

A Word From Our Pastor

Good morning, and welcome to Ellendale Baptist Church! It's great to have you here today!

I don't know if you've noticed or not, but there are a lot of things happening on our campus today! First thing this morning, at 8:30A.M., our kiddos are celebrating their "Bethlehem Breakfast" event over in the Fellowship Hall. Tonight at 6:00, our youth choir will bring us their Christmas music and play, and I know that you're looking forward to that. But, the biggest event on our calendar today is our annual "White Christmas March for Missions!"

This morning at 9:30, all of our Bible Study groups will gather in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of presenting gifts to those in need in our community. If you're only here during the worship hour, notice the big pile of white presents under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. That's what those gifts are for.

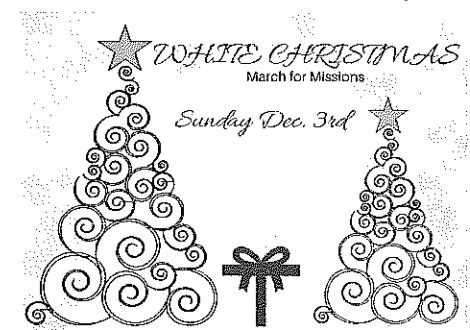
Today is also the day we officially kick off our collection of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. As a church, we've made it our goal to contribute \$50,000 to this offering. Why? Because every penny of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to support international mission efforts.

Something we say a lot around here is that our mission is to glorify God "from the neighborhoods of Bartlett to the nations of the world." The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a means for us to do that. Church members, hopefully you've been praying about what God is leading you to give in addition to your regular giving.

This a fun time of year for our church family, but it's also an awesome opportunity to share the gospel with people in our neighborhoods who may not know why they celebrate this time of year. Ask God to give you opportunities to talk about what Jesus Christ has done for you. Remember, our mission starts at home!

White Christmas March for Missions Unwrapping Event

Today marks our Annual White Christmas March for Missions, and



tomorrow we need volunteers to help unwrap and box up the gifts. If you are available to serve in this ministry, please meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 in the morning. These mission areas are aided by your giving: Memphis Union Mission, Brinkley Heights, Leawood Clothes Closet, Moriah House, and Bent Tree Apartments.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship resumes today.

Women on Mission

The Women on Mission will meet Tuesday, December 5, at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Carroll. A potluck luncheon will follow the program. All ladies are invited to attend.

Offering Envelopes

The 2018 Offering Envelopes are in and ready for you to pick up in the hallway by the choir room. Please note: if you have joined EBC since Sept. 1, you will not have a new box of envelopes. Please continue to use the offering envelopes you received when you joined until next year. If you have not received a box of envelopes, or if your box is not on the table, please contact the church office.

Christmas Music Presentations

The following is a schedule of the Christmas music presentations that will take place at EBC in the next few weeks. We invite you to come and join in the celebration of the birth of our Lord, and bring friends and family with you. Tonight, 6:00 P.M. - Youth Choir
"The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas"

Dec. 10, 6:00 P.M. - Worship Choir
"Glory Divine"

Dec. 17, 6:00 P.M. - Children's Choir
"The First Leon"

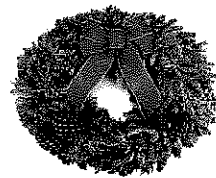
Angel Tree

Please go by the information desk in the Gathering Area and pick up an angel tree name from Titus Mason. These are children in our area whose parents cannot afford to purchase them anything for Christmas. What a wonderful way to show the love of Christ and celebrate His birth.



Christmas Open House

Our Pastor's annual "Christmas Open House" will be on Sunday, December 10, from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. A shuttle will be available from the church leaving on the quarter hour. Since parking is limited; the shuttle will help alleviate this problem. There will be an insert next Sunday to inform you when your Sunday School class is scheduled to go. We look forward to seeing you!



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Today will kick off our month of giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Be praying about it now! Let God lead you



in your giving to give generously to this ministry. 100% of the offerings received go to the support of our international missionaries. We will receive the offering through the month of December. Our church goal is \$50,000.

Widows Christmas Tea

The Deacon's wives will host a Christmas Tea for the widows of E.B.C. this afternoon, December 3, from 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. in the Gathering Area.



We hope to see each of our widows attend and spend this time in fellowship and celebration of the reason for the season, our Lord's birth.

