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2023



Vitals Assessment

BMI Calculation

Diabetes Screening

High Cholesterol Screening

Heart Disease Screening



The Baptists on Mission Health Screening Ministry mobile unit will be at the Webb Road Flea Market in China Grove (Exit 70 off Interstate 85) between 9am and 3pm on SATURDAY, December 16.

The Health Screening Ministry offers vitals assessment and BMI calculation, screening for diabetes, high cholesterol, depression, and heart disease.

Does your church have a ministry to guide children or youth to do handcrafts?

Facepainting? Puppets or any ministry that can be used to share the love of Jesus while their parents are at the Health Screening unit?

This invitation is for you! Saturday, December 16

Please call 704-637-3407 Monday through Thursday from 8.30 am until 12:30 pm or leave a message if you are available to volunteer.

God can use your skills for the Webb Road Flea Market, Health Screening Unit.

On Saturday, December 16, if you are a Health Care person trained to take vitals, or if you are an EMTs, Med Techs, Lab Techs, CAN or a Registered Nurse and believe you can donate three or four hours on December 16, please call 704-637-3407 or email rowansba@bellsouth.net and let us know your name, phone number, best time to reach you and how many hours will you be available.

Thank you.

## A MESSAGE FROM Rev. Scott Faw, Rowan Southern Baptist Association Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

I trust this edition of our association newsletter will find you and your family doing well. During this time of transition for our association I am writing a few of these monthly newsletters as a member of the board for the association. If you watch the news each day you find that almost every day, we see tragedy has taken place, somewhere in the world, something bad has happened. We have seen the tragedy of the college students that were murdered last year in Idaho and the football players at the University of Virginia. Now with the events that are taking place in Israel we see the wickedness of man all around us. In Matthew chapter two, we find a story that no doubt carried the same sting we feel today, though we are removed from it by some 2,000 years. In Matthew 2:16, we read this chilling record:

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men."

How many babies and toddlers were slaughtered in Herod's paranoid and evil massacre we are not told, but they were real children with real parents, and their death no doubt shook that region, just as the death of those college students in Idaho and Virginia did last year and the attack on Israel in our day.

And yet, the one baby that Herod was really trying to kill he could not. He had been told that a King of the Jews had been born, and Herod wanted to eliminate Him before He could fulfill that prophecy, even if Herod didn't fully believe it. But that infant King escaped Herod's sword.

Ultimately, this King would die; not by the sins of an evil man like Herod, but for them, and for billions like him. He willingly laid down His life on a God-forsaken but God-appointed cross. But, He did not stay dead. His cold, nail and spear-pierced corpse came back to life three days later on a Sunday morning that changed everything forever. The tragedy of death was overcome by the Resurrection and the Life.

In the wake of a tragedy like the one we have seen in our day let us not forget that our God is not disconnected from the violence, evil, horror, and pain of death. He entered into this violent world to live among us, died in the midst of its evil, and rose from the dead to ultimately rescue us from it forever. When He returns, and He will, the last enemy of death and the sin that initiated its curse will be removed forever. He will wipe away all tears and make all things new. For that reason, those who know Him and believe His gospel, a day like this only leads us to cry with a renewed groaning in our hearts, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

So, this Christmas season as we all gather with our family and friends let's do so with the knowledge that Christmas the setting in motion of God's redemptive plan for all of humanity that will be fulfilled on Easter.

In Closing let me say that I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and hope you and your family has the best of holidays in the midst of a world in chaos.

Until He Comes, Rev. Scott Faw Pastor Calvary Baptist Church



The Association Office hours are as follows for the Holidays:

Tuesday, December 26 – Monday, January 1 – Closed (mail and telephone will be monitored)

### 2024 Pastoral Conferences

Free for pastors and staff. We have lunch for you, let us know who is coming by the due date. Please email <a href="mailto:rowansba@bellsouth.net">rowansba@bellsouth.net</a> or call 704-637-3407

#### Tuesday, January 16 Milford Hills Baptist Salisbury

12:00 noon

1238 E Colonial Dr, Salisbury, NC 28144

To reserve lunch, please call before Wednesday, January 10





Rev. & Mrs. Joe (Norma) Thomas, Pastor, Franklin Rev. Curtis Parker (Suzie), Pastor, South China Grove



2 Rev. David Jones, Pastor, Wyatt's Grove

5 Rev. Roger Steadman, Pastor, New Covenant

5 Mrs. Melodie Fleming, Pastor's Wife, Find Your Way

7 Mrs. Patti Jones, Pastor's Wife, Wyatt's Grove

11 Rev. Jeff Perry, Pastor, Gospelway

30 Mrs. Jo Ponds, Pastor's Wife, Providence

Please remember these churches and their Pastors in your prayers for December.

