



- 2 Kim Carroll
- Kimberly Hutcherson
- 3 Adam Harrison
- 4 Mark Gallimore
- Terrie Williams
- 7 Tamara Bowlin
- Fallon Davis
- 8 Pam Turner
- Kayla White
- 10 Tucker Evans
- Lucas Parker
- 11 Diann Williams
- Jennifer Doran
- 12 Sandra Taylor
- 13 Angie Plunk
- Penny Gallimore
- 14 Paul Cobb
- 15 Blake Carlton
- 16 Jennifer Moore
- Pam Bennett
- 18 Jesse Jackson
- Charlie Pete McDaniel
- Charlene Ramsey
- Madge Winstead
- Edward Hicks
- 22 Joshua Parham
- Merrie Jo Leach
- Landon Cantrell
- 25 Millie Williams
- 27 Wanda Arant
- 30 Brian Morris
- Joseph Bequette
- 31 Craig Woodward
- Kayla Harris



## DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1st *Week of Prayer for IMB—Lottie Moon Offering*
- Widow/Widower Christmas Luncheon 12:00 pm*
- Creative Kids 4 Christ 6:00 pm*
- Special Called Business Meeting 6:00 pm*
- 3rd *WC Backpack 12:00 pm*
- 4th *Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal 5:30 pm*
- 7th *Lively Ones Outing 2:00 pm*
- 8th *The Christmas Express 6:00 pm*
- 11th *TeamKID—Community Outreach-bring canned food 6:00 pm*
- 15th *Song of Joy 11:00 am*
- 17th *JOY 11:30 am*
- 18th *TeamKID—Ugly Christmas Shirt 6:00 pm*
- 25th *MERRY CHRISTMAS*
- 29th *Lord's Supper 11:00 am*
- NO Evening Services*

If you would like to be added to the DFBC email, text, or phone tree communication line to receive updates/events, prayer request, inclement weather notice, etc...please let the church office know with your contact information. Reminder to keep the church office current on your membership profile changes (address, contact numbers/emails). You may also submit a picture anytime for the online directory. Thank you! Janet

### The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane.  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are red like  
the blood shed for me.  
White is for my Savior  
who's sinless and pure.  
"J" is for Jesus, my Lord,  
that's for sure!  
Turn it around and  
a staff you will see.  
Jesus, my shepherd,  
was born for me!

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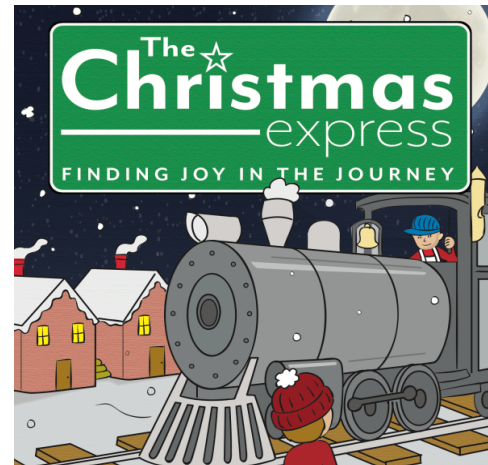
### Financial Gifts to the Church

**In Memory of:**  
Era Sue Tucker.....by Kenneth & Janice Gatewood  
Charles Smith.....by Kelley & Sheila Swearingen,  
Sylvia Swearingen, Lou Ann Powers, Kenneth & Janice Gatewood, Timothy Class,  
Edith Dilday  
Kenneth Winstead.....by Pastor's SS Class

Sunday School 9:45 am | Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm | Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm | Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm



# First View



All aboard! Every Christmas Eve the passengers on the Christmas Express make the journey to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to celebrate the birth of Christ with a grand pageant. The question is, who will God choose to ride the train on this special night, and what kind of adventure will unfold? Come along as the jolly, joyful train conductor welcomes Mrs. Davis and her students, along with a hard-working waitress named Jenny. The mood is high until Mr. Theodore Higginsworth, III — a businessman who doesn't believe in "fairy tales" — boards the train. Only when the Christmas Express comes to a sudden stop and an unexpected stranger comes on board does Mr. Higginsworth realize that the story of Christmas isn't only a story.

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm performed by the DFBC Children, Youth and Adult Musical groups.

