

The Voice

Information and Inspiration for the Welsh Neck Baptist Association

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ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES

Thank you to each church who completed and submitted your ACP for 2021! This not only provides helpful information to the SBC, but also determines the amount of funds the WNBA receives from the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions.

YEAR END GIVING

Thank you to each of our churches for your contributions to the WNBA this year! As you prepare for your final contributions for 2021, please note that all receipts received on or before January 4, 2022, will be credited to 2021.



November 28-December 5: Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 1-31: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 6: Ministers and Wives Christmas Fellowship, 6:00 pm
West Hartsville Baptist Church

December 13: Top Gun Leadership Training, 6:15pm, Central Baptist

December 20-January 2: WNBA Office Closed for Holidays

December 25: Christmas Day



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our churches who helped us give
440 packets to share the love of Christ with those in need.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

2021 Goal: \$185 Million Dollars

100% of your gifts go directly to the missionaries on the field.

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by Southern Baptists 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.



"Without Lottie Moon, we wouldn't be able to take the gospel to unreached people every day."
- IMB Missionary

Hartsville's FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FREE YARD SALE
SAT, DEC 11
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

104 E. Home Ave
(Across from the Sonic in Hartsville)

Frequently Asked Questions

Free? Really? What's the catch?

None. No fine print. If you could use an item, take it. No cost and no 'bait & switch.' We're not even asking for donations. We certainly invite you to join us for church on Sunday if you are looking for a good church, but there will be no pressure and there are no conditions for enjoying the free yard sale.

Why are you doing this?

We understand that returning from the COVID-19 shutdown, the current inflation prices, and the scarcity of some items might put a strain on people for Christmas this year. We want to help.

What items will there be?

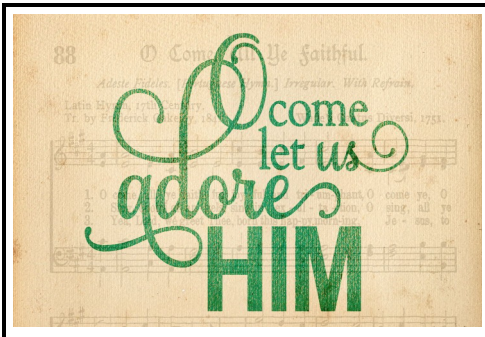
We are asking people to donate anything that is still good (nothing broken or damaged). We anticipate there will be toys, kitchen items, furniture, and everything in between. Will have coats and jackets, but NOT other clothes. We will also provide hot dogs and drinks at no cost at about 11:30.

Is there a limit to what I can take?

No! But please be considerate of others that could benefit from this.

May I donate something?

Sure! As long as it is in good condition (and no clothes other than clean coats). Bring it by the church no later than
4:00 pm, Wednesday, December 8.





A WORD FROM THE ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR



As we approach the end of 2021 I have to confess that I feel like I am still waiting for 2020 to come to a conclusion! I guess it's because so much of what we dealt with in 2020 has continued in 2021. I can only imagine what it was like for Israel as they waited for the promised Messiah not just for a year or two, but for hundreds of years. Obviously so many of them believed in the promise but did not see it come to fruition in this life.

I confess, I don't like to wait. However, waiting is often good, and when we wait on the Lord we are given many promises. I know what having to wait feels like, even when I wait with hope and expectation. I think this is one of the reasons I like the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." It's as if I can feel the yearning of the people of Israel as they await the promised Messiah. Surely their heart song mirrored this wonderful hymn. "O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!" For me, the minor key creates a sense of yearning for what is to come. It has not yet arrived, but it will. That is why the hymn writer concludes each verse with the chorus to rejoice because Emmanuel shall come! May God help each of us to rejoice now for all of the matters upon which we patiently wait.

Sadly though, most of Israel missed the coming of the promised Messiah. They, like many today, were unduly occupied with the various circumstances of life. They were looking for a king who would deliver them from the various oppressions that arose from being a small nation. They thought that earthly freedom and independence was their greatest need, but they were mistaken. The greatest need for all mankind is spiritual, not physical. That is why Christ came to meet our greatest need, salvation from a lost condition that, apart from Christ, would leave us in eternal judgment and separation from our Creator.

Too many times in my life I have been looking for the wrong things in life. I have focused on myself, my circumstances, or my desires. That's why I like to read about Simeon in Luke 2. The Bible says that Simeon was "looking for the consolation of Israel." Simeon was looking for the right thing. He was looking for the Christ. This is a pertinent reminder for all of us as to where our focus needs to be this Christmas season, and throughout the year. Our focus needs to be on Christ. It is my prayer for each of us that our Christmas will be bright with the light and love of Christ, unhindered by the dimming effects of the world. God grant it. Grace and peace, Joe



Merry Christmas

from the staff at the Welsh Neck Baptist Association

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JOY
to the WORLD
THE LORD
is come let EARTH
receive her
KING

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