

December 2



"Christmas Breakfast'

5:30 pm

(Fund Raiser for Outdoor Playground Equipment)

Build Your Own Ginger
Bread House

6:30 pm

Focus on International Missions



Missionary Speaker Clyde Meador December 13

Lottie Moon Offering Goal \$12,850 "Operation Kindness"



December 16 4:30

Youth Christmas Party

December 16 6:30



Sunday, December 20 11:00 Worship



Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 23 6:00 pm



Thursday, December 24

7:00 pm — Children's Focus

11:00 pm — Candlelight

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Operation Christmas Child—399 Boxes!



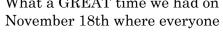
What a GREAT time we had on November 18th where everyone was involved in packing 250 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thanks to all who participated in the culmination of a year's worth of dedication to have these boxes ready in time to be a part of the national effort by Samaritan's Purse. Also, thank you for your donation to help send the boxes. Know that lives will be changed when God's children around the globe receive these gifts! Thank you for your

generous support and participation in the Operation Christmas Child 2015.

— Ruth Evening Circle









Lottie Moon Gave Her All! What Will We Give?

Are you making your Christmas Lists?

- Who will receive a gift from you?
- What kind of presents will you be giving?
- Where will you purchase your
- Have you developed your shopping strategy?

Please check your list to determine if you have included a gift to the world!

The world is filled with hatred, disrespect for human life, fear, injustice, war, refugees, ... This is not news to us!

The truth is that God expects us to shower this sin-torn world with the message of His amazing grace! He

has commissioned us to give a gift to the world!

Supporting our missionaries is like making a gift to the world!

We are striving to reach a goal of \$12,850 to support our missionaries who are communicating the message of hope, peace, love, and joy to the world — Jesus Christ!

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Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne

Don Beazley Clarke Hall

Gloria Hare

Brittany Melton

Luke Morrison Debbie Rhyne

Judy Sams

Dottie Mae Sharpe

Heather Shelton Kenneth Taylor Wayne Watson family

Gayle Wingfield

Assisted Living/Convalescent/

Homebound

Dean Carter Lin Carter

Barbara Cosby

Peggy Gravely

Margaret Gray

Richey Jewell

Martha Loving

Anne Puryear

Tom & Evelyn Seay

Neesie Stearns

Betty Wallace

In the Military

Michael Thurston



About Our Church Family

Congratulations to Andrew & Ashley Campbell on the birth of Annie Nicole on November 6. Mike & Becky are the proud grandparents!

Congratulations to Randy Williamson & Holly Hurst who were married November 14.

Sympathy is extended to Tom Morrison in the loss of his brother, Don.

Sympathy is expressed to Ray Parrish, Andy Parrish & Ann Huckstep & family in the loss of Beverly.

Sympathy is extended to Barbara Campbell in the loss of Bob.

To Our Dear Mt. Olivet Family,

We can't thank you enough for all the outpouring of love and support so many of you have shown to us during the sudden, tragic death of our precious son, Lucas. Thank you so much for all the visits, food, flowers, cards, phone calls, and especially for all the prayers. We don't know how we would have made it through this without you. We still aren't sure how we're going to get through this, so please continue to lift us up in prayer.

With Much Love & Gratitude, Terry, Holly & Brandon Germon

Living Nativity

Our Living Nativity is Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Mark your calendar and plan for your whole family to attend Mount Olivet's Living Nativity. Now considered a favorite community event, you will not want to miss this memorable evening of the Christmas season that features children, adults and live animals plus sights and sound. Plan to dress warmly, as this is an outside event which lasts about 30 minutes.

Delicious refreshments are available afterwards in the fellowship hall.



Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love after the death of my father. I appreciate each card, phone call and visit. A special thank you to those who attended the memorial service as it is quite a "treck" to Emmanuel Church from Hanover! You are always here when I need you, and I love you all.

Sincerely, Cheryl Puryear

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Welcome Sunday School Members!

We are pleased to welcome Carter and Kathy Brown as new members of The Cofe Class!

Youth News

Monday, December 21st is our snow tubing trip! 27 youth and adults will be tubing in Massanutten, Virginia. If your youth signed up to attend, the cost will be \$20.00. Please give the money to Cindy no later than Sunday, December 13th.

Our youth Christmas party will be held on Wednesday night December 16 at 6:30 p.m. But just prior to that, our youth will be looking to actively "love our neighbor" in the Ashland area by doing

various Random Acts of Kindness or "pay it forward" acts of love. Below are some of the ideas that we have come up with.

- Bringing quarters to the Ashland area Laundry Mats to help pay for loads of laundry
- Bringing Christmas Story coloring books to give to those children sitting in the Laundry Mats
- Pumping gas for folks at gas stations so that they can stay in their warm vehicles

 Offering to bag groceries and then carry those groceries to vehicles

These are just a few of our ideas. We plan to go and look to love our neighbor in any way that the Lord leads us to! Youth who wish to participate need to be at church by 4:30 pm.

