

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### Praise the Lord!

We reached our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal.

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday Nights as we gather together at 5:00 p.m. for some good food. Followed at 6:00 p.m. with a bible teaching by Pastor Chris and then at 6:30 p.m. with choir practice or prayer time. Bring your appetite and your friends and come fellowship with us.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, February 5th

Attention All Members - Our quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, February 5th following the morning worship service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

### Pastor Search Committee

The following people will be serving on the Pastor Search Committee:

Diana Belger  
Robbie Currie  
Mary Nell McCoy  
Barbara Martinez  
Elliott Seigal  
Al Thornell  
Diane Varady

Remember, these people will need your prayers in seeking God's will as they work together in finding a pastor.

## Valentine Party

### What do bears and Italian food have in common?

They both will be at this years Valentine Party. Our theme is "You're **BEARY** Special" and you are!

Bears will fill the place - sweet ones!

Saturday, February 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at First Southern Baptist Church

Please sign up for what to bring **Italian!** Spaghetti, raviolis, lasagna, salads, garlic bread and mustn't forget dessert. Cream puffs or any other Italian dessert.

There will be FOOD, BEARS, GAMES, ACTIVITES AND FUN!



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is now proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13:13 (NIV)

## Monkeys Galore,

During our just-completed mission to Africa, Liz and I made it a habit to walk early in the morning on the trails at the National University of Rwanda. On Monday morning, we walked in hopes of spotting a monkey in the trees, but our monkey friends were hiding.

We walked the same trails on Tuesday. As we turned a corner, I pointed and said, "Liz, there's a monkey". As we approached, the animal scampered away. We followed and found ourselves in a monkey forest. There must have been 30 of the little creatures surrounding us; hanging from tree limbs, playing on the ground, and staring back at us. A large alpha male was actively patrolling his troupe. When we returned to the house, we looked in our guide book. It appears that the monkeys we encountered are a variety called "vervet"; adults being about the size of a house cat with long tails, pale green colors and a black mask encircling the nose and mouth.

On Wednesday we went walking again, this time carrying a few bananas, but there were no monkeys to be seen. On Thursday, we encountered our friends once more. They gobbled up our offering of bananas and seemed to want more, so we retreated quickly down the trail.

On Friday we didn't make the morning walk, but at noon I began to speak at the university stadium. Then came the invasion; maybe 100 vervet monkeys of all sizes. They climbed in the rafters, rattled on the tin roof, and made a general nuisance of themselves. One monkey was pulling on microphone wires and a student chased it away. Liz and I have different theories about this monkey invasion. She says the monkeys appeared because I fed them the day before and they sought me out for more bananas. I say that Liz was praying to see monkeys and God answered her prayer to overflowing. Whatever the case, our hearts were joyful to see close-up this particular handiwork of God.



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



*"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
Branch - Navy Rank - 2nd Class  
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

## February Calendar

1st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
5th - Quarterly Business Meeting - 12:15 p.m.  
11th - Valentine Party - 4:00 p.m.  
13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
15th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
18th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.  
15th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.  
20th - Office Closed  
22nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.  
25th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
27th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
29th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

4th - Harold Sterling  
7th - Pete Dal Ferro  
7th - Stacie Kopet  
10th - Pat Harrelson  
10th - Latoya Williams  
12th - Pauline Ford  
17th - Heidi Brogan  
18th - Eugene Ivey  
21st - Ruth Cavin



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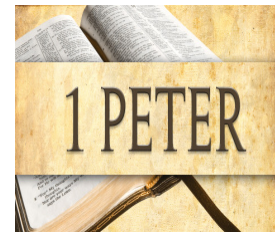
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### Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris is continuing a series of messages from the book of 1 Peter.



- ~ February 5 ~ Following Christ ~ 1 Peter 4:1-6
- ~ February 12 ~ End-time Ethics ~ 1 Peter 4:7-11
- ~ February 19 ~ Our Fiery Ordeal ~ 1 Peter 4:12-19
- ~ February 26 ~ Pride and Humility ~ 1 Peter 5:1-6



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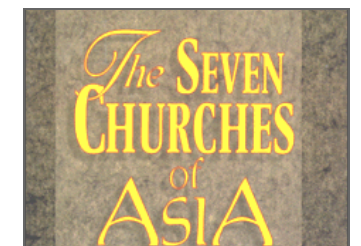
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### Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Chris is continuing a series on "The Seven Churches of Asia".

- ~ February 5 ~ To The Church in Thyatira  
The Tolerating Church
- ~ February 12 ~ To The Church in Sardis  
The Dying Church
- ~ February 19 ~ To The Church in Philadelphia  
The Obedient Church
- ~ February 26 ~ To The Church in Laodicea  
The Useless Church



**FEBRUARY**