



Church Workers



| Date | Greeters | Nursery - Worship |
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| Dec 3 | Mike McClellan - Sunday School Mickey & Vera Robinson - Worship | Cheryl Cameron, Sheila Hinson |
| 10 | Buddy & Mary Helen Gaddy - Sun. Sch. Ronell Taylor - Worship | Hank & Jessica Fowler |
| 17 | Rita Crisco - Sunday School Matt & Melanie Hudson - Worship | Ashley Morton Sandra Chance |
| 24 | Danny & Julie Poplin - Sunday School Buddy & Mary Helen Gaddy - Worship | <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| 31 | Jeff & Sandra Chance - Sunday School Deborah Tucker - Worship | Lori & Allison Efird |
| Jan 7 | Shea & Ashley Morton - Sunday School Gerald & Bonnie Lee - Worship | Renee Watkins Deborah Tucker |

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| Date | Deacon of the Week | Stewardship |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Dec 3 | Danny Poplin | Sandra Chance |
| 10 | Chip Alsobrooks | Ellen Meadors |
| 17 | Jim Cameron | Usher Gerald Lee |
| 24 | Andy Castelloe | |
| 31 | Jeff Chance | |
| Jan 7 | Cliff Edwards | |

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*“She is clothed with strength
and dignity; she can laugh
at the days to come.”
Proverbs 31:25*

Proverbs 31 Wannabes:

December 10 - Ma Mae's @ 6:00 p.m.

January 14 - Ashley Morton's @ 5:00 p.m.

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Have you ever tried to fix something that was broken? Did you succeed? How difficult was it? Did you have to go buy parts, or did you have what you needed around the house?


Fixing broken things can be challenging, but there is great reward and satisfaction in succeeding. How about this one, though: Have you ever tried to fix a broken person? That's a challenge many orders of magnitude more difficult than fixing a broken thing. With things, while the fix may not be easy, at least they don't resist your efforts to make them better. The problems of a broken person may not only be hard to identify, but the person may actively hide some of them for one of a plethora of sometimes inscrutable reasons. What's more, the person may not even want to be fixed, again, for reasons that may not be rational by any reasonable measure.

In order to fix a person, you have to be willing to make a long-term investment; to go on a journey that may stretch on for years without any obvious hope of a finite end point. You'll need to be prepared to bear with setbacks that leave you half a step from throwing in the towel, throwing up your hands, and giving up altogether. There will likely be joys and great moments of success along the way, but there will also be frustrations of equal magnitude. And this is all just for fixing a single person.

What might it take to fix a whole world of them? That's a task you and I could never manage, but which our faithful God committed Himself to in full when He wrapped Himself in human flesh and came to earth as a helpless baby just over 2,000 years ago. The neighborhood of our world was broken nearly beyond repair, but God moved in and set about transforming it with the power of His Gospel. We are heirs to that transformational power today. We are not merely heirs, though, but conduits through which God intends to keep it rolling forward, ever-expanding its reach and scope.

At Christmas, this coming-to-earth of the Savior of the world to transform it into the kind of place fit for its true and righteous king is exactly what we celebrate. We celebrate and commit ourselves afresh to being a part of the process. God moved into the neighborhood, and the world has never been the same. Amidst the hustle and bustle that will threaten to steal your heart this season, pause from time to time to reflect on this great truth: Jesus came to earth as a baby to transform it; to transform you. Pause and let yourself be made new. Let yourself be transformed. And be here on Sundays through Christmas as we talk about how this all works in our new teaching series, **God Moved into the Neighborhood**.

Pastor Jonathan Waits



For December, Stanly Community Christian Ministries requests **toiletry items**. These include shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, personal hygiene products. There's no better time than the "season of giving" to share with those in need. You may place your items in the basement kitchen area.

Save the Date! ~ February 24, 2018
Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
6th Annual Benefit Concert



Karen Peck & New River

& The Isaacs



Call or See Delinda for tickets

Tithes and Offerings

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Goals - November | \$23,405.40 |
| Budget Receipts - November | 22,551.00 |
| Budget Goals- YTD | 76,067.55 |
| Budget Receipts - YTD | 71,062.44 |
| Budget Variance | - 5,005.11 |
| Special Offerings | |
| Building Fund | 1,510.00 |
| Children's Ministry | 486.00 |
| (Donations, Country Store, Fall Fest) | |
| Youth Ministry Fund (donations) | 555.00 |
| NC Baptist Children's Homes | 1,190.00 |
| Brotherhood (BBQ) | 494.00 |
| Scholarship | 25.00 |
| Relay for Life | 50.00 |

The Adult Choir

presents



a musical for Christmas

created by Dennis and Nan Allen

Along with special music by the Handbell Choir

Sunday, December 17, 2017

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building

A Christmas reception will follow the musical service. All church family are invited.

Who Was Lottie Moon?

