

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	12/14/25	December 18 - December 24
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Budget Receipts	\$56,097.00	
Budget Requirements	\$38,576.00	
YTD Received	\$2,017,231.00	December 25 - December 31
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World Missions	\$834.00	
Designated	\$8,269.00	Rett Templeton 864-980-0952 rett.templeton@gmail.com

Family Group Night
“The Real Story of Christmas”
(Luke 2:1-7)

READ IT

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” (Luke 2:1-7)

DISCOVER IT

When we picture the Christmas story, we usually imagine Mary and Joseph traveling alone with a donkey, being turned away by a heartless innkeeper, and giving birth in a lonely stable behind a roadside hotel. But Luke’s account suggests something both humbler and more relational. The word translated “inn” is better understood as “guest room,” like the spare room of a family home. Joseph, returning to Bethlehem, the city of his ancestors, almost certainly had extended family there. Travel for a census would have been done in caravans for safety, not in isolation. And the “stable” was likely the lower area of a home where animals were kept at night. Jesus was not born far from people, but right in the middle of ordinary family life – crowded, noisy, imperfect, and real. Christmas didn’t happen in a palace or a sanctuary, but in the everyday world where God chose to meet us.

ASK IT

1_ Why do you think God chose such ordinary and humble circumstances for Jesus’ birth?

2_ What does it say about God that He entered the world in a crowded, inconvenient time?

3_ Where might Jesus want to enter your busy life today?

LIVE IT

1_ Realize that God does His greatest work in ordinary places with crowds of ordinary people. Activity and upheaval do not prevent God’s presence or purposes.

2_ Realize that God draws near, even when life feels full, messy, or inconvenient. So, make room for Christ this season by welcoming Him into your everyday life.

PRAY IT

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus into the real world; not a perfect one. Thank You that You are not distant, but near; not put off by our mess, but present in it. Help us this Christmas to see the wonder of Christ in ordinary moments and crowded days. Teach us to make room for you Jesus in our hearts, our homes, our schedules. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

SERMON NOTES

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THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ

the real story of CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 | 5PM



Dr. Toby Frost,

This Sunday, as we stand on the threshold of Christmas, we pause in wonder at the greatest miracle the world has ever known: God stepping into our broken, ordinary world in the person of Jesus Christ. The Creator of all things chose humility over splendor, a manger over a throne; coming in human form so that we might truly know Him. In Jesus, heaven touched earth, hope was born, and light entered the darkness to rescue and restore us. As we worship today, may our hearts be filled anew with awe, gratitude, and joy at the love of a Savior who came for us. From our church family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas! (John 1:14)



This Week at South Main

21	SUNDAY	22	MONDAY	23	TUESDAY	24	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship - Preschool Childcare - Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare No Choir Rehearsal				No Men's Recovery No Children's Activities No Prayer Meeting Church Office Closed		5:00PM – Christmas Eve Service No Children's Activities No Prayer Meeting Church Office Closed	
25	THURSDAY	26	FRIDAY	27	SATURDAY	28	SUNDAY
Church Office Closed						8:30AM - Worship 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare No Sunday School Small Group No Children's Church No Choir Rehearsal	

No Wednesday
Night Gatherings
DECEMBER 17, 24, 31

December 28
NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL/GROUPS

 groups

8:30 Worship

Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven
Welcome
Christmas Medley
Advent Reading (Joy)
Joy to The World
Oh But God
Message
Joyful , Joyful We Adore Thee
Closing

Praise Band & Congregation
Keith Polatty
1st-5th Grade Children Choir, Chancel Choir & Orchestra

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Dr. Toby Frost & Dr. Kevin Rust
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Bradford Russ

11:00 Worship

Christmas Medley
Welcome to Worship
Come Thou Long– Expected Jesus #77
O Little Town of Bethlehem #86
Lighting of the Advent Candle
The Birthday of the King
Offertory Prayer
Bethlehem Morning
Morning Message
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus #320
Benediction
Postlude

1st-5th Grade Children Choir, Chancel Choir & Orchestra
Ben Hjalmer
Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Chancel Choir, Steve Wilkie, Baritone
Susan Frost
Becky Sumerel, Soprano
Dr. Toby Frost
Congregation
Dr. Toby Frost
Keith Polatty


Merry
Christmas
SOUTH MAIN FAMILY!

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I have a firm conviction
that I am immortal
until my work is done.
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UPDATE

Thank you for the way you have prayed during our Week of Prayer for International Missions and thank you as well for your financial support toward the 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. To date, we have collected \$38,164.00 toward the goal of funding one international missionary for one year (including travel and training) which is approximately \$61,000.00. The amount given is not a reason to cease contributing to this offering, however it is truly a celebration and reflection of your love for Christ and your obedience to take the Gospel to all people! We will continue to collect the 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering until December 31. Here are a couple of ways you can still give:


- Give in-person today, or you may choose to give in-person on Sunday, December 28. You are welcome to mail your gift to the church but please note that it must be postmarked by December 31st to receive proper tax credit. South Main Baptist Church. PO Box 1093, Greenwood SC. 29648
- Give online @ www.southmain.church and click on the “GIVE” tab. Look for the “fund” and then click on *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*.

An Eternal Thanks!


Andy Roberson

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and Sharing
Friendship
with God

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Look for ways to reach out to hurting people with the love of Jesus and His message of salvation.