is *more urgent than ever.*

154,937 PEOPLE ARE DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST.

## Ways to give:

Write a check and put Lottie Moon in the memo space.

Use easyTith via the church website: [Simpsonvillebaptist.com](http://Simpsonvillebaptist.com).



**7,070** UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS  
4.5 BILLION UNREACHED PEOPLE

The world population is growing by almost 1.5 million people every week, while it's estimated that evangelical Christians only share the gospel approximately 275,000 times per week.

Your generosity sends and sustains missionaries.

**3,623**  
IMB Missionaries  
*Worldwide as of May 31, 2020*

Your generosity takes the gospel to the unreached.

**89,325**  
New Believers  
*Worldwide in 2019*

Your generosity trains nationals to multiply disciples.

**18,598**  
Pastors Trained  
*Worldwide in 2019*

Your generosity meets tangible needs.

**12,368**  
New Churches Started  
*Worldwide in 2019*



If 25% of Southern Baptists gave \$100 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we could raise nearly **\$400 MILLION**



Well over one hundred 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 there. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached peoples in unreached places.

- **1840**  
Born in Albemarle County, VA
- **1858**  
Dedicated her life to Christ
- **1861**  
Became one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree
- **1873**  
Lottie set sail for China
- **1912**  
Lottie died on the mission field
- **1918**  
Woman's Missionary Union (W.M.U.) named the annual Christmas offering after Lottie Moon

**CHURCH GOAL: \$3,500**

In November SBC hosted a Free Fair for the community. We received many wonderful donations of toys, clothing, shoes and household items. Linda Ashby, Anita Hoops, and Dixie Taylor spent a whole day sorting and organizing clothing. The following day our fair started out with a bang and almost every item had a new home. It was a great blessing to see so many needs being met. We were also able to offer the early attenders cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and milk. A big thank you goes out to all of those that donated clothing, at least one third of which still had tags on. Thank you also to those that helped out during the day to serve our guests: Ronnie & Jill Sowder, Bonnie Witt, Tony Sanford, Rick & Dixie Taylor, Anita Hoops, Stacey & Selena Valentine, Steve Boyd, and Jon Caranna.



How are you  
**serv**ing  
others?

We share these short tidbits of our church family serving, not to give them attention, but to glorify God's work in their lives and their commitment to our community. Let us know how you are ministering to others!

- Judy Ayers worked with some friends to create Homeless kits. Included in the kits were personal care items, New Testaments, and snacks.
- Sandra McCain found herself with two extra Lazyboy electric recliners! Her donation was a dream come true for the two families receiving them.
- Lorna Robinson traveled to the GAP outlet in northern KY and bought bags and bags full of children's clothes and jackets. She then went to Sams to purchase ten coats. Everything was delivered to the Simpsonville Elementary Resource Coordinator. She also provided a clothing shopping spree for two children at Meadow Ridge Apartments.
- Bob Perkins helped a church member take down a large tree.
- Tony Sanford replaced a deck for one church member.

- Bob & Tony both worked to remove saplings for another church member.
- We had a very large group of people help to provide 200 food boxes to our community. Some were delivered to homes and others were picked up in the church parking lot.
- Many of those who are recovering from surgery or illness have received home-cooked meals.
- Gary & Edith McGowan drove 1 1/2 hours to help a church member prepare a deceased loved one's home for sale.
- Anita Hoops has been contacting and taking gifts to our homebound seniors. She has also been working at the Veteran's Village get the homes ready for occupancy.
- Our deacons have been contacting many people on our church roll.
- We have had generous donations of money and toys to our Christmas Toy Store.
- Our Kingdom Heirs group pulled together a wonderful adoption fundraiser for Jon & Bobbi Caranna.
- Mary Wyatt has committed to taking an elderly couple in the community to monthly doctor's appointments.
- Mike & Debbie Willman are caring for the church grounds and making our entrances welcoming.
- Our Joy ,T4L, Vineyard, Bible Truth Seekers, and SALT classes kept the Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge apartments full for five months!
- Dixie Taylor will show up at random homes with cookies and dinner.
- Jill Sowder made home-made soups for lunch for her entire Adventure Club staff.
- Because of your generosity the church has provided Covid funds to help pay for rent, car repairs, electricity, and food for those in need in our community.
- Amanda Davis, Beth Stewart, Taylor Barnette, Marc Miller, Don & Carrie Vail, Anna Gray, Aaron & Alexis Shirley, Clark Jesse, and Tammy Wallace have stepped up to help with our youth and children's ministry.
- Christy & Baylee Branstetter have made and donated a plethora of hand-made cards to be used in the church office.

***All of these acts of service help to make both our church and our community just a little bit smaller!***



## **There is nothing better than eating home-made Christmas cookies!**

**We would like to offer some Christmas cheer in the form of cookies to some of our neighborhood friends. We need lots of volunteers to make their favorite Christmas treats! They can be cookies, cupcakes, any type of handheld edible creation. We will repackage them and make a nice holiday mix and include an invitation to our Christmas Eve Service.**

**Please contact Angie in the church office if you can help:**

- **Bake a couple dozen Christmas cookies.**  
(We have supplies of cookie cutters, sprinkles, icing, decorations.)
- **Assemble cookie boxes & wrap boxes creatively.**
  - **Deliver boxes.**

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