First China Grove – Rev. Trent Drye CrossLife Church – Rev. Thomas McDonald East Corinth – Rev. Johnny Daniel Eastside – Emmanuel - Rev. Dale Kinley





Pine Ridge Baptist Church, 88o Old Linn Road, China Grove, NC has a new Supply Pastor

Rev. Mike Roper – 704-791-1170 Sunday service times 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Wednesday – 6:00 pm

#### ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

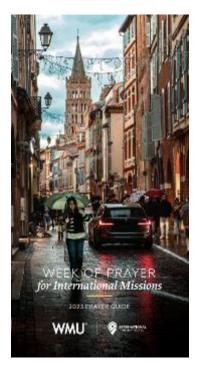
Monday - Thursday - 8:30 am - 12:30 am

Please leave a message at 704-637-3407 if anything is needed.





Please send any information or advertisement for the December Newsletter no later than Monday, December 18.



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® 2023 WEEK OF PRAYER

for international missions

December 3-10, 2023

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

# TOGETHER We pray for missions around the world





#### October Update

Total Foster Homes Licensed

381

Total Children Served in Foster Homes

779







#### **Bended knees**

Matthew 2: 1-2 & 8 tells us the following. "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked "Where is the one who has been born

King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to **worship** Him." Vs 8 – "He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and **worship** Him." (words bolded from Jeannie's heart)

I highlighted the word "worship" for a specific reason. When we read the verses above, King Herod had every intention **not to worship** Jesus. He wanted nothing to do with bowing down to any king, but he wanted to make sure others bowed down to him. On the other hand, Herod had it right when he said "King of the Jews", which was later itched out on a sign years later and placed on the cross above Jesus' head.

The Magi did follow the star and found baby Jesus that was born that Christmas night...and we're told that they **bowed down and worshipped Him**. May each of us here in Rowan County do likewise; let's fall down on **bended knees and worship Him**, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. ©

News, News...we collected all 400 lotions for the Red Box! Thank you so much Rowan County pulling together to meet this need! Plus, our WMU leadership team have been praying and thinking about the upcoming year events. Things are in progress for the Spring Banquet and Fall Banquet. Please go ahead and save the following dates...Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Emanuel Baptist Church and Thursday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Stallings Baptist Church. We will fill you in on more details and information soon.

Blessing to you all Rowan County and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christ love,

Jeannie Y Patterson

WMU Director

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Here are local, state wide projects your church will like to participate: <a href="https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects">https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects</a>
The International Mission Board <a href="https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/">https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/</a> has projects for volunteer missionaries. Maybe you want to teach English or use your computer skills. There are needs in the medical field and construction.

Praying for our **missionaries in December**:

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the opportunity to plant churches in areas that need to hear the Gospel.



#### **December 3, 2023**

Consider this picture of lostness from Belgium: A big blue bear sits on a park bench, arm extended to the side as if inviting people to come and talk. While people sit and talk to the inanimate bear, International Mission Board missionaries Don and Pam Lynch park a bicycle cart, start a generator and turn on an espresso machine. The missionaries are also ready to listen. Through offering a cup of coffee, the Lynches and team members have a chance to connect with people, start conversations and open doors to the gospel. When people share their struggles, the missionaries can build relationships and, most importantly, introduce a loving Savior. The bear can't do anything.

In addition to a regular coffee cart ministry, the Lynches hosted volunteer teams this summer during Belgium's Ghent Festival, one of Europe's most popular cultural events. Volunteers engaged with

visitors of the festival and offered a listening ear and a prayer to a God who listens.

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program helps missionaries share and show the love of Jesus in many cultures and contexts.

Pray with Don and Pam that God will provide more opportunities to have deep gospel conversations with people and long-term friendships.



