

Church Calendar

December
3 Children's Choir 4:30 PM
3 Called Business Meeting 5 PM
5 LOVE Visitation 6 PM
5 Buildings & Grounds Comm Mtg.
6 Awana Club
6 Youth Hangout 6 PM
6 Nativity Rehearsal 7 PM
7 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
7 LACE Ladies' Ministry
8 Church-Wide Caroling
10 Joy SS Class Christmas
10 Children's Christmas Program
12 Seniors to Alabama Theater
12 LOVE Visitation 6 PM
13 Nativity Rehearsal 6 PM
13 No Services
14 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
14 Walk-Through Nativity - Members
15-17 Walk Through Nativity
19 LOVE Visitation
20 Youth Hangout 6 PM
20 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
21 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
21 Seniors to Webster's
21 Deacon Meeting 6:30 PM
22-26 Church Office Closed
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas
27 Youth Hangout 6 PM
27 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
28 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM

January
1 New Year's Day - Office Closed
2 Buildings & Grounds Comm Meeting
3 Red Cross Blood Drive
3 Youth 6 PM
3 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
4 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
4 Constitution & Bylaws Meeting 6 PM
7 Children's Choir 4:30 PM
9 LOVE Visitation
10 Youth 6 PM
10 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
11 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
14 Clothing Drive
14 Children's Choir 4:30 PM
16 LOVE Visitation
17 Youth 6 PM
17 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
18 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
18 Seniors to Webster's 11 AM
18 Constitution & Bylaws Meeting
18 Deacons' Meeting 6:30 PM
21 Journey Discipleship III begins
21 Children's Choir 4:30 PM
21 Quarterly Business Meeting 5 PM
23 LOVE Visitation
24 Youth 6 PM
24 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM
25 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
28 Children's Choir 4:30 PM
30 Good News Club begins
31 Youth 6 PM
31 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 PM



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Sunday Service Times
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM - *Worship Service
4:30 PM - Children's Choir
5:30 PM - Discipleship Training

Wednesday Service Times
5:30 PM - Awana Program
6:00 PM - Youth Bible Study
6:00 PM - Prayer & Bible Study
7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Morning Worship Service Streamed Live: <http://tigradio.com/>



The Chimes

Loris First Baptist

December 2017



FOUR "R'S" FOR CHRISTMAS

As we are busy preparing both our homes and our church for the Christmas Season, I pray for God's continual blessings over our church family so that we can all prepare our hearts to honor Jesus Christ's birth and purpose for coming into the world. Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10) but also to give the "hurting and lonely" a message of "hope and peace" (John 14:27). I believe that Loris FBC has been faithful throughout 2017 making the "gospel" of our Lord and Savior known to people in our community, our nation, and the world. Even as we speak, extensive preparations are being made for us to present our very first LIVE NATIVITY WALK THRU later this month (Dec 14-17) so that we can once again proclaim to our neighbors and friends the wonderful story of how our God "so loved the world" (John 3:16) in a unique and different way.

But as we prepare to finish out this year celebrating with our church, family, and friends...I want to share with you an "altered" version of "Twas A Night Before Christmas" that was given to me awhile back that I always remember during this time of year:

*'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.
The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States Soldier.
Was this the Hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
I realized the families that I had seen this night,
Owed their lives to the soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,*

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how can i give?

ONLINE:
www.lorisfbc.com

MOBILE:
Text "LORISFBC" to 77977

ENVELOPE:
Cash & Check

*Message & data rates may apply.

