

FROM THE PASTOR

I absolutely love this time of year. The beautiful colors on the trees catch my attention as I drive down the road. The hot humidity of the south takes a break but the frigid winter has not set in yet. College football is ramped up and is about to enter into the bowl games and college football playoffs.

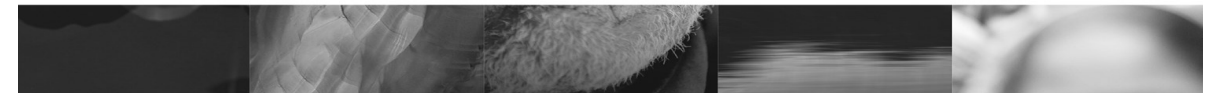
On top of that, we just spent time with loved ones to express our gratitude to God at how thankful we are for everything we have. We live in the most wonderful country that has ever existed and God is the provider of this great nation and has allowed us to live here. I definitely cannot forget about all the wonderful food that we had at Thanksgiving. Every year as we clean our plates we always say that it is a shame that we only have this meal twice a year, Thanksgiving and Christmas. But I do believe that if we had turkey and dressing along with the cranberry sauce and sweet potato casserole and all the other “fixin’s” then it would lose the special touch that it has.

Now we are moving into the best part of the fall. Not because of the Sunday School class parties, which we have plenty scheduled for this December, and not because of the choir specials by the adult, youth, and children’s choirs, which are going to be fantastic just like they always are. It is not even all the gifts exchanging and Christmas discounts in the stores. Giving to Operation Christmas Child, Salvation Army, Galloway families, Angel Tree families and all the special ways to turn your blessings into blessings to others is very nice and it is our opportunity to show the love of Christ to others.

No, the thing that makes this year better than all other times of the year is that we get to stop from our busy lives and remember that we are celebrating because our Lord stepped down off of His throne to come and live amongst us to provide salvation to us. As you carry on in your busy life and participate in all of the things mentioned above, make sure that you are focusing on Jesus Christ. And what would make it even better is if you could tell someone else about Jesus so that they too could focus on Him and make Him the Lord and Savior of their life. Let’s celebrate Jesus in all that we do.



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



From December 3-10 we will be focusing on international missions. All week long we will be praying for missionaries around the world. We will also begin our giving campaign to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. 100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. Our goal for White Hall this year is \$10,500.00. I want to encourage you to give to the LMCO to help spread the message of Christ to a lost and dying world.



*Merry Christmas
 from your
 White Hall staff*

Serving Him,

Brother Chris

Welcome Center Volunteers

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship 6:00pm Evening Worship	Wednesday:	7:00pm Adult Bible Study Youth Worship RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends
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Welcome Center Volunteers

December 3rd:	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson
December 10th:	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough Doris Graves
December 17th:	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams
December 24:	Joe & Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley
December 31st:	Carolyn Cranfield

November

Average Sunday School Attendance for November	117
Proposed Monthly Budget Needs	\$21,412.20
Budget Received for November	\$20,939.10
BUDGET RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR (through 13 of 52 weeks of our budget year)	
Proposed Budget	\$ 69,589.65
Received	\$ 67,921.25

Church Staff

Pastor.....Dr. Chris Alexander	Chairman of Deacons.....Ronald Williams
Minister of Music.... Jim Criswell	Minister of Youth..... Sarah Campbell
Pianist.....Ruth Ann Davis	Secretary.....Demetra Hickerson



A Song of Thanksgiving!

Have you ever felt so free and happy that you break into the little song "If you've happy and you know it, clap your hands? If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands"? If you truly experienced Thanksgiving, you are singing this song today.

Isaiah 12 tells us of a day coming that will be a happy day for God will rescue His people from their sins. God's people will sing and thank Him. Matter of fact, Isaiah continues by saying, God will save His people and they will have joy. You will sing 'praises the Lord! Make His name famous. Tell everyone what He has done.'" Thanksgiving prepares us for the Day of the Lord when He returns to get His children. Jesus left us with a great mission.

As we prepare for Christmas the next few weeks, keep in mind what you have been commissioned to do - tell the world that you are a Christian. Be His witness. The Adult Choir will be presenting the musical "Come Let Us Adore" on Sunday, December 17. We will be visiting in song the scene of a humble manger where The Great Light of the world was born. We will join with the shepherds and angels in awe of God's love which came to earth. We will bow before Him and worship the One True King which Isaiah wrote about thousands of years ago. Praise the Lord! Make His name famous! Tell everyone what He has done.

Phyllis and I love and appreciate you so much. You are a great people with a great mission.

Merry Christmas,

Bro. Jim

The children of White Hall are very excited. They are presenting a Christmas program on Sunday Dec. 17 at 6pm. The name of the program is 'Red Letter Christmas' and it is about the colors of Christmas. The most important color is red, Jesus words in the Bible. These are words to live by and they are written in red, the color of hearts ready to be saved and the blood He shed for us the day He died on the cross and the color of love on the day He returns. What better way to celebrate Christmas than to come join us as our children lead us in praise and worship.



The youth traveled to Galloway to help the children shop in the Church store for gifts for their families. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our kids extending a helping hand and realizing that others are not as blessed as they are this Christmas season. I want to thank all of you that gave to the Christmas store there. It is rewarding seeing the faces of the moms as they shop for their children but what really tugged at our heart strings were the faces and the excitement of the children shopping for moms, brothers, sisters and dads. You could see the wheels turning and hearts expanding as they gave each present careful thought. Our students were so helpful to these kids and staff and I appreciate them and I know you do also. The youth ministry team and I wish you all a very Merry Christ-mas.



List of future events:

December 3rd @ 2pm Harlan Morris

December 3rd @ 4pm Deacons Meeting

December 3rd—LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTA FOR SANCUARTY

December 3rd thru December 10th—Week of Prayer for International Missions "Lottie Moon"

December 6th @ 7pm Missions Night

December 12 @ 1:30pm New Missions and Ministry Meeting

December 13th @ 1pm Harlan Morris

December 13th @ 7pm Business Meeting

December 17th @ 10am Adult Choir Music

December 17th @ 2pm Holiday House

December 17th @ 6pm Children's Choir Music

December 20th @ 7pm Bible Study

December 24th @ 10am Special Morning Service

December 24th @ 10am Youth Choir

December 24th—No Night Service

December 25th—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 25th—Church Office Closed

December 27th @ 7pm Bible Study

December 31st @ 5pm Movie Night