#### **December 10, 2023**

IMB missionaries Justin and Michaela Knippers jump into the virtual world—a video game simulating reality. The couple finds a spot to chill in a virtual backyard. In the back corner, Justin sees some friends around a fire pit and presses his controller forward to walk over. Within minutes, he shares an insight from Scripture. "Virtual reality evangelism isn't really any different from regular evangelism," Justin says. "You find a common point, build a relationship, and draw the conversation to the Gospel."

The Knippers recognize their unique interests and skills in the gaming world mean they might be the only ones to share the Gospel with those in the virtual world.

He points out it is important to find someone "in real life" (IRL) to follow up and disciple the new believers. This is why they study Japanese—so they can relate at a heart level in the tech capital of the world.

The Cooperative Program (CP) takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program helps missionaries share and show the love of Jesus in many practical ways.

Pray for the real people inside of the virtual reality world who need the Gospel. Pray for more missionaries who are willing to use the newest technologies to reach the world for Christ.



#### **December 17, 2023**

In 2023, the IMB launched a new initiative, Project 3000, to engage 3,072 unengaged and unreached people groups. Ray Henry Holiday is in the pioneering group of Project 3000 explorers. The Tennessean travels with a national partner to remote areas in South Asia for six weeks at a time to live among one of his 10 people groups.

He collects as much demographic information as he can and builds relationships. As a high school student, Holiday prayed from Isaiah 6:8: "Here I am, send me." The verse was shared at an IMB conference when the Project 3000 initiative was presented. "It's a hard job, and that is part of the reason why I felt called to it. I feel like I have the gifting and ability," Holiday said. "There is a great need. There is no one going to these folks."

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Pray the Lord will open the hearts of these unreached and unengaged people groups. Pray God will call more people to serve through Project 3000.



#### **December 24, 2023**

IMB missionaries Matt and Gretchen Clay saw the passion rising as a group of North African pastors and lay ministers discussed ways to introduce their neighbors to the Gospel. But the Clays didn't have the resources to invest at such a deep level. The missionaries called their partnering churches in Florida—Fruit Cove Baptist Church and Aspire Church—and asked for help in mentoring and empowering these believers to multiply and plant new churches.

These believers in North Africa needed those with experience, like Fruit Cove and Aspire, to listen to their ideas and step in as mentors. They wanted to be trained as a healthy, multiplying church. Gary Webber, senior pastor of Aspire Church, remembers when no one in this area was even interested in Jesus, let alone sharing the Gospel. To see churches request training and be equipped

to multiply and reach the lost is something they've prayed would happen for years.

\* Some names may have been changed for security

The Cooperative Program (CP) takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program provides opportunities for missionaries to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who feel forgotten.

Pray for the Clays as they seek to take the Gospel to areas previously untouched by the good news of Jesus Christ.



#### **December 31, 2023**

Teaching Zambians to plant churches and transform lives with the Gospel is Randy and Kimberly Windham's passion. Seventeen new churches have started in and around Lusaka, Zambia. Randy explains the first step is Gospel access or entry into a community. They pray for people whose lives God is already working in to enter the picture so they can train them to address spiritual lostness. Step two teaches Christians how to share the Gospel by using a stick in the dirt. As people make decisions to follow Christ, the team moves into the third step, discipleship. In a country where false prophets and cults are common, this is important. New believers grow in their faith by studying Scripture. As this group grows spiritually and in number, they move seamlessly to the final step—healthy group and church

formation. Now, it's the new church's turn to train and help start another one. "You just continue to do the same thing over and over again," Randy said. "We never stop training and planting churches."

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Pray for the Windhams and their work in Zambia as they disciple local believers. Pray for continued church multiplication.

