

A Look at What's Happening at
Mt. Airy
BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2024

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New Message Series: ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of year that is filled with anticipation. Children anticipate opening presents, parents anticipate their kids coming home, and employees anticipate getting a few days off! Christmas is just once a year, but it is a special time of year for just about everyone. When you look at Christmas through the lens of the Old Testament, you can see that people have anticipated the birth of Christ for centuries. What if deep down inside, what we are really longing for is not Christmas, but Christ?

Come join us for this Christmas series - Sunday mornings this month!

CHRISTMAS WITH SELAH

The award winning Christian group Selah is coming to Mt. Airy for a special Christmas performance on Friday, December 13, at 7:00pm. Tickets are still available, so don't miss your chance to see this special holiday concert! Visit our website at: mtairybaptist.com for a link to purchase tickets for \$25 per person.



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Upcoming Events

Senior Singles

On Thursday, December 5, the Senior Singles will meet in Building A at 10:00am. We will have breakfast and then enjoy some Christmas activities. Contact Andrea Hodges via text/call at 864-380-3180 if you plan to attend.

Cookie & Ornament Swap

Ladies, please bring four dozen cookies & the recipes, plus a \$10 wrapped ornament for swapping to Building A on Thursday, December 5, at 7:00pm. Wear your Christmas pjs and enjoy warm beverages as we share the cookies we bring.

Ladies' Group Meeting

The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, December 18, at 11:00am at the home of Brenda Coggins.

Lights of Love

If you have lost a loved one this year and would like to honor them in this special memorial service on Dec. 11, please contact Melanie at (864) 295-3008 by December 4 for more information.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873-1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem - LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the Gospel compelled her to write letters to churches pleading for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our goal this year is \$80,000 and our focus date for receiving funds is December 15. We should be able to easily meet this goal if each person prayerfully gives. Please ask God what He would have you do. Your gift can impact the world for Christ. You can give by designating your check "Lottie Moon Offering" or you can give online at: www.mtairybaptist.com/giving. Visit our website for a LMCO prayer guide.



YEAR END GIVING

Please turn in all end of the year contributions by noon on Tuesday December 31, so that we can get the contribution processed, deposited, and recorded in the 2024 fiscal year. Or, if you prefer online giving, please submit all contributions by 8:00pm on Tuesday, December 31. If you have any questions, or need an up-to-date statement of your giving to this point, contact Lori Acker at 864-295-3008 Mon - Fri from 8:00am to 4:30pm.



December Schedule & Events

- December 1** - Regular AM Services; Regular PM Service - 6:00pm
- December 4** - Regular Wednesday services; 6:30pm
- December 5** - Senior Singles breakfast in Bldg. A at 10:00am; Ladies 3rd Annual Cookie & Ornament Swap in Bldg. A - 7:00pm
- December 8** - Regular AM Services; Lottie Moon Week of Prayer begins; WNL: Kids Choir Christmas Production at 6:00pm
- December 11** - Lights of Love Memorial Service - 6:30pm; Kids Christmas caroling at local nursing homes - 6:30pm
- December 13** - Selah concert at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- December 15** - Regular AM services; Lottie Moon Focus Sunday; BSF Christmas Parties (PM); Student Christmas Party at 5:30pm (LC)
- December 18** - Margaret Mitchell Group Meeting - 11:00am; No PM Activities
- December 22** - Regular AM services; No PM Service
- December 24** - Two Christmas Eve Services in Sanctuary at 4:00pm & 10:00pm; Church Office and Life Center Closed
- December 25** - **Merry Christmas!** Church Office and Life Center Closed; No PM Activities
- December 29** - One AM service at 10:30am (Nursery & Kidmin available); No BSF; No PM Service
- January 1** - **Happy New Year!** Church Office and Life Center Closed; No PM Activities
- January 5** - Regular AM services; No PM Service
- January 8** - To be announced
- January 12** - Regular schedule resumes

Children & Student Events for December

Sunday, Dec 8 - 6:00pm: Kids Christmas Production; No evening nursery

Wednesday, Dec 11 - 6:00pm: WNL: Kids Choir Christmas Caroling at OakView Nursing Ctr. (meet at location at 6:00pm)

Saturday, Dec 14 - 4:00pm: Gingerbread Golf & Glow event at Take Off Mini Golf. Enjoy a round of mini golf, a holiday light show, & dinner from Chick-Fil-A! This event is FREE, but you MUST sign up at mtairybaptist.com/kids.

Other important dates & info to note:

NO AWANA during December

NO WNL: KIDS CHOIR during December

NO BSF on December 29th, but nursery and Kidmin will be available

AWANA starts back on January 12.

WNL: Kids Choir starts back on January 15.

Student Christmas Party

All students in grades 6 -12 are invited to a "Camo" Christmas party on Sunday, December 15, from 5:30-7:00 in the Life Center. Students will need to bring their own nerf gun. Parents - please sign up with Austin to bring a side or dessert.



THANK YOU Mt. Airy!

Because of your generosity, 1,163 children will receive a shoebox filled with God's love!

Our December focus will be prayer and we will continue to collect shipping funds. Each box costs \$10 to ship.

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