



DEACON READING COUNTERS NURSERY

6-Dec	Dave Klein	Joe Mascia	Kim	Joyce Hoffman
13-Dec	Joe Mascia	David Klein	&	Gayle & Kim C
20-Dec	Kim Carter	Kim Carter	Dave	Kathy Kromer
27-Dec	Bruce Hamilton	Bruce Hamilton		Kelly Carter
3-Jan	Dave Klein	David Klein		Joyce Hoffman
10-Jan	Joe Mascia	Joe Mascia	Bruce	Kathy Kromer
17-Jan	Kim Carter	Kim Carter	&	Kelly Carter
24-Jan	Bruce Hamilton	Bruce Hamilton	Russ	Joyce Hoffman
31-Jan	Dave Klein	Frank Hoffman		Kathy Kromer
7-Feb	Joe Mascia	David Klein	Joe	Kelly Carter
14-Feb	Kim Carter	Joe Mascia	&	Joyce Hoffman
21-Feb	Bruce Hamilton	Kim Carter	Alan	Kathy Kromer
28-Feb	Dave Klein	Bruce Hamilton		Kelly Carter

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
 10:00 am Sunday School classes for all ages
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service

Tuesdays

10:00 am Ladies Prayer Time

Wednesdays

1st, 3rd, 5th Weeks Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at 6:30 in the Church Library
 2nd and 4th Weeks HEART small groups

Please note that there will not be Ladies' Night Out Meetings during December, January, or February.



DECEMBER

- 7 Aaron Cyrus
- 15 Don Hampton
- 18 Nancy Hampton
- 18 Russ Klicker
- 26 Dave Klein

JANUARY

- 18 Joyce Hoffman
- 19 Dorothy Hunzeker

FEBRUARY

- 5 Kathy Higginbotham
- 6 David Higginbotham

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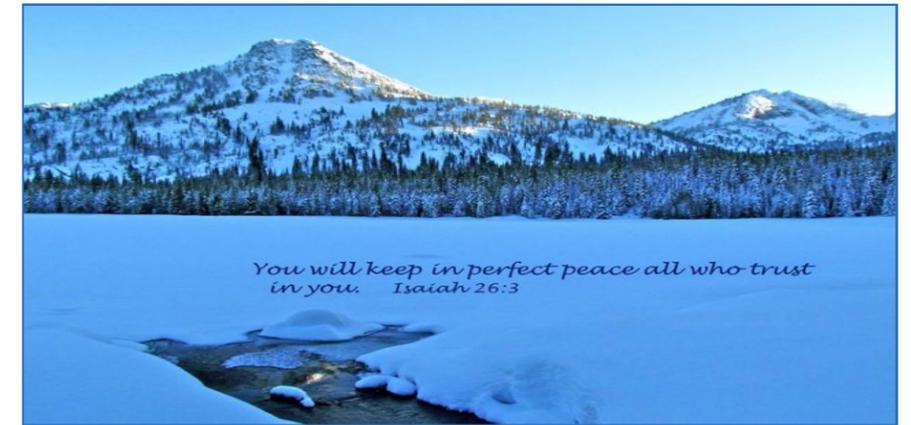
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PRAYER POINTS:

- God, give our church an abiding delight in your Word. Cause us always to hunger for the truth while being ever satisfied with the truth. Lord, make our church a Bible-saturated church.
- God, make us enveloped by a real joy in You because of You, and what You have done for us in Christ. May Your worth and work captivate our hearts, minds, and wills so that circumstances are transcended by the fact that You are for us in Christ.
- God, strengthen us in the gospel. Draw us deeply into the glory of Christ. Make us more and more impressed with Him this very day. Cause us to grow in the gospel and walk in a manner worthy of it.
- Our holy God, make us to prize and pursue Your holiness. Strengthen our burden, commitment, and endurance to strive daily after holiness in our lives.

