

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	11/30/25	December 4 - December 10
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Budget Requirements	\$38,576.00	
YTD Received	\$1,878,911.00	
YTD Budget Req.	\$1,851,626.00	
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Designated	\$17,024.00	

Family Group Night
“The War on Christmas”
(Luke 2:13-14; Matthew 2:10)

READ IT
“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’” (Luke 2:13-14). “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” (Matt. 2:10).

DISCOVER IT
Every December, we hear about the “War on Christmas.” People arguing about what the season should be called, schools avoiding Christmas songs, or stores skipping the word “Christmas” altogether. But the real war on Christmas doesn’t start outside our homes; it starts inside our hearts. If we’re not careful, we can get so distracted by gifts, activities, decorations, and busyness that we forget to celebrate what the One Christmas is truly about – Jesus Christ. When the angels appeared to the shepherds, Christmas began with worship. When the wise men saw the star, Christmas continued with joy. Christmas has always been a celebration centered on Jesus. If anything “wars” against Christmas today, it’s anything that tries to push Jesus out of the center. But the good news is we can win that battle in our homes by choosing to lift our eyes, our hearts, and our focus back to Him.

- ASK IT
- 1_ What kinds of things distract people from Jesus during Christmas? What are some things that distract you?
- 2_ Why do you think the angels celebrated so loudly and joyfully? Why do you think the Wise Men rejoiced with “exceedingly great joy”?
- 3_ How can you, your friends, and your family celebrate like the angels and the wise men this year? What is one simple way your home can put Jesus at the center this season?

LIVE IT

1_ Make this year’s Christmas a celebration of Jesus, not just a season of activities. Keep this year’s Christmas filled with worship, joy, and the glory of God. Fight the “war on Christmas” not by arguing, but by focusing your hearts on Christ.

2_ This year, choose one new Christ-centered tradition (such as reading the Christmas story together, praying before opening gifts, serving someone in need, or ending each day with gratitude for Jesus).

PRAY IT
Lord, we thank You for sending Jesus into the world with glory, peace, and good news for all people. Help us keep Jesus at the center of this Christmas season. Protect our hearts from distraction and fill our homes with the same joy the angels and the wise men had. Teach us to worship You, celebrate You, and honor You in every moment. Let our Christmas shine with Your love, Your truth, and Your presence. In Jesus’ name we pray, AMEN.

SERMON NOTES

“The War on Christmas”
(Luke 2:13; Matthew 2:10)

When some people think of the war on Christmas they look at the culture of _____.

Christmas was never meant to be a season of _____ but a celebration of God’s extravagant gift of _____.

Another front in the war on Christmas is the cultural trend of trying to actually _____ Christ altogether.

But the light of the gospel is _____. It doesn’t dim just because culture tries to put a lampshade over it.

There is also a war on Christmas from _____ the church. Some argue that Christians should _____ Christmas entirely as a pagan festival.

But the early church’s celebration of Christ’s birth was rooted in theological _____, not cultural _____.

The bottom line: Christmas is not _____. Christmas is _____. Christmas is _____!

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Thank you for giving to the
**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**
WEEK OF PRAYER
DECEMBER 7-14
SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/GIVE



Dr. Toby Frost,

There’s nothing like a South Main Christmas! The Hanging of the Greens celebration was simply dazzling this year. What a way to begin the Advent/Christmas season! And each Sunday of December we have a different Children’s Choir singing, so don’t miss it! Also, for the first time South Main’s Upward kids are doing a float in today’s Christmas parade! Special thanks to Ben Hjalmer for leading out in this. And finally, it’s Pearl Harbor Day where we remember the 2,403 who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. We thank God for their sacrifice and pray for “peace on earth, good will to all.”

This Week at South Main

7	SUNDAY	8	MONDAY	9	TUESDAY	10	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 5:00PM – Choir Rehearsal				10:00AM – Women’s Bible Study “Prepare Him Room” 6:00PM - Men’s Recovery Meal & Bible Study		6:00PM - Preschool: Wee Tracker Elementary: Truth Tracker Students: Midweek Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal	
11	THURSDAY	12	FRIDAY	13	SATURDAY	14	SUNDAY
				Upward Basketball Younger Division GameDay #6		8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal	

CHRISTMAS
EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 | 5PM

WOMEN’S
BIBLE STUDY

A VIRTUAL STUDY
CELEBRATING THE
BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR
& THE TRUE MEANING
OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 9

Prepare
Him Room

10AM - 12PM
CONNECTING PLACE

8:30 Worship

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Welcome

For Unto Us A Child is Born

O Holy Night

Holy Forever

“The War on Christmas”

Silent Night

Closing

Praise Band & Congregation

Andy Roberson

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Dr. Toby Frost

Praise Band & Congregation

Dr. Toby Frost & Scott Smith

11:00 Worship

Jump for Joy and God Gave Me Jesus

Welcome to Worship

Hark! The Hearld Angels Sing #88

Angels, from the Realms of Glory #94

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Do You Hear What I Hear

Offertory Prayer

O Holy Night

“The War on Christmas”

My Jesus I Love Thee #210

Church Business Meeting

Benediction

Postlude

2 & 3 Year Old Children’s Choir

Andy Roberson

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Chancel Choir

Keith Polatty

Lynn Rust, soprano

Dr. Toby Frost

Congregation

Dr. Toby Frost

Keith Polatty

Dr. Toby Frost

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CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 16
11:00AM

HOLIDAY MEAL
AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH OFFICE

Online giving is available for your convenience.
Visit our website at www.southmain.church

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GIVE ONE
HOUR. DAY. WEEK. MONTH

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TOGETHER

Each year during the Christmas season, our church joyfully promotes the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We also host a *Week of Prayer* for the 3,000 missionaries who serve the Lord abroad. Because of your faithful gifts during the Christmas season and throughout the year, on an average, our church is able send over \$60,000 to support these amazing servants of God. This total amount accumulates to the average salary of one IMB missionary. Here are a couple of ways you can participate:

Week of Prayer – Sunday, December 7, we will launch our week of prayer. This special week is designed for you to join the 40,000 Southern Baptist Churches in a time of prayer for our 3,000 international missionaries who serve across the globe. Use the trifold prayer guide to pray each day for a different missionary by name. Prayer guides are located at the mission display or in your Messenger.

Offering - Plan to give a financial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during the month of December. To date, our church has given over \$30,549.54 toward the goal of funding one Southern Baptist International Missionary for one year which is approximately \$61,000. If you have been giving throughout the year to the South Main World Missions Offering, 50% of each dollar has been allocated toward this offering. All offerings can be placed in our giving receptacle or use our online giving feature.

Every Nation. Every Person.
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we can pray for you!
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ready for
baptism?

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to sign-up!
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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.