



# spencer church newsletter



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### Prayer Breakfast



### Christmas Eve Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Family Life Center. Our breakfast will be followed by a brief lesson by Rick Ledbetter. Hope you can join us.

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Service

We will have our morning worship at 11am Sunday morning. Please join us.

## Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service  
Dec. 24th at 9:00pm  
Carols, Candles &  
Communion.



### God Came Near

A Musical Presentation by the Spencer Adult Choir.  
Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11:00 am.

Thank you to every single person who helped make our OCC Packing Party a success. Your willingness to help pack boxes and your donations helped us pack and ship 63 boxes! That's 63 opportunities to share the Gospel with children and their community! The item of the month for December is PRAYER! Please pray that each box blesses the recipient as well as their family & friends, opening more doors to share God's love! (Thinking ahead...Tip: Watch for things that go on clearance after Christmas! It's an excellent time to snag a great deal on shoebox items!!!)

Kelly Owens



### Luminaries for Lottie!

Our GA and RA children are taking part in the Missions Offering this year by making luminaries to light the front of the church. They are selling these for \$3 each (or a donation) and you can purchase one in honor or in memory of someone special. They will only sell these for 2 weeks – so don't delay. See one of the children Wednesday night, Nov. 29 or Dec. 6 to buy your luminary. They will be lit on Wednesday, Dec. 13. One hundred percent of your money will be put towards our International Missions Offering. Support missions while encouraging our children to be involved in missions, too! See Greg Settlemyre, Ed Toro, or Kim Greene if you have any questions.



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

### Our Church Goal: \$9,000

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 never 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").

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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."



**Our Church Staff** (828) 286-2355  
Pastor Bruce Caldwell  
Minister of Music & Education Kelly T. Settlemyre  
Youth Director Colby Fagan  
Administrative Assistant Linda Tribou  
Custodians Steve and Cheryl Koon  
Pianist Jay Seagrave

**Sunday Schedule for December\***  
10:00 – Life Groups for all ages  
11:00 – Morning Worship  
5:30 – Activities for Children & Youth  
\*Schedule is subject to change.

# HOME BOUND

**Dec. 3**  
Peggy Lovelace  
136 St Johns St  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**Dec. 10**  
Joan McKeithan  
830 Bethany Church Rd  
Forest City, NC 28043

**Dec. 17**  
Zola Guffey  
493 Pine Ridge Rd  
Forest City, NC 28043

**Dec. 24**  
Nell Brooks  
359 Forest Hills Dr  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**Dec. 31**  
Mildred Morrow  
809 John D Berry Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28412



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### Caring Hearts Sewing Group

We will meet on Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the sewing room.



### Stewardship Meeting

Stewardship Committee will not meet in December

### Deacon's Meeting

Deacon's will not meet in December



### Circle of Sisters

Circle of Sisters will not meet in December

## Nursery Schedule For December



Nursery

**Dec. 3:** Jennifer Spearman,  
Mary Kathryn Taylor

**Dec. 10:** Stuart & Judy Huntsinger, Barbara Callahan

**Dec. 17:** Kim Greene, Maykala Yelton and  
Emily Bradshaw

**Dec. 24:** Debbie & Scott Sims

**Dec. 31:** Dwayne & Tiffany Houser

\*please help us provide a safe nursery environment for our younger children. The nursery area is designed for children who are not yet in kindergarten. Older kids should not come to nursery without approval.



**Dec. 3**  
Aziyah Rudisil  
2127 Oakland Rd  
Forest City, NC 28043  
Cleveland CC

**Dec. 10**  
Samaria Whitesides  
746 Carlifornia Ave  
Spartanburg, SC 29303  
USC Upstate

College Students are on Winter Break. We will resume College Students of the Week in January.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Spencer Church will have a float in the Spindale & Rutherfordton Christmas Parades on

Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at the church no later than 1:30 to load the float. Anyone is welcome to be on the float, but children younger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade 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.

## Church-Wide Missions Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 3  
9 AM in the FLC



We are thrilled to welcome Jason and Alishia Knopp, International Mission Board Missionaries in Central Asia, to our church on December 3 as we kick off our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We will enjoy a light breakfast of Biscuits and Gravy, Donuts, and Fruit and hear from our missionary guests. This will take the place of our Bible Study groups that morning. After we hear from the Knopp Family, we will take a short break and move to the sanctuary for our 11:00 worship service. Please join us for breakfast, mission experiences, and worship as we begin the season of Advent together.



### 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 for each card! If you have cards for those who do not attend Spencer, you will have to mail those at the local post office. The money raised will help those in our community.

## Senior Adults Lunch at the Mason Jar

Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:30am



We will leave the church at 10:30am to go to the Mason Jar at Greenhill Store for our Christmas meal. Sign up in the church office so we will know how many folks will be joining us!



### Welcome Wrenlee Claire!

Congratulations to parents Colby & Olivia Fagan, and to new aunt, Julie Caldwell and Grandparents, Bruce & Ann Caldwell, and Susie & Gilford Harris. Wrenlee Claire Fagan was

born on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, weighing 7 pounds 11 oz, and 21" long.

### My Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, gifts & cards during this time. Every time I open my mailbox, I see a card and it brightens my day 😊 I love seeing your names & kind words, knowing you are thinking of me! Much Love, Candice Vick



## Calling all Volunteers!

Spencer will once again host Night to Shine. Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing worldwide event, please call the church office.



## Children's Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM All children kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Christmas Party. There will be crafts, games, food & more! Additional details will be coming soon!

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

The Family of **John M. McCraw**, son of Naomi McCraw.



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

### Please reserve your meals before noon 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. 6** Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Mac n Cheese & Fruit

Prepared by: Lost & Found Life Group

**Dec. 13** Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
Prepared by: Adult Co Ed Life Group

**Dec. 20** Assorted Soups & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Prepared by: Spencer Staff

**Dec.27 No Wednesday Night Meal**

## SPENCER YOUTH

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



Spencer's Church office will be closed: Fri. Dec 22, Mon. Dec. 25 & Tues. Dec. 26.

**REMINDER:** Any monetary contributions for the 2023 year must be post marked by Dec. 31, 2023.



Merry Christmas  
From your Spencer Staff