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Monthly Receipts									126	240	70		
2023										2	£.		
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General Fund:	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
Calvary Baptist Church	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$600
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Crosslife Church	400	0	0	400	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
East Corinth Baptist Church	150	-	150	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0	600
Eastside Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Emmanuel Baptist Church	0	0	249	0	0	0	0	751	0	0	0	0	1,000
Enon Baptist Church	139	214	171	222	249	260	161	206	185	242	0	0	2,048
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Faith Baptist Church Fe en Jesus	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	
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Find Your Way Church First Baptist Church of China Grove	1,890	1,803	989	921	120	1 125	-	0	120	1 125	0	0	240
First Baptist Church of Gold Hill	1,890	1,803	989	921	1,135 0	1,135 0	2,270	0	1,135 0	1,135 0	0	0	12,414 0
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First Baptist Church of Rockwell	3,740	1,797	1,758	1,787	1,857	1,565	1,460	0	3,030	1,415	-	0	18,409
First Baptist Church of Salisbury	333	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	0	0	5,583
Franklin Baptist Church	166	223	239	170	288	0	343	230	188	157	0	0	2,003
Friendship Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 222
Grace Baptist Church	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
GospelWay	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Lake Community Church	190	0	100	100	200	0	200	0	100	100	0	0	990
Lakeview Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lao Baptist Church	71	110	68	84	164	79	52	181	93	81	0	0	982
Life Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	1,000
Main Street Baptist Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	0	100	0	0	0	900
Milford Hills Baptist Church	0	0	375	0	0	0	375	0	0	500	0	0	1,250
Needmore Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neel Road Baptist Church	754	0	0	0	727	0	0	550	0	0	0	0	2,031
North Main Baptist Church	50		50	50	50	50	150	50	50	50	0	0	600
Nueva Vida Church (New Life)	50		60	80	80	75	70	90	60	0	0	0	645
New Covenant Baptist Church	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	0	0	450
Oakdale Baptist Church	0		0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pine Ridge Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence Baptist Church	50		50	50	50	0	100	50	50	50	0	0	500
Rowan International Baptist Church	0		200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Sherrils Ford Road Baptist Church	0	45	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	149
South China Grove Baptist Church	440		0	270	365	274	315	323	253	266	0	0	2,862
Southside Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stallings Memorial Baptist Church	539	546	384	815	604	474	351	666	414	506	0	0	5,301
Trading Ford Baptist Church	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	0	0	5,417
West Corinth Baptist Church	1,614	1,005	1,992	0	2,496	818	743	950	719	934	0	0	11,272
Woodleaf Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyatts Grove Baptist Church	438	0	0	264	300	0	310	235	400	450	0	0	2,397
Yadkin Baptist Church	135	71	66	71	79	59	49	71	69	41	0	0	710
Individual Donations	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Total Churches	\$17,387	\$8,820	\$8,372	\$6,829	\$10,834	\$6,459	\$9,473	\$5,723	\$8,335	\$7,597	\$0	\$0	\$89,828

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General F	_	inancial Report					
October	2023						
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,005	\$2,080	\$20,952	\$20,802	24,962
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,207	1,282	12,967	12,817	15,380
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	12,500	12,500	15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	500	600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	500	600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	833	1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$4,462	\$4,795	\$46,418	\$47,952	\$57,542
Employ	vee Bei	nefits					
	_		\$900	\$750	\$7,200	\$7,500	\$9,000
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,301	958	10,731	9,583	11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	215	458	550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	249	275	2,559	2,750	3,300
		Total	\$2,450	\$2,029	\$20,705	\$20,292	\$24,350
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		DOM Travel Expense	\$204	\$333	\$3,348	\$3,333	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	103	167	1,345	1,667	2,000
	3050		59	67	707	667	800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	0	38	275	375	450
		Total Ministry Support	\$366	\$604	\$5,675	\$6,042	\$7,250
Operat	ing Ex	penses_					
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$0	\$125	\$1,173	\$1,250	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	733	833	1,000
	5050	Telephone	125	108	1,047	1,083	1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	27	83	558	833	1,000
	5070	Electricity	187	125	1,245	1,250	1,500
	5080	Water	98	63	829	625	750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	27	833	1,000
		Total Operating Expenses	\$437	\$671	\$5,611	\$6,708	\$8,050
Missio	_						
	4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$70	\$833	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	600	83	850	833	1,000
	_	Total Missions	\$600	\$167	\$920	\$1,667	\$2,000
Association			<b>#</b> 400	000	<b>#</b> 400	<b>#</b>	<b>#</b> 4.000
	5100	·	\$198	\$83	\$198	\$833	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	150	83	800	833	1000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	942	1,667	2000
		Total Association Assets	\$348	\$333	\$1,940	\$3,333	\$4,000
Total Gen	neral F	und Spending	\$8,662	\$8,599	\$81,268	\$85,993	\$103,192
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Total Gen	eral F	und Receipts	\$7,597	\$8,599	\$91,920	\$85,993	\$103,192