

spencer church newsletter



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Join us in person or online. We are broadcasting our worship service live each Sunday at 11 AM on Facebook Live and on local radio WCAB 590 AM or 100.9 FM.

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."



Sunday Schedule for December*

9:00 – Bells of Praise
10:00 – Life Groups for all ages
11:00 – Morning Worship
5:30 – Activities for Children

*Schedule is subject to change.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th at 9:00pm
Carols, Candles & Communion

Christmas Day Service
December 25th at 11:00



The Spencer staff would like to prepare breakfast for those who do not have family gatherings Christmas morning, we invite you to join us for breakfast before morning worship at 10am in the Family Life Center. Please join us if you are able.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions



Our Church Goal: \$8,500

Lottie Moon was sent as a missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had ever heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. Her challenge to increase prayer and financial support became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every year, Baptist churches collect an offering to send and support international missionaries, and 100% of your contributions enable gospel transformation among those who haven't been reached. What will you give? How will you support ongoing efforts to spread the gospel message worldwide?

We will receive this mission offering all throughout the month of December. You may use the mission envelopes in the pews, or you can mark your weekly offering envelope (clearly indicating the amount and "Lottie Moon").



Our RA's have made Christmas ornaments to support the Lottie Moon Offering. These are available for purchase on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center.


Christmas PARADE Spindale & Rutherfordton Christmas Parade

Spencer Church will have a float in the Spindale & Rutherfordton Christmas Parades on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. We will meet at the church no later than 1:30 to load the float. You are invited to wear your ugly Christmas sweaters! Anyone is welcome to be on the float, but children younger than kindergarten need a parent or guardian to stay with them! The Parade in Spindale starts at 3:30pm. The Parade in Rutherfordton starts at 5:00pm.

Merry Christmas from your Spencer Staff!
Bruce, Kelly, Colby, Linda, Jay, Steve, Cheryl, Greg & Brianna



A Musical Celebration of the Birth of Christ



Presented by The Adult Choir, Children's Choir, The Bells of Praise and Soloists
Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11:00 AM



Remembering Our Homebound Members

- Dec. 4 Pat Tomblin, Fairhaven Bostic, 149 Fairhaven Drive, Bostic, NC 28018
Dec. 11 Joan McKeithan, Fairhaven, 830 Bethany Church Rd, Forest City, NC 28043
Dec. 18 Maye Pruett, Fairhaven Bostic B-6, 149 Fairhaven Drive, Bostic, NC 28018
Dec. 25 Lois Hodge, 139 Vista Drive, Forest City, NC 28043

Student of the Week

- Dec. 4 Zhavion Washington, 4830 US-52, Misenheimer, NC 28109, Pfeifer University
Dec. 11 Samaria Whitesides, 746 California Ave, Spartanburg, SC 29303, USC-Upstate
Dec. 18 Sidney Bradley, 365 US Highway 221 South, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, AB Technical College

MISSION POST OFFICE

The Mission Post Office is open! To send a card to someone within Spencer Church, it will only cost you 10 cents! If you have extra cards for those who do not attend Spencer, you will have to mail those at the post office. The money raised will help those in our community.



Senior Adult Outing

Tuesday, Dec. 13th 10:30AM
Senior Adults will leave the church at 10:30 on Tuesday, Dec. 13th to go to eat at Ken & Mary's in Shelby. This is a "home cooking" restaurant that serves breakfast until 2pm - so you can get breakfast or lunch! We will enjoy a great meal & have some special surprises. Call the church office to reserve your spot. This is a "DON'T MISS" trip!! We will stop at the new Goodwill store on the way home!



Spencer will once again host the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine prom for people aged 14 and up with special needs. The event will be in person this year! We are going to need volunteers, volunteers, and more volunteers. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- 1) Pray for all those who will attend - that they will see God's love in action
2) Save the Date: February 10, 2023
3) Donate prom dresses, fancy clothes, costume jewelry, etc. - anything you think of that a person could use to attend a formal prom event
4) Join the Task Force to plan and implement the event

Thank you...

Spencer Church, We want to thank Spencer Church for the beautiful service for our father, Will. Spencer was so kind to our whole family. The meal was delicious. We greatly appreciate every person that took part in the service. Spencer was a light at a difficult time for our family & friends. Please continue to remember our father during our time of adjusting without our father. God Bless you all. The Shehan Family



The collection of knit gloves for the Red Box Project was a great success. With our collection of 125 pairs of gloves we were able to fulfill the Association goal as well as donate 56 pairs for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Thank you to all who participated. Jody Hartman



Serving will begin at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

Please reserve your meals before 2pm on Tuesdays

We need to know how many meals to prepare. Please call the church office or reserve your meals on our website or FB page.

Dec. 7 Hamburger Steak, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges & Bread
Prepared by: Rick Ledbetter, Wayne Ruppe & Susan Shehan

Dec. 14 Foot Long Hotdogs, Slaw, Chili, Potato Wedges
Prepared by: Spencer Youth

Dec. 21 Soup & Sandwiches
Prepared by: Spencer Staff

NO WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28TH MEAL OR ACTIVITIES

Yokefellow Needs for December: Canned Meat

(Flip top lids are appreciated.)



SPENCER YOUTH

Be sure to look at the Spencer Youth Calendar insert in the newsletter to see Spencer's Youth schedule.



Church Office will be closed Dec. 23rd - Dec. 26th



Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS

The Caring Hearts Sewing Group

Caring Hearts will meet Monday, Dec. 5 at 10am in the sewing room. Please bring any jewelry you would like to donate so we can make the Night to Shine bags.

Circle of Sisters will not meet in Dec.



Stewardship Meeting

Stewardship Committee will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6pm.

Deacon's Meeting

Deacon's will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7pm



- Dec. 4 - Heidi Odom, David Odom, Karen LaBreche
Dec. 11 - Jackie Wallace, Jack Wallace
Dec. 18 - Olivia Fagan, Ann Caldwell
Dec. 25 - TBD



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 19 5:30 PM in the FLC
Additional details will be sent to the kids.



Spencer Baptist Church wishes to offer Christian Condolences to:

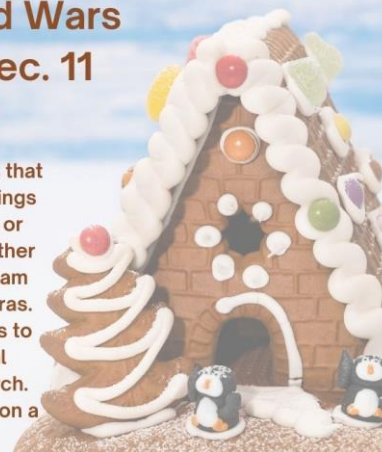
The Family of William "Will" Shehan, father of

Van Shehan and Dewanna Campbell.

Gingerbread Wars

Sunday, Dec. 11 6 PM

Help us highlight the countries that receive our Lottie Moon Offerings by creating a house, church, or other element identifying another country. We will supply graham crackers, icing, and a few extras. You can bring additional items to make the best international gingerbread at Spencer Church. Those in attendance will vote on a winning project!



Grab your family & friends and get creative.



On Sunday, January 1st, we will have "Student Day at Christmas." Our college students will be leading our Worship Service that morning as we focus on the beginning of a New Year.

Giving Deadline & Offering Envelopes

Any financial contributions you wish to give for the 2022 giving year must be in the church office by noon on Dec. 30th or postmarked by December 31st.

Offering Envelopes for 2023

2023 Envelopes will be in the vestibule of the church. Please be sure to keep an eye out for them. If you do not see envelopes and you would like some, please contact the church office.