

The GoldSheet

December 27, 2020

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering... Each December, we receive this offering for international missions. Our church goal is \$7,500. We have received \$5,885 to date.

In-Person Events Suspended... In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID, we will have no activities at the church for a 2-week period. The tentative plan is for all activities to resume beginning Sun, Jan 3. If that changes, we will update information and pass it along as quickly as we can. Please keep families affected by this disease in your prayers.

2021 Flower Calendar... is on the Church Office doors. Sign up to provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may also call the church office or email Cindy (c.jones@nbcgarland.org) to reserve a date. Arrangements are \$35 each.

Undeck the Gathering Hall... has been canceled for December 29.

Committee Kickoff... Most (but not all) committees will meet to kick off the new year on Sun, Jan 10 at 6 pm. Committee members will be contacted with more details.

D-Now 2021... Our annual retreat for 6th-12th graders is coming up on Feb 5-7 at Mt. Lebanon Camp in Cedar Hill. Registration is available on Realm.

D-Now Parent Meeting... is Sun, Jan 10 at noon in the Seminar Room.

Brown Bag Dinner/Quarterly Business Meeting... Join us on Sun, Jan 17 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our quarterly business meeting and a brown bag (bring your own) dinner fellowship.

Giving... Ways to give: 1. Use collection boxes at the exit doors. 2. Give using your Realm account. 3. Give through our website. 4. Text "nbcgarland" to 73256. 5. Mail a check to the church. 6. Drop off in the locked mailbox at the north entrance.

Easter Presentation... The first choir rehearsal for our Easter presentation is Sat, Jan 9 at 9 am in the Worship Center. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah.

Adult Directors Meeting... is Sun, Jan 10 at 9 am in Room E-200.

Deacons Meeting... is Wed, Jan 6 at 6pm in the Youth Center.

Wi-Fi Password... Our Wi-Fi network called Northlake. Join by using the password TellHisStory (different from the old password of TellTheStory).

Weekly GoldSheets... are available at nbcgarland.org or on Realm.

TRUSTING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW (Isaiah 43:1-21)

No matter what the past has brought...

1. Embrace the _____ that you are _____.
(vs.1-3a)
2. Believe the _____ that He is _____.
(vs.8-13)
3. Choose to _____ that good will _____.
(vs.14-21)

Finally, we come to the final few days on the last calendar page, ready to kick 2020 to the curb! This has been a long, trying year, bringing challenges we've not faced before as a church—or as a country—in more than a century. *What will YOU do to make 2021 better than its predecessor?* COVID-19 may be with us for several more months before vaccines and immunity begin to take hold, so *don't put your hope in what needles can deliver!* As the Psalmist said, words that were incorporated into one of Christianity's earliest creeds: "*Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 124:8). As we enter the New Year, think of ways you can—by faith in what **He** can—make a POSITIVE DIFFERENCE for others. Be specific! How can you help a neighbor, comfort one who grieves, bless a person or family that's struggling, bring food to someone who's hungry? Don't be content with just thinking positive thoughts; choose to do positive things! **So, how can you trust Him TODAY to enjoy a better TOMORROW?**

"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19a)

Report for 12/20/20

Budget Giving for 12/13/20	\$15,606.81
Weekly Budget Need	\$16,076.92
Year-to-Date Budget Giving	\$570,263.42
YTD Budget Need	\$610,923.04
Finish the Work Giving for 12/13/20	\$490.00
FTW Giving to Date	\$781,368.54

Thank you for your continued faithful giving!