



The Sardis Messenger

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Sardis Family,

It has been such a special November, and I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude for the Pastor Appreciation gifts you shared with me and my family. Your kindness, generosity, and encouragement mean far more than you know. *"I thank my*

God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3). It is a joy and privilege to serve this loving congregation, and I am continually humbled by the way you care for us.

What a wonderful blessing Heritage Day was! It was a joy to have Dr. Yarbrough with us as we reflected on God's goodness across the generations and to celebrate the faithful saints who have shaped the ministry of Sardis Baptist Church. Days like this remind us of the truth of Psalm 100:5, *"For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."*

Thank you to everyone who prepared, prayed, cooked, decorated, or simply showed up ready to worship. God was honored, and our church was strengthened.

Now our hearts turn toward one of the most meaningful times of the year, Christmas. I am excited to announce our Advent sermon series for Sunday mornings titled **"The Best Christmas Ever!"** Together, we will walk through the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings, and discover why the first Christmas truly changed everything. This is my favorite time of year, the cooler weather, the Christmas music, the lights and the overall joy that you see in people.

In addition, our midweek bible study will follow the same topics to help us dig even deeper into the themes we explore on Sunday. This will be a wonderful opportunity to slow down, refocus, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's coming.

As the decorations go up, the music begins to play, and the pace of life becomes a little busier, let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The angel said in Matthew 1:21, *"You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

That is the heart of Christmas. The Savior came, not merely to give us a holiday, but to give us hope and eternal life.

May we approach this season with grateful hearts, joyful worship, and a renewed commitment to make much of Christ. Truly, when our focus is on Him, it can be the best Christmas ever.

Know that we love you all, pray for you daily and are here for you in any way you need. Have a Merry Christmas!

With love and gratitude, **Pastor Matt, Alyssa & Eli**



WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE at the **SARDIS FLC** on December 7th from 3-5 p.m. Bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange! Laurie Tipton will be demonstrating how to decorate beautiful cookies and will let you try your hand at it!



The **WMU** will be your **Christmas Mail-Ladies** again this year! Start shopping for your cards and label them like you are going to mail them (but no stamps please). Then bring them with you to church the first three Sundays in December and they will get them to families, or individuals (within the church). They are suggesting that you make a donation to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year instead of buying stamps! Be watching for the Mail-Box the beginning of December!



Jesus. Others. You.

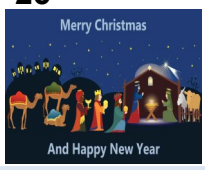
WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE

Get ready for an inspiring weekend at **Women of Joy, April 24-26** in **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee!**

This year's speakers and performers include **Lysa TerKeurst, Cain, and Hosanna Wong**. It's a time to refresh your spirit, grow in faith, and connect with other women who love the Lord. The total per person is **\$100**. You won't want to miss this unforgettable weekend of worship, wisdom, and joy! To register, see Alyssa Elmore!

December Calendar

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL: \$3,000 - PRAY AND GIVE AS GOD LEADS!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Have fun learning about Lottie Moon as you go on a Scavenger Hunt right here inside the building at Sardis. The scavenger hunt will be happening the entire month of December with prizes (while they last) for the finisher(s). Pick up a question/answer sheet with the first clue and the parameters of the hunt, in the foyer. The first clue is this, "you can find the answer outside the room where babies can be found."	1	2 6:00 p.m. Men's & Women's D-Groups	3 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship Meal & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service, Children & Youth	4	5  6:30 p.m. Church Staff, Deacon & Trustee Christmas Party at FLC	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 3-5:00 p.m. Women's Cookie Exchange	8 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	9 6:00 p.m. Men's & Women's D-Groups	10 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service, Children & Youth	11	12 11 a.m. Solo Seniors Lunch 6:30 p.m. Sardis Preschool Christmas Program	13
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 2-3:30 p.m. Alyssa's Baby Shower/FLC	15	16 6:00 p.m. Adult Ministry Night at FLC	17 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service, Children & Youth	18 11:00 a.m. Happy Harts	19	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast & Meeting
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27
Church Offices are closed December 23-26						
Happy Birthday!						
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	29	30	31 No Services/ Church Offices Closed	1 Carol Ann Chapman 2 Penny Dockery 3 Marty Adams 4 Andy McNab 8 Emilee Adams 9 Mike Cleveland 10 Sandra Mize 11 Amanda Jenniges 13 Jerry Robertson 13 Aubrey Dickenson	14 Dalton Farrow 15 Eli McClain 19 Hunter Milford 20 Lee Adams 20 Eli Elmore 21 Jean Vickery 29 Kenton Adams 30 Phyllis Bailey 30 Kenneth Fleming 30 Tammy Johnson	