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A Great *Multifude* + You
Rev. 7:9

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Church Goal - \$6,500

There are over 4000 missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Your generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provide these missionaries the services they need to live among the 4.5 billion unreached peoples they serve. There are several ways that you can help us meet our Missions Offering Goal during this season. First, PRAY. Pray for our missionaries who are serving internationally and pray about your involvement in our offering. Second, GIVE generously and sacrificially. You may use the envelopes in the pews or around the church to indicate which of our mission agencies you wish to support, or you can combine your gift with your tithe and clearly mark your envelope to let us know how much of your money should be put towards the Mission Offering. Finally, WORSHIP. Be sure to join us each week for Worship in person, online or by radio. You will learn more each week about International Missions which will help you pray specifically and give generously.

We hope you will plan to be involved in Advent 2020. We will be focusing on Hope, Love, Joy & Peace as we move toward Christmas. We will be lighting our Advent Candles each week and giving insights on each theme. My sermons will focus on "The Line" between B.C. and A.D. The birth of Jesus really did change everything for all time. Hopefully this will be an informative series.

Don't forget our mission emphasis in December. We focus on International Missions and will have some special services dealing with missions.

Finally, don't forget to schedule our Christmas Eve Worship! We will have a "normal" service with Communion – however our Communion will be "pre-packaged."

Safety is our concern, but yet, we want to worship together. Crazy times – but let's try to have a great Christmas together. **Bruce**



Hello Everyone. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. During these uncertain times we are glad to have our Church Family. From all the Deacons, we would like to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas!! With God's help, we will get through these trying times. Just remember the reason we celebrate our Savior's birth.

Merry Christmas.

From your Deacon Board



Merry Christmas

Bruce, Kelly Colby, Linda, Jay & Brianna

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Join us on [Facebook](#). We are broadcasting our worship service live each Sunday at 11 AM and each Wednesday at 7 PM.
Subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel. Go to [YouTube.com](#) and search for Spencer Baptist Church. After you click on our church name, please click "subscribe." You can also click here to access the channel, but you still must subscribe.



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Sunday Schedule *
8:45 – Bells of Praise
9:30 – Donuts & Coffee
10:00 – Life Groups for all ages
10:55 – Morning Worship
5:30 – Children & Youth Activities
* We will let you know when our regular Sunday Schedule will resume.



College Students of the Week for December

December 6

Austin Alexander
Limestone College
Box 20
Gaffney, SC 29340

December 13

Garrett Blanton
Gardner Webb
Campus Box 55235
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Our College students will be on winter break from mid- December to the new year. We will list our weekly college students in January as they head back to class. Please continue to keep our students in you daily prayers.



December 6

Nora Greene
Brookdale Assist. Living
Apt 212
493 Piney Ridge Road
Forest City, NC 28043

December 13

Liz Alexander
Cleveland Pines Nursing
Room 103
1404 N Lafayette St
Shelby, NC 28150

December 20

Maye Pruett
Fairhaven Bostic
149 Fairhaven Drive
Bostic, NC 28018

December 27

Betty Tomblin
Oakland Living Center
704 Poors Ford Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139



MISSIONS POST OFFICE

The Missions Post Office will open Sunday, December 6th. To send a card to someone within Spencer Church will only cost you .10 cents! If you have any cards that have to be mailed to someone who is not a member, please take those to the post office. The money raised will be used to help meet needs in our community.



Our Spencer Church Family wishes to express our sincere Christian sympathy to the Families of:
Norris Bailey and Nyal Bailey



We are continuing to offer 3 LifeGroups each Sunday at 10AM. Adults meet in the FLC. Children meet in the first floor education building, youth will meet in the youth building. Each of our spaces are set up following all social distancing protocol. Please be respectful of those around you by observing all recommended practices.

Sunday School Teachers

December 6 Rick Ledbetter
December 13 Wendy Ankrom
December 20 Steve Koon
December 27 Jordon Crowe

Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 8
5:30pm
Deacons
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:00pm

The Circle of Sisters will not meet in December. We hope to get back on regular schedule in January 2021.



The Caring Hearts Sewing group will not meet in December. Watch for the January newsletter for more information on when we will meet again. Hope this will be soon. Have a Merry Christmas.

Lucille Moore

Missions Speakers

Sunday, Dec. 13, we will welcome retired missionaries, Chris and Karen Austin, to our church as they share their experiences serving as International Missionaries for over 30 years. You will want to tune in to learn firsthand about the impact of your mission offerings. They will be with us during the morning service.



Dec. 13-24

Family Scavenger Hunt

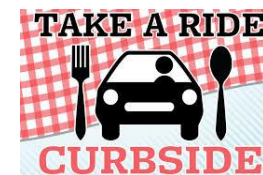
As you spend time with your family during this season, we will host a friendly little competition. It's the "Family Christmas Scavenger Hunt!" Information about this "hunt" was included in every child's "Christmas in a Box" but additional copies of the instructions can be found on the Spencer website or Facebook page. You will need a copy of the Family Scavenger Hunt list in order to participate. Between Dec. 13 – 24, see how many of the items on the list you can find. When you find them, take a picture with members of your family and the item. Email the photos to Mrs. Kelly at music@spencerbaptist.com or text the photos to (828) 429-0124. You cannot begin submitting your pictures until Dec. 13th! The first family to find all the items or the family that finds the most items by December 24th will win a prize! A photo must be submitted between the 13th and 24th in order for the item to count. There will be three categories: 1) Family unit with children (birth – 12th grade); 2) Family unit with no kids; and 3) Senior Adult (age 60 and up).

Merry Christmas & Happy Hunting!



Hey Kids!

You should have received your "Christmas in a Box" kit this past week. Be sure to look inside your box for all sorts of fun supplies and activities aimed at teaching you about the birth of Christ. There is a devotional page for each week of Advent which will go along with the lessons you will learn in Worship each week at church. Ask your parents to help you finish the pages and activities. Call Kelly if you need more information or have any questions about the box. Send in some pictures of your family completing some of the activities!



Curb-Side Pick-up starts at 6PM
Menu will be announced on FB and on our website.

Reservations for Wednesday Night Curbside Meals can be made by signing up on our website, www.spencerbaptist.com, or on our Face Book page, or you can call the church office. 286-2355.



Then join Bruce, Kelly & Colby for Wednesday Night Live at 7pm



A Unique Way to Give to Missions!

As most of you know, Colby has been letting his hair grow to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. After 8 months of agony, the time has come for him to get those locks cut. What will he look like now? Well, that is up to you! Vote for your favorite haircut by placing your missions offering money into one of the five buckets in the sanctuary which indicate the five "styles." Colby will have his hair cut after church on Sunday, Dec. 13 according to the style receiving the most money by 10:30 AM on that day. Colby has been a great sport to help us raise money for Missions!



The Spencer Baptist Church family wishes to **WELCOME** our newest members, **Tam Cordingley**, Tam joined by statement of Faith on November 15. Tam lives in Rutherfordton and is Jay Seagraves mother. Tam's Deacon is Ed Toro.

We also welcome **Mary Kathryn Taylor**, Mary Kathryn joined by statement of Faith on November 22. Mary Kathryn lives in Rutherfordton. Mary Kathryn's Deacon is Steve Koon.