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SIGNS OF THE SEASONS

As we enter the winter season we can see many changes that take place through the lens of nature. Leaves have fallen off the trees, temperatures begin to decrease, and we see less sunshine throughout the day (this is what I like least about winter.) God's animal kingdom also changes. Some creatures migrate, some hibernate, and some adapt to the changes. These changes in the seasons are created by God and are not without purpose. God uses these times in nature as a time for rest and rejuvenation for the coming season for continued healthy growth. As God's people created in His image we also change to the season. We wear more clothes, we spend less time outdoors, and we essentially adapt to the change, but we still function and move forward in our lives. We also have changes in the seasons of our lives. As I reflect on the change of seasons in my life I am grateful that the Lord has been very gracious to me in allowing me to serve as your pastor here at NPBC for the past 30 months. Words cannot adequately express how much my heart will miss serving Christ along your side. I will miss being your pastor as I enter a season of rest through a sabbatical. I am looking forward to a time of rest and rejuvenation as I take more needed time with my family. My time of sabbatical will not be an end to our relationship, but it will have a different dynamic as co-laborers in Christ. You will always be in my prayers and I look forward to maintaining the relationships God has given us in each other. May the Lord richly bless you all as you enter into a new season at NPBC.

In Christ Jesus,
 Pastor Steve

WINTER HAPPENINGS AT NPBC

The next couple of months come with excitement, thanksgiving, and many opportunities to reach out to others in our community in the name of our Savior Jesus. Here are just a few:

The end of November and December is the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for International Missions. This year's theme is "Because of Who He Is." Our Church Goal is \$1500.00. Please be in prayer as to what God would have you give.

Sunday, December 13th, will be a time for Caroling to begin at 4:30pm and a Soup Dinner to follow.

Next, on **December 24th** there will be a Christmas Eve Service from 6:00pm—7:00pm.

January begins with a Movie Night on Friday the **15th**.

February will be warmed up with a Beach Bash Picnic Fellowship on Saturday the **20th** from 3:00-6:00pm.

With warmer weather arriving in March, you can look forward to more Movie Nights, our Resurrection Day Celebration and Egg Hunt, and more time of good food and fellowships. Make sure to take printed information with you to invite those you meet in our community while traveling around. Also point them to the church website for more details about activities and our church.

REPORT CARD

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

Pray by Sanctus Real

I bow my head to pray
I don't know what to say
I'm not sure how to fix
The things I'm dealing with
I'm in a desperate place
I need to share the weight
But I just don't know how
To let it all pour out And though I'm silent
My heart is crying
'Cause I was made to
Come to You So I pray
God I need you more than words can say
Right here in this moment
You know my heart
You know my need
You know every part of me
So even if it's just to speak Your name
I'm gonna pray I failed to find the time
But You've been calling out
I let the days go by as if I could live without
But it's gotta be here and now
I won't be pulled away
'Cause it's just You and I
So let the world around us fade As I pray

God I need you more than words can say
Right here in this moment
You know my heart
You know my need
You know every part of me
So even if it's just to speak Your name
I'm gonna pray
I'm gonna pray
Father, will You meet me here right now
Father, I surrender, lay it down
Father, and every time I close my eyes I know that I was made
To lift my hands and pray
I lift my hands and pray
You know my heart
You know my need
And every single part of me

So even if it's just to speak Your name
I'm gonna pray I'm gonna pray I'm gonna pray
You know my heart, You know my need, You know every part of me, and more than words, You want my life, take it as an offering

Even if you don't know what to say just pray – it doesn't matter the words God knows your heart. It does not need to be eloquent or long, just speak His name – Jesus!!

Prayer should not drain us but it should fill us. Prayer should be never ceasing out of the overflow out of our hearts. Prayer is essential to a growing relationship with God. Communication is necessary for any growing healthy relationship. God is not a distant God, but is right with you and He lives in you. God is with you every step of the way. Make efforts to grow in your prayer walk with God.