*I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne. Revelation 7:9*

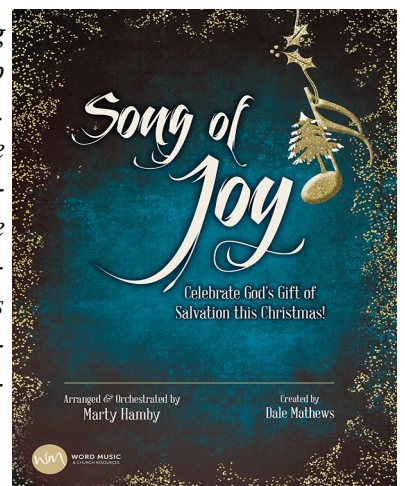
Generous giving to the 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® makes a difference among the multitudes. Men, women, children, and entire communities are transformed as a result of this offering. Your gifts enable thousands of missionaries to live among, serve, and share the gospel with people who have never heard it until now.

Every December since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has empowered Southern Baptist's international missions work. At the beginning of this giving season, we start with a week of prayer dedicated to international missions, taking place December 1-8.



*Songs both new and old, celebratory and worshipful, joy-filled and awe-inspired, soul-searching and soul-soothing, weave a tapestry of Christmas wonder that invites the believer to worship and rejoice in His presence, while offering Hope to the downtrodden and Salvation to the lost. In perhaps some of its most powerful moments, Song of Joy ushers the listener into the serene and peaceful strains of the beloved carol Silent Night! Holy Night!, followed by compelling narration leading to the poignant and reflective new song, Somewhere in Your Silent Night (made popular by Casting Crowns). That is followed by a song of invitation and worship with Crowder's Come As You Are, encouraging the lost to come to Christ and give Him their heart. This song of invitation leads us into the declaration that He is the King of kings who will reign forever in the medley featuring Tomlin's, He Shall Reign Forevermore, and Elevation Worship's, Only King Forever.*

Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 am presented by the DFBC Adult Choir.





**JOY** What are you thankful for? We should be thankful for who God is. He is Omniscient. He knows everything about us. He is Omnipotent. He is all powerful. He is Omnipresent. He is everywhere at the same time. We can be thankful for each of God's attributes. Just think of all that God has done and continues to do for us. We have more than enough to be thankful for. As we close out the Thanksgiving holiday and enter the Christmas season let's not be too busy to thank God for who and what He is and what He's done for us. For me personally I'm thankful for JOY and the amazing year we have experienced. Every devotion, every meal, and every program has been bathed in prayer. Our mission is to bring our Seniors together for a time of worship and fellowship. We trust we have done just that. Please pray for our December meeting and for another year that brings glory to God our Father. December 17th will be our next meeting date. We will have a meal that day planned and created by your very own JOY committee. Chili, baked potato, crackers, cheese, and dessert. We will be entertained by Wendell Verdell with a Christmas musical program. Make your plans now to attend! Sheila Swearingen

## Minister of Education

When I was younger, December and Christmas seemed to take two or three years to get there. Now, it seems there is only about six months between Christmases! What happened?? When we are busy and our lives filled with constant activities, our focus in life changes. Many people are just trying to make it through TODAY, not the year! However, I pray we won't lose sight of the Spiritual blessings that Christmas brings to mind. Every time a baby is born, it seems like a miracle. However, of all the miracles surrounding the life of Jesus, none is more miraculous than the virgin birth of Jesus. Thereon hangs the very essence of our salvation and redemption. May we remember and acknowledge Him as the focus of our Christmas celebrations!!

Next month the Genesis Sunday School Class will offer another course in basic Bible doctrines believed by our church based on what the Bible teaches. I will be leading this course which can begin the first Sunday in January 2020.

If you are or know of anyone who is interested in taking this three-month course from the "Baptist Faith and Message" please contact me this month (December) so we can make plans for materials. The classroom is down the hall and next door to my office and across the hall from the Truth-seekers classroom. I look forward to sharing this class with new members or any others who would like a refresher course on Bible doctrines. After the three-month course you would return to your own class and teacher.

The J. O. Y. ministry continues to flourish and be a blessing to our Senior Adults in FBC Dresden. Our December meeting will be on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Bro. Don will be bringing the devotion and Wendell Verdell will bring songs pertaining to or related to Christmas. We are grateful for the faithfulness of the J.O.Y. Advisory Team who work so tirelessly and effectively leading this ministry!

