



First Baptist Church Tipton

December 2020

Greetings from the behind the Pastor's desk:

It seems like it has been forever since I wrote a message for the newsletter! It is the last newsletter for 2020. Wow, what a year! We have lived through a pandemic, shutdowns, cancellations, postponements and an election. It has been stressful wondering if we are going to contract the virus or if a loved one is going to get. Many of the plans for our church have been moved around or planned and cancelled. Despite all of this, we can rest assured that God is still on the throne. He rules and reigns! God has been faithful and never left us abandoned during this year. So, one thing we can celebrate, God never changes! My theme verse for 2020 is Psalms 46: 1 which says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The word for "refuge" is defined as a shelter, a place of hope or trust. God is one who can come alongside of us and shelter us from the storms of life or pandemic. He is hope when everything looks bleak and ominous. In fact, twice, it says, "The Lord of hosts is with us." He provides a shelter, not to get us away from trouble but to see us through it. I look forward to 2021 because it is another year closer to His coming.

There is so much happening in the world, particularly, in the Middle East. Israel is quickly drawing attention of the world. Nations are aligning themselves, either as a friend to the nation of Israel or a foe. There is no straddling the fence on this issue! Nations are again recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moving their Embassies to the city. This is exciting because it is fulfillment of scripture. We live in the ripest environments for telling people about Jesus and proclaiming the Rapture of the church. What a day to be living! I know some have said and maybe, I have even said it, I would have loved living back in Jesus's day. But I don't know as if these are even better days to be alive because we may be the generation that sees the Rapture of the church. Be ready and look up for your redemption draws near.

As for the upcoming events, let's plan on and observe the Lord's Supper on December 27, 2020, in the evening service. What a wonderful time to celebrate the victory of the Lord and the end of the year. Good riddance to 2020!

**Pastor
Bro. Les Banks**

**Music
Coordinator
Karen Kirk**

**Musicians
Karen Kirk**

**Secretary
Newsletter**

Carl Ann Ward

SUNDAY

Sunday School
9:45 AM

Morning Worship
10:50 AM

Adult Choir
5:30 PM

Evening Worship
6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Children's
Worship
6:30 PM

Prayer Service
Bible Study
6:30 PM

Youth
6:30PM

P.O. Box 170
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Les Banks



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially.

This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).

2020 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 2020 is \$175,000,000

FBC Goal: \$1500.00



Christmas Food Baskets Collection Thru 12-18-20 by Noon



Christmas Baskets

Food Collection due 12-18-20

\$15.00 for a Ham

- 1 pkg. Instant Potatoes, or 2 boxes scalloped/au gratin
- 3 Cans of Green Beans
- 3 Cans of Whole Kernel Corn
- 1 32 oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 16 oz. Pkg Spaghetti or 3 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 2 15 oz. (or larger) Cans of Fruit or Yams
- 1 Cake Mix and 1 Ready to spread Frosting
- 1 Box Dry Cereal (for children)
- 1 Pecan or Pumpkin Pie (Pie of Choice)
- 1 Box Hot Chocolate Mix (10 envelopes)
- 1 Loaf of Bread or Dinner Rolls
- 1 Dozen Egg

Deliver Baskets December 21, 2020

If you know a family that needs a Christmas Basket please call the Church office: 667-5501

