



# The Beacon



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

**December 2020**



RMBC's 1st Annual

## Christmas Sing - Along

Join us in the Family Life Center, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm; as Cameron Lewis and Cindy Ellis host our 1st Annual Christmas Sing-Along. There will be solos, duets, groups, and of course, audience sing-alongs. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be served.

## Week of Prayer for International Missions Sunday, Nov. 29th - Sunday, Dec 6th

Your prayers for the multitudes transform lives. Click [here](#) to see each individual day's prayer request.

<https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering-week-prayer/>

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

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**Our Church Goal: \$3,300**

100% of your generous gift provide missionaries the resources they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve. Your generosity...Sends and sustains 3,623 missionaries; Takes the gospel to the unreached (535,325 heard the message, 89,325 new believers); Has started 2,368 churches. Be the reason for new believers.

*I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes... Rev 7:9*



*Pastor Dave's*  
**Message**  
for the  
**Month**

As I write this article the presidential election has not been certified and ballots are still being counted and recounted. Many people are very vocal about their opinion of the election. The sad reality is that people have gotten down right mean over their views and opinions of the election. As bad as the times may seem, we need to open our eyes to the opportunity that is before us. I believe God has given us a wonderful opportunity to live out and share the love of Christ. We may not agree with other people's views or opinions, but we need to remember that we are all sinners who need the Savior, Jesus Christ.

People are looking to the winner of the presidential election to bring healing to this nation, but the President cannot do that only Jesus can. Now is the time for us to rise up, go out and share the Gospel. People are looking for healing, hope, peace, joy, and security. Jesus is the answer for what they are looking for.

I know it may be tough right now to

be a Christian and to share the Gospel. However, Jesus has given us His authority to do this. We are called to plant the seed and leave the results up to Him. Let me encourage you with the words of the Apostle Paul from Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Do not lose heart. Keep on doing the good of living for Jesus and sharing the Gospel. Then in the proper time God will reap a harvest.

Another way we can do good is by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Every penny we collect through the offering goes to support missionaries and spread the Gospel around the world. Our church goal is \$3,300. Last year you gave \$3,322 to spread the Gospel around the world. I know you can surpass our goal again this year. So, please pray and ask the Lord what He wants you to give to help spread the Gospel around the world.

As tough as things may get in the days to come, I encourage you to not lose heart and become weary, but to keep on doing good.

For His glory,

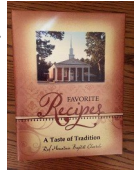
*Pastor Dave*

**Baptist Women News**

• Looking for a wedding gift, a Christmas gift, or 'just for me' gift? You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** products by clicking this link [radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946](http://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946) or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer. These products are proudly made in the USA. Each purchase helps support our mission projects.

• **Samaritan's Purse** - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. You donated 85 shoeboxes!! Thank you all, so much!

• **RMBC Cookbooks** - We still have a few cookbooks remaining. On-Sale for \$7.00 or 2 for \$12! Great gift for any occasion. Please see or call Carol Carden or email:



[tcardenc@centurylink.net](mailto:tcardenc@centurylink.net) These are hard cover, three ring binder cookbooks with lots of recipes, tips, hints, and measurements. Plus room to add your own recipes.

• **Secret Sister Reveal** - This month the Secret Sisters will gather to reveal who is their "sister"! Date to be announced.

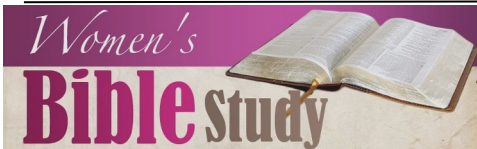


**We Received a Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ Norma Jean Bowen
- ✍ The Pryor Family
- ✍ The Watson Family

**Christmas Mailbox**

Want to send Christmas Cards to your friends at church? Save your postage and place your cards in the mailbox cubicle located in The Entrance Hall in front of the Family Life Center.



*Women's Bible Study*  
**'We Over Me'**  
by Whitney Capps  
Tuesday, Dec. 1st ~ 6:45p  
Meeting in the Family Life Center  
(Please wear a mask.)