Birthdays



December

1 Dottie Ammons
1 Diane Hardwick
2 Bryan Cannon
2 Paige Graham
2 Biff Johnson
4 Charlie Todd
6 Hilda Johnson
7 Bradley Vaught
8 Greta Todd
10 Seth Ammons
10 Teresa Blanton
12 Eloise Bell
14 Claudia Fowler
15 Alexis James
16 Trudy Fisher
16 Dale Todd
17 Elizabeth Cannon
18 Trace Holt
18 Kenneth Like
20 Ashlyn Morton
20 Linda Prince
20 Danny Williams
22 Randi Duprey
26 Wilma Suggs
27 Darcy Nirenstein
28 Alice Duncan
30 Jerry Jordan
30 Damon Vescovi

January

1 William Clardy
2 Larry Dawsey
4 Richard Blackburn
5 Sandra Futrell
5 Savannah Rion
5 Lawton Todd
6 Peggy Jo Dorman
6 Shawn Moore
6 Neal Turner, Jr.
8 Kim Lewis
12 Jamin Floyd
12 Joan Graham
13 Ron Ranweiler
19 Susan Waddell
19 Lee Morton
20 C. C. Gore
22 Charles Collins
22 Swain Piver
23 Garry Staples
23 Jayson Strickland
25 Brad France-Kelly
25 Paul Prince
27 Bridget Johnson
28 Cathy Foy
30 Lisa Cox
31 Sue Wright

February

2 Patricia Jacobs
2 Mary Smith
3 Nikki Waters
4 Sandra Holm
4 Bradley Horne
5 Jeanne Turner
6 Keith Yates
7 Knight Gore
7 Maxilene Suggs
9 Ronnie Floyd
10 Jay Cox
10 Jean Wilson
11 Arin Cox
17 Cayden Graham
17 Crystal Lupo
18 Timothy Cox
19 Amy McCarver
19 Leverne Ward
21 Dow Hardee
22 Sheila Harrelson
23 Phyllis Todd
23 Mickey Young
26 Malcolm Campbell
27 Emily Grace Gore



If your birthday was omitted, please call the church office so you can be included on our birthday list!!

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Presents

A Live Walk-Through Nativity

EXPERIENCE THE CHRISTMAS STORY...

as we travel through time, more than 2,000 years ago, from the shepherds in the fields, to the manger, to the empty tomb.

December 15th, 16th, 17th - 6 PM to 9 PM

Outdoors...

Caroling! Live Animals! Drama! Choir! Hot Cocoa!



Season of Prayer and Giving for International Missions
National Offering Goal: \$160 Million
LFBC Goal: \$2,700

One hundred percent of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund International Mission Board missionaries. Our mission representatives are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places around our world. Won't you give prayerfully and generously. Offering envelopes are available or earmark gifts to "Lottie Moon Offering." A recent yearly report indicated: Over 2.8 billion people have little to no access to the gospel.

1.9 MILLION heard the gospel
175,290 new believers
15,058 trained pastors
6,138 new churches



*And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my Country, my Corps."
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still...
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.
I didn't want to leave on the cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."
- Author Unknown*

Needless to say, when you read something like this, it can bring you back from the hustle and bustle of a "shopping mall" focused holiday to a realization that... we have the privilege to celebrate Christmas in peace this year, because of the sacrifice that others have (and "are") making on our behalf. Since this is our last Newsletter of 2017, I would like to leave you with four "R's" that might make your holiday season, and hopefully 2018, more meaningful. Try doing these four things as a "minimum":

1. Remember: Take time to remember that all over the world there are men and women soldiers who are making huge sacrifices to keep our country free. Also, remember that Jesus Christ gave His life so that your soul could be set free (1Peter 3:18).
2. Return: Make every effort to return "thanks" and "praise" to those who have made sacrifices for you. Find ways to show God how thankful you are by finding ways to serve and make sacrifices for others...in His name (Col 3:17).
3. Read: Faithfully, daily, and purposely study God's Word during this season so that you can get to know Him better (Phil 3:8) and know His perfect will (Rom 12:1-2).
4. Rest: We have had a great...but very busy...year in 2017 as a church family. Many of you have made significant sacrifices and have been very generous with your time, talents, and finances. However, the field is still "ripe unto harvest" (John 4:35) and our mission is not done (Acts 1:8).

By Remembering, Returning, Reading, and Resting...it is quite possible that you will be filled with joy (instead of stress) this season and join the angles singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

MERRY CHRISTMAS...

and may you have a very blessed NEW YEAR!!



— Pastor Louis