Charlotte "Lottie" Digges Moon was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on December 12, 1849. Her parents were affluent Baptist parents Anna Maria Barclay and Edward Harris Moon. Lottie's mom would read her many stories of missionaries telling people about Jesus. One day, Lottie said, *"I want to be God's helper."*


She boarded a train, then a boat, then a shentze (a cart lined with straw and instead of wheels - 2 mules). Along her way to China, she spent time learning Chinese and befriended many of the children. She would bake cookies and share Bible stories with all the children.

One day, Lottie wrote a letter to women in America, and it said *"I need someone to help me. Could you send two more missionaries? Ask the women to save their money and give it at Christmastime."* Renamed the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in 1918, it has since raised an amount that averages more than \$20 million annually. Please continue to give to the Lottie Moon Offering.

Merry Christmas!

Thank you so much for your prayers for me and my family in this past year! -- Dana B. Jenkins

Poinsettia Dedications



Sheets are on the bulletin boards for you to sign up to dedicate poinsettias during Christmas in honor or in memory of loved ones. They are \$15 each; money may be turned in through the offering in an envelope marked "poinsettia." Money and dedications should be made by **December 10**.

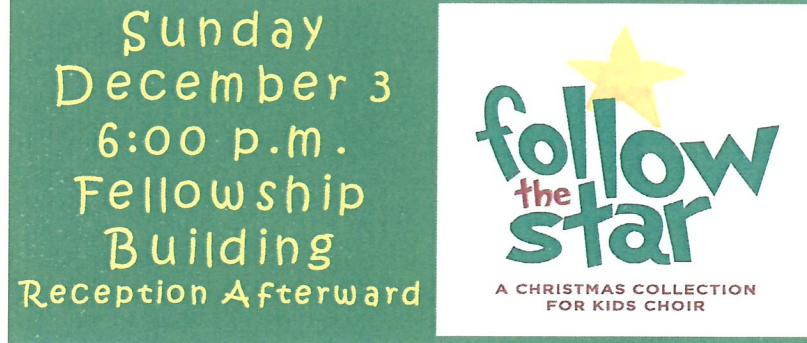
In honor of Joe & Betty Huneycutt, donations were given to the Building Fund by the Adult Choir and Mae Brooks.

In honor of Proverbs 31 Wannabes, a contribution was given to the NC Baptist Children's Homes Offering by Mae Brooks.

In honor of Rick Baucom, the Adult Choir made a contribution to the Building Fund.

In honor of the Youth, a donation was made by Annie Hartsell.

A donation was given to the Van Fund by Pamela Wellons and Aline Tarlton.



Everyone is invited to stay for the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party after the musical presentation.



*"Dear Church Family,
The girls and I would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the last few weeks of Miky's illness and his passing. The calls, cards, food and the many prayers were a blessing to us. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful church family. Please continue to pray for us in the days and months ahead.
Much love," Marilyn and Family*

*"Dear FB-Oakboro, I just wanted to write & thank you for the amazing work your youth group did here at West Stanly Christian Ministries. Where there are young folks that serve, a healthy church is evident. We could not do what God is asking us to do without your help. Thank you for not only believing in what we do for the Lord but also for joining us in the mission.
At the feet of the King," Robert Britt, WSCM*

Through, **December 22**, the Oakboro Library is sponsoring a Giving Tree this Holiday Season. Warm a child and your heart with a donation of new mittens, gloves, hats & scarves. All items collected will be donated to schools for children in need. The Oakboro Library is located at 214 South Main St. Oakboro.



HOPE Fellowship Outing

Join us on Tuesday, **December 12**, as we leave the parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and go to Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Concord. After supper, we'll go to the Charlotte Motor Speedway to see all the spectacular Christmas lights, decorations and village. If interested, please sign up so we can make reservations.



In memory of Claudette Love, the Blessed Assurance Class made a donation to the Building Fund.

Contributions were made to the NC Baptist Children's Homes Offering by Tracy & Lisa Lowder and Mae Brooks in memory of Miky Huneycutt.

In memory of Miky Huneycutt, donations were made to the Building Fund by:

*Ted & Jewell Parker
Jim & Cheryl Cameron
Doris Hatley*

In memory of Miky Huneycutt, donations were given to the Youth Ministry by:

*Judy & Larry, Wes & April Tucker
Chip & Dot Alsobrooks
Brooks & Jane Barnhardt
Michael & Starla Thompson
Jeff & Sandra Chance
Ronnie & Christina Huneycutt
Tony & Joy Helms
Jeff & Jill Burleson
Dr. & Mrs. Steve Foster
Rachel Turner
Sheila Whitley Morgan
Eddie & Linda Arrowood
Doug & Ann Burgess
Bea & Kim Goodman
James & Dianne Hudson
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Bud & Teresa Smith gave a contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Miky Huneycutt.

A donation was made to the Relay for Life team in memory of Miky Huneycutt by Oakboro Fire Department.