Go to God and just say “Jesus.” Let Him guide your heart and give Him the praise.
God Bless,
Donna
(If you have a prayer request, please send Donna an email at: gymmom_247@hotmail.com)

WORSHIP

Worship God Through Music

Psalm 100:2 commands us to “Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”
Ephesians 5:19...”Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” And my favorite: Psalm 98:4 “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.”

Notice the key words in these verses: gladness, joyful, heart, shout, burst into jubilant song. Think about these words as you worship God through music this Sunday. Let it come from your heart. Sing with joy and gladness allowing your heart to burst forth into jubilant song as you praise Him. Make music a special time between you and God.

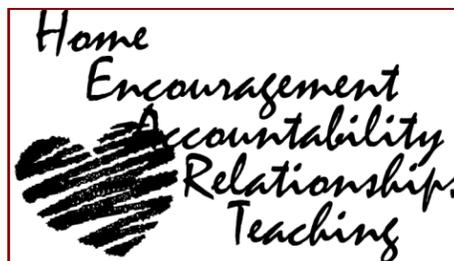
In Christ,
Nancy



SUNDAY MESSAGES

BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

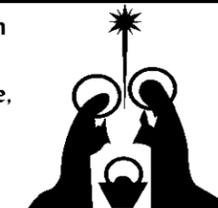
December, as Southern Baptist, we support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply the churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. The Theme for 2015 is “BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS.” Pray that God will guide you in your giving this year as the need is great!



There are currently three H.E.A.R.T. small groups that usually meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. These run independently of each other, esp during the holidays and winter weather months. Please note that there will not be any meetings December 23rd because of Christmas and all meetings will be contingent on “winter in the burp.” So please contact the leader if weather is questionable.

Allison Park area: Peg Anderson's (phil413peg@verizon.net) group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 pm but in December they will meet on the 9th but not on the 23rd. They are going

Kirk Ritchey will be bringing the Sunday messages during the month of December. He will take us on a journey through the three primary gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas Eve, Pastor Todd Lewis will lead the service as we meditate on the gift the Lord gave us through His Son Jesus Christ. Bring someone to worship with you and to hear the good news.



Who is Lottie Moon?

BIRTH Born Charlotte Digges Moon Dec. 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Va.
BAPTISM Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va.
EDUCATION Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree.
PRE-MISSIONARY LIFE Lottie stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia.
MISSIONARY APPOINTMENT Edmonia Moon, Lottie's sister, was appointed to Tengchow, China, in 1872. The following year, Lottie was appointed and joined her sister there.
MISSIONARY WORK Lottie served 39 years as a missionary, mostly in China's Shantung province. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the good news with women and girls.
LETTERS HOME Lottie frequently sent letters back home detailing Chinese culture, missionary life and the physical and spiritual needs of the Chinese people. Additionally, she challenged Southern Baptists to go to China or give so that others could go. By 1888, Southern Baptist women had organized and helped collect \$3,315 to send workers needed in China.
DEATH Lottie died aboard a ship in the Japanese harbor of Kobe on Dec. 24, 1912. She was 72 years old.
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it.

H.E.A.R.T. GROUPS

through an 8-lesson study on “The Names of God” by Douglas Connelly. Enjoyable conversation and snacks are shared by all.
meeting in December and will meet again January 13th and 27th. On these Wednesday evenings they meet to discuss the book of Roman's. They are having a great study, discussion, and delicious treats.

Cranberry area: Frank and Joyce Hoffman (fjhoffman@zoominternet.net) usually meet Wednesday evenings. During the next couple of months they will meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will meet on December 9th but not the 23rd. They will do a character study of James to prepare for a study on the book of James. That study will start in January and continue until the book is finished. They enjoy a time of prayer, followed by study time. Fellowship time is always a great part of their meeting.

Shaler area: Kim and Kelly Carter (carterkim@comcast.net) will be suspending

I encourage you to connect to one of these HEART groups to grow in your relations with Christ through knowledge of Scripture, fellowship and prayer with the family of NPBC.

WINTER MEETING DATES:
DECEMBER: see indiv group
JANUARY 13 & 27
FEBRUARY 10 & 24