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# Reflections

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## Sundays in December

Please note our schedule for Sundays in December. We hope that you will make every effort to join us!

### This Sunday, December 9

Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Morning Worship, 10:15 am  
Evening Worship, 6:00 pm

### Sunday, December 16

"The Name Like No Other" at 10:15 am  
(Ticket not required)

Please note: there will be

#### **NO BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Child care provided for birth-3 year olds only.

### Sunday, December 23

Bible Study at 9:00 am  
Morning Worship at 10:15 am (including "Christmas Under the Tree" for kids)  
Child care provided for birth-3 year olds only.  
*No Evening Service*

### Sunday, December 30

Doughnuts/Fruit served in the Welcome Center at 8:30 am  
Bible Study at 9:00 am  
Morning Worship Service at 10:15 am  
*No Child Care — No Evening Service*

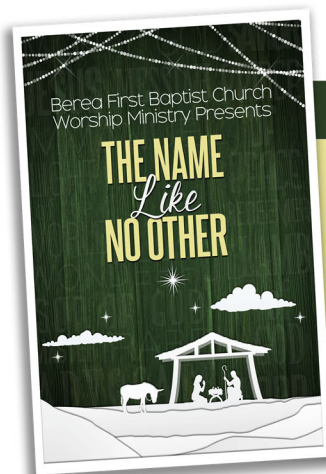
### Lottie Moon Post Office

Please use the Lottie Moon Post Office this year and let the GA's and RA's be your mail carriers. The post office will be open in the Welcome Center each Sunday in December. Just drop off your cards that you have labeled with a first and last name, make a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and leave the rest to us. Our GA's and RA's will deliver the cards to Sunday School classes. What a great way to spread some "Christmas Cheer" and help us reach our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## Sunday Morning at Berea First Baptist Church

# ONE SERVICE

**9am**  
Bible Study Groups  
**10:15am**  
Worship Service



### GET YOUR TICKETS THIS SUNDAY!

Friday December 14 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 15 at 4:00 pm  
Sunday, December 16 at 10:15 am  
*(Sunday Morning Service - No Ticket Required)*  
Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 pm

Featuring the Living Christmas Tree

### Angel Tree Ministry Gifts Due This Sunday!

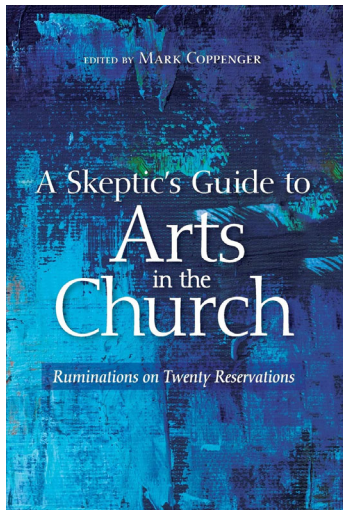
You still have time to get a name from one of our Angel trees located in the Welcome Center, Breezeway or Senior Adult Building. The tags on each tree have names, ages and Christmas wishes for children in our community. Instructions on preparing and returning gifts are attached to the tags also. The new unwrapped gifts should have your child's name and their GVL identification number on each gift. Thank you for making Christmas a little merrier for these children and please add them to your prayer list.

**Christmas Decoration  
Memorial Gifts**

Again this year we want to give you the opportunity to give a \$12 donation "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. Through these donations we are able to refurbish many of our Christmas decorations. These gifts will be listed in a special edition of "Reflections." The deadline to make a donation is **Sunday, Dec. 16.**

**Friendship Group**

Tuesday, December 18, 11:00 am  
Senior Adult Building  
Christmas Music by Joel Powell  
Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice,  
Waldorf Salad, Red Velvet Cake  
Cost: \$6  
Reservations required by 4:00 on  
Thursday, December 13. 246-1921.



Minister of Students Ricky Stark had the privilege to serve as a contributor to the newly released book *A Skeptic's Guide to Arts in the Church* edited by Mark Coppenger (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2018). From the press release: "Evangelical discourse on the role of arts in the church can be radioactive, and the twenty-one contributors to this book walk right into the 'hot zone' to pick up on twenty contentious questions. The volume is a series of written dialogues, each one keyed to a cranky question, one that a *skeptic* might raise (hence the title). Herein, the gainsayers are taken seriously and given their voice. They even find support in some of the contributors' comments. But apologists for greater use of arts and artists in the church have their say, and things can get edgy." The book is available now at Amazon or your favorite bookseller.

**Financial Report  
Sunday, December 2, 2018**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,356,287.67  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 12-2.....\$35,779.12  
Legacy Gifts.....\$433.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$12,126.00  
Total Deposit.....\$48,338.12

**Attendance**

Sunday Morning Services.....525

**Memorial Gifts**

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

- Gertrude Campbell by:  
Kathy McBrearty  
Wanda Jewell  
Alvin, Diane and Anna Henson  
Al, Katelyn, Emma, Sadie, Will Henson  
Charles and Brenda Hall  
Jim and Sandra Cagle  
Harriet Baker  
Von and Janice Hallman  
Anne Linder  
Edd and Nan Stroud  
Brenda Benton  
Darrell and Amy Reese  
Barbara Moody  
Larry and Janice Skinner  
Jerry and Mary Barton  
Clyde and Linda Thompson
- Evelyn Linder by:  
Kathy Mc Brearty  
Wanda Jewell  
Terry and Donna Anderson  
Charles and Brenda Hall  
Barbara Christopher  
Darrell and Amy Reese  
Edd and Nan Stroud  
Pamela Linder  
Larry and Janice Skinner  
Jerry and Mary Barton  
Clyde and Linda Thompson
- Mike Jewell by:  
Wanda Jewell
- Bruce Turner by:  
Linda Emory  
Woody and Susan Sheppard  
Larry and Janice Skinner
- Andrew Weaver by:  
Darrell and Amy Reese  
Doug Moody Sunday School Class

**Opportunities**

**SUNDAY**

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
TeamKid, Students

**WEDNESDAY**

5:15-6:30 pm Supper  
6:00-6:45 pm Preschool Choir  
1st-5th Grade Choir  
Prayer Service  
Student Worship  
Preschool Mission Friends  
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s  
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s  
Worship Choir

**THURSDAY**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**Christmas Greeters Needed**

We still need volunteers to help as outside greeters for our Christmas musical. Please come to the Welcome Center Sunday for more info or to sign up.

**Wednesday Night Supper Menus**

**December 12:** Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Lima Beans  
**December 19:** Baked Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, New Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls  
or Chick-fil-a Sandwich or 8 nuggets  
Remember that all reservations must be changed by 11:00 am on Mondays .

**Our Reaching Center Needs  
Your Help Each Week**

Please consider donating canned goods every week during December. You can bring them to the church office during the week or leave in blue containers placed throughout the church on Sundays. Watch the newsletter each week for our list of most needed items.

**Items needed this week:**

Peanut butter, corn meal mix, fruit, diced tomatoes, canned soup, dry soup, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn flakes.



**OUR GOAL FOR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING: \$20,000  
RECEIVED: \$3,595**