**MEN OF IRON BIBLE STUDY**  
Monday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00p  
(3rd Monday of each month)  
Join us in January for a new Bible Study Series (TBD)



**Building Fund Update**

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected as of Nov 21, 2020	\$ 630,275
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 371,725</b>



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

- ♦ Nancy Crabtree and her family in the death of her sister, Juanita Lester
- ♦ Shelia (Capel) Thornton and her family in the death of her sister, Deborah Scott

# DECEMBER 2020

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Memory Verse</b> “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9		<b>1</b> Women’s Bible Study 6:45p	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Sing-Along 7p
		Week of Prayer 11/29 - 12/6				
<b>6</b> Family Worship & Lord’s Supper Service 9a & 11a  Sunday School 10:15a Deacons Mtg 4p	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>     <i>Annette Glenn</i>	<b>9</b> Missions Night 7p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>     <i>Joy Cummings Janice Ellis</i>
<b>13</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a  Business Meeting 5:30p	<b>14</b>     <i>Mary Oakley</i>	<b>15</b>     <i>Cody Ellis</i>	<b>16</b>     <i>Debbie Copley</i>	<b>17</b>     <i>Crystal Propst</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Family Christmas Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a  <i>Connie Garrett Anna Beth Riggs</i>	<b>21</b>     <i>Don Garrett</i>	<b>22</b>     <i>Shirley Ellis</i>	<b>23</b>     <i>Joan Hill</i>	<b>24</b>     <i>Joslyn Blomberg Jordan Davis Hunter O’Briant</i>	<b>25</b>   <i>Debbie Long Marion Holmes</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a	<b>28</b>     <i>Vann Marshall Scottie McFarland</i>	<b>29</b>     <i>Melissa Oakley</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>     <i>Judy Stancil Teresa Strum</i>	Jan 1 HAPPY <b>2021</b> NEW YEAR	<b>2</b>



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## 'Tis the Season!

Daphne Delay

"Merry Christmas!" says one. "Happy Holidays!" says another. "'Tis the Season" is proclaimed and posted everywhere this time of year. But what do we really mean when we refer to this "season"?

In general, a season can be a particular time of year, such as winter, spring, summer, and fall. It can also refer to a time characterized by a particular circumstance, like in a "season of awakening." Some may use this word to describe a suitable or natural time, like when their "season" comes. Or it could mean an indefinite period of time; for example, a person on assignment for a "season."

However you want to look at it, we all need to be reminded of Paul's words to Timothy:

"Be ready in season and out of season." (2 Timothy 4:2\*)

Before the great flood, in the days of Noah, everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time. All the way up to the day Noah and his family boarded the ark, the people knew nothing (and cared little) about the things which were to take place. Although Noah preached righteousness to a mocking generation, none were saved except eight souls. The flood hit and swept everything away (Matthew 24:37-39\*; 2 Peter 2:5\*).

The arrival of Jesus will be like that:

"Two men will be working in the field - one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill - one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant just like that. You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up." (Matthew 24:39-44\*, Message)



Therefore, be ready in your season - whatever it may be.

You may be in a season you are ready to see end. Or perhaps you are in the best season of your life, hoping it will never end. While still others may be altogether oblivious to the season around them. In any case, seasons come and seasons go, but our instruction remains the same: Be ready in season and out.

Serious athletes prepare year-round for their season. If they were to wait and begin preparing at the start, not only would much time be lost but they would be at great risk of being cut or suffer the consequences of loss. Are we really much different in this game of life? We are told to "be ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1\*), "be ready to give a defense for the hope within you" (1 Peter 3:15\*), and if need be, "be ready to suffer for the sake of the Gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8\*).

The point is, there will be no excuse for our conduct or readiness despite our season. George Washington once said,

"Bad seed is a robbery of the worst kind: for your pocket-book not only suffers by it, but your preparations are lost and a season passes away unimproved."

Every one of our actions is a seed. And every seed will produce in its season. We should learn from those who have preceded us. Mother Teresa is noted for saying,

"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand."

Even out of adversity, Charles Spurgeon humbly said,

"It is good for me to have been afflicted, that I might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary."

"... whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable, whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether welcome or unwelcome ...", stand by, be at hand and ready (2 Timothy 4:2\*, Amplified).

'Tis the season!

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