

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
Attendance	12/7/25	December 11 - December 17	December 11 - December 17
Sunday School Attendance	653	Austin Goldman 864-377-3878	austinjgold7@gmail.com
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Budget Receipts	\$82,223.00		
Budget Requirements	\$38,576.00	December 18 - December 24	
YTD Received	\$1,961,134.00	Daniel Grubbs 864-910-2555	dan.grubbs@wctel.net
YTD Budget Req.	\$1,890,201.00		
World Missions	\$1,431.00	Jared Tavernier 864-934-3637	Jared.tavernier96@gmail.com
Designated	\$10,564.00		

Family Group Night
“The Beginning of the Story”
 (Luke 1:26-38)

READ IT

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you.” But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. Then the angel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.” Mary asked the angel, “How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?” The angel replied to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. And consider your relative Elizabeth – even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. For nothing will be impossible with God.” “See, I am the Lord’s servant,” said Mary. “May it happen to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her. (Luke 1:26-38)

DISCOVER IT

Every great story has a beginning, but nothing compares to the beginning of God’s greatest story: the coming of Jesus Christ. In Luke 1:26–38, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary with a message that would change the world forever. Mary was young, humble, and from a small, ordinary town. Yet God chose her to be the mother of the Savior. This passage shows us that God works in unexpected ways and delights in using ordinary people who trust Him. It reminds us that the Christmas story didn’t start at the manger. It started with a promise, a willing heart, and the announcement that God Himself was coming near.

ASK IT

1_ What surprised you most about the angel’s message to Mary? Why do you think God chose someone like Mary instead of someone famous or powerful?

2_ How did Mary show faith and trust in her response to Gabriel? What does this passage teach us about how God works in our lives today?

LIVE IT

1_ God begins His greatest works in the most unexpected places. Like Mary, we don’t have to be impressive or understand everything for God to use us. We just have to be available.

2_ Like Mary, surrender your plans and embrace God’s purpose. When we say, “I am the Lord’s servant,” God writes His story through us.

PRAY IT

Father, thank You for the beautiful story of Jesus. Thank You for choosing ordinary people like Mary (and like us) to accomplish Your extraordinary purposes. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

SERMON NOTES

THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



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Toby F.
Dr. Toby Frost,

SAVE THE DATE! There’s nothing quite like our Christmas Eve “Candles and Communion” service here at South Main. It cannot be described; it can only be experienced. First of all, it’s informal, so come as you are. Second, it’s age-integrated, so from oldest to youngest we’re all together (crying babies included)! Third, it’s traditional, ancient, and deep, connecting you with 2000 Christmases that have come before. And finally, it’s at 5:00 PM, but you may want to come early to make sure your whole family can sit together. What a blessed time! See you on Christmas Eve!

This Week at South Main

14 SUNDAY 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	15 MONDAY	16 TUESDAY 11:00AM- Prime Timers Christmas Celebration 6:00PM- Men's Recovery Meal & Bible Study	17 WEDNESDAY 7:30PM- Worship Team Rehearsal No Children's Activities No Prayer Meeting
18 THURSDAY	19 FRIDAY	20 SATURDAY	21 SUNDAY 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 Wednesday
Night Gatherings
DECEMBER 17, 24, 31

prime timer's
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 16 11:00AM HOLIDAY MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP
SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH OFFICE

8:30 Worship

<i>Your Love Oh Lord</i>	Praise Band & Congregation
Welcome	Kevin Garrison
<i>Oh Come, All Ye Faithful/Savior of the World</i>	4 & 5 Year Old Children's Choir
<i>Advent Reading (Love)</i>	
<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	Praise Band & Congregation
<i>Bless God</i>	Praise Band & Congregation
Message	Dr. Toby Frost & Dr. Kevin Rust
<i>Behold</i>	Praise Band & Congregation
Closing	Ben Hjalmer

11:00 Worship

<i>Oh Come, All Ye Faithful/Savior of the World</i>	4 & 5 Year Old Children's Choir
Welcome to Worship	Kevin Garrison
All Us Well	Kadin Ivey, Saxophone
O Come, All Ye Faithful	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child #101	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Hallelujah, Light Has Come	Chancel Choir, Meagan Wilburn, Soprano
Offertory Prayer	Andy Roberson
<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	William Holladay, Tenor
Morning Message	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>Away in a Manger #103</i>	Congregation
Benediction	Dr. Toby Frost
Postlude	Keith Polatty

NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS

Jesse
Attaway

Reid
Bolton

Hays
Hudson

Micah
Kastner

Steve
Kastner

Andrew
LeGrand

Todd
Strutton

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GIVE ONE

HOUR. DAY. WEEK. MONTH

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING & GIVE ONE!

Thank you for participating in our Week of Prayer for International Missions. If you were unable to join us last week during this time of concentrated prayer for our Sothern Baptist global missionaries, please take time in the coming days to grab a *Prayer Guide* located at the mission display.

We are well on our way of reaching our church goal of funding **one** Southern Baptist International Missionary for **one** year which is approximately \$61,000. We are challenging every family to prayerfully **"GIVE ONE."** To fund a missionary for **one** month is a gift of \$5000.00. Funding needed to meet the salary needs of **one** week is \$1,200.00. You can fund a missionary for **one** day at \$168.00. Or you can fund a missionary for **one** hour at \$29.00. Which **one** can you give?

- Visit www.southmain.church and click on GIVE. Look for the drop-down box which reads, "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."
- You may also give in person by using our giving receptacle located in the Gathering Place. Offering envelopes can be located at the mission display or giving receptacle.

Everyone, Every Nation. Every Person.

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GIVE ONLINE

TEXT GIVE TO 864.392.9815

new here?

text us your name and "guest"

scan or text (864) 392-9815

need prayer?

text us your name and how we can pray for you!

scan or text (864) 392-9815

ready for baptism?

text the word "baptism" to sign-up!

scan or text (864) 392-9815

MEET MY FRIEND

Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

Meet My Friend Moment:

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