See you in church!  
Bro. Wayne

## Women on Mission—Unshakable Pursuit

*The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Offering: I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes. Rev. 7:9.* The SBC's efforts to reach the nations include supporting 3,692 international missionaries. They engaged 847 people groups last year. From that work, there were 77,605 new believers, 18,428 new pastors trained, and 13,898 new churches planted. There are still 7,089 unreached people groups and 3,176 unengaged, unreached people groups. DFBC's goal for international missions is \$5,650. The national goal is \$165 million. On Dec. 1st, the bulletins will contain a prayer guide. After reading and praying for the featured work, have some fun by filling in the matching activity printed below. May you be blessed as you pray and give to support the missionaries.

Match these facts from the IMB Prayer Guide.

- Days 1-4
1. IMB President Chitwood's trip to East Asia
  2. Ann Boyter in Mexico
  3. East Asian missionary
  4. Hun Sol in South Korea
- Days 5-8
1. Paul and Robin Tinley-Columbia, So America
  2. Brian and Mandy Davis-Bulgaria
  3. Quebec-The Pinkstons
  4. Tokyo, Japan—Mark
- A. "I live for moments when people meet Jesus."  
B. Students share the gospel for the first time.  
C. "We've been able to see herdsmen come to know Christ."  
D. Four ways to pray for overseas missionaries.
- A. Has a sidewalk chapel for the homeless.  
B. Conduct weekly home Bible studies.  
C. "They have an open heart right now."  
D. Meeting needs by offering refugees spiritual help and comfort.

## Music Ministry

As I write this column, Thanksgiving is on us, and I have so very much to be thankful for, including being a part of the wonderful church family at FBC Dresden and having the privilege to serve in the music ministry. None of this service would be possible without the dedication of all of you who come (or drive others) to the various practices each week that comprise the music ministry.

As we enter December, every aspect of the music ministry comes together in such a special way, more than at any time of the year. Here are the highlights:

**HAND CHIMES:** Both adult and children's hand chime choirs are practicing and performing. See Jeanie's column in this newsletter for details.


**ADULT CHOIR:** The Adult Choir is working overtime to learn new music and to rehearse for our Christmas cantata. They are all in the cantata choir, which includes a few folks who are new to the choir. In all there are about 35 singers in the cantata! That includes several soloists.

This year's musical is a worshipful, powerful cantata titled "Song Of Joy." It comes with narration that has a clear kingdom message of Christ's birth and is complemented by a video. It will be presented at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Please mark your calendar and invite family and friends.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL:** As we close out the third month of rehearsals, we're combining the music, choreography and drama to present this year's Christmas musical, "The Christmas Express." Check out Jeanie's column elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

From Jeanie and me, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Dr. Robert Nanney  
Minister of Music



**LIVELY ONES on the MOVE:** It's time to sign up for Spring Jubilee in Branson MO.—April 22—24, 2020 and the Sight & Sound production of "Noah". Sign up by January 12th and deposit of \$170.00 per person. See Bonnie Bullock or Diann Williams if any questions.

**ADULT HAND CHIMES:** The adult hand chime choir will be playing two Christmas songs for the Call to Worship on Sunday morning, December 8th. There will be 15 adults participating I am so grateful for these adults who are willing to devote both practice and performance time to this ministry. We are always ready to welcome any adult who would like to give hand chimes a try. Just let me know if you are interested.

**YOUTH HAND CHIMES:** I am very thankful for the 12 young people from the 3rd through 8th grades who have played hand chimes this fall. We will be playing two Christmas songs on Sunday morning, December 1st for the Call to Worship. After a break during the rest of December and January, we will meet again in February to prepare some songs for this spring including Easter.

Jeanie Nanney  
Hand Chime Choir Director



**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - "THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS"**  
After three months of practicing, the annual Christmas musical will be presented on Sunday evening, December 8th, at 6:00. There are 31 children and youth and six adults in the performance, which promises to be both entertaining and inspirational as we present the true meaning of Christmas in drama and song.

"The Christmas Express" is a delightful reminder of the beautiful gift God sent us in Bethlehem that holy night 2000 years ago. We hope all our church family will support our children and youth and join us on December 8th as we hop on board the train and travel to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to celebrate our Savior's birth. You will find yourself laughing one moment and moved to tears in the next as you watch these precious children and talented adults on stage. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on finding true joy in the journey!!

Jeanie Nanney  
Christmas Musical Director