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REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Sunday School Attendance.....	309
SS Average for November.....	362
SS Average for 2017.....	381
Worship Attendance.....	389
Budget Goal Weekly.....	\$28,962.30
Tithes and Offerings.....	\$23,102.88
Online Giving.....	\$10,686.89
Designated Giving.....	\$247.00
Sutherland Springs, TX.....	\$75.00
Total Contributions.....	\$34,111.77
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$1,390,190.40
Received to Date.....	\$1,256,697.21

Extended Session Workers Next Sunday, December 10	
Infants	Preschool A - Room 101 Permanent Workers
Ones	Preschool B - Room 102 Casper Briggs, Anita Murry
Twos	Preschool C - Room 104 Hannah and Olevia Dunn
Threes	Preschool - D Room 103 Ann Simmons and Dona Watts
Fours	Preschool E - Room 107 Jim and Sue Alexander
Special Needs	Room 108 Debra Morris

Room B106 is available for nursing mothers.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal Reservation

Reservations may be made by returning this slip in the offering plate, by calling the church office. Reservations and cancellations must be made by noon on Monday.

Menu for December 6:
Fried Chicken, Vegetables, Salad Bar, Dessert, and Drink

Name _____

Please mark the number of plates you wish to reserve. There is an \$18 maximum per immediate family household.

Adult (\$5.00): _____
 Children (\$3.00): _____ (age 4-10)

Check one:
 Yes, please add my name to the permanent meal reservation list.
 No, please do not add my name to the permanent meal reservation list.

Our mission is to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples who Make Disciples. We seek to do that Biblically, Prayerfully, and in the Context of Community.

Tell Us About Yourself

I am a Member I am a Guest

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Marital Status: Single Married Other

Birthday Mo ___ Day ___ Year _____

This is my 1st time here 2nd 3rd

I am an out-of-town guest _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Where do you usually worship? _____

Would you like a visit from one of our Staff Ministers? _____

Would you like to enroll in a Bible Study class? _____

My Decision Today

[] Trust Christ as Lord and Savior

[] Recommit my life to Christ

[] Would like to join this church

**Event Sign-up or
Prayer Requests**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3

A.M.
9:00 Sunday School
9:35 White Christmas March for Missions
10:15 Morning Worship
Children's Worship
11:00 Faith Vietnamese Baptist Church
P.M.
2:00 Widow's Christmas Tea in the Gathering Area
6:00 Evening Worship - Youth Choir
"The Last Mailing Day Before Christmas"
6:00 Bible Drill
7:00 Ministry Council - C101

Monday, December 4

P.M.
4:30 KiDs Beach Club - Kate Bond Elem.
6:30 Aerobics - FSH

Tuesday, December 5

A.M.
8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast - Shoneys on Covington Pike
P.M.
3:15 KiDs Beach Club - Ellendale Elem.
6:00 Singleton Community Center Christmas Program - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 6

A.M.
9:00 Senior F.U.N. Day - FSH
P.M.
5:00 Fellowship Meal - FSH
5:45 Children's Choir - Choir Room
6:00 Preschool Choir/Music for Threes - B104
6:15 Women's Bible Study - C102
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study - Sanctuary
6:30 RA, GA, and Mission Friends
6:30 Student Midweek - Youth Area
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, December 7

A.M.
10:30 Faith SS Class Christmas Party - FSH
P.M.
4:15 Memphis Union Mission
6:30 Aerobics - FSH

Friday, December 8

A.M.
9:00 Quilting Team Christmas Party - FSH
6:00 Ellendale Baptist Mother's Day Out Christmas Program - Sanctuary

Saturday, December 9

A.M.
10:00 Christmas Chorus Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
P.M.
5:00 Son Seekers SS Class Christmas Party - FSH
*FLC - Family Life Center
*FSH - Fellowship Hall

Morning Worship

Hymn #270	"Joy to the World"
Prayer	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Welcome	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Youth Choir	
Worship Choir	"Ring the Bells"
Hymn #277	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Praise Song	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
Scripture Reading, Rev. Tommy Webster	Mark 12:28-34
Children leave for Children's Worship	
Solo, Stuart McCollough	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"
Message	Dr. Fred Shackelford
	"The Gifts of Christmas: Love"
Hymn of Response #491	"Jesus, I Come"
Offertory, Rob Grayson	"Starlight"
Presentation of New Members	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Closing Prayer	Deacon

Evening Worship

"The Last Mailing Day

Before Christmas"

by

EBC's Youth Choir

6:00 P.M.



December 3, 2017

Do you want to better understand
God's **LOVE** for you?

**THE
GIFTS
OF
Christmas**

DISCOVER IT THIS WEEK.