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NEWSLETTER

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Each year, we receive gifts throughout the month of December for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. This year, our church goal is \$8,000. Our Week of Prayer is Dec 1—8. One way you can help raise funds is to send Christmas cards to your Northlake friends at the Lottie Moon Post Office located near the stairs. Cards can be sent for a suggested donation of 20¢ per card. Donations can be turned in online, in the offering plate, or in the collection box by the Post Office.

CHOIR PRESENTATION

You are invite to join us on Sun, Dec 8 at 10:45 am as the Northlake Choir presents *Good News of Great Joy!*

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT/ CHRISTMAS SHOP

Fri, Dec 13, 5:30—9:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Center
Northlake is hosting Parent's Night Out, and we need your help! Please sign up on Realm to help with preschool or elementary aged children for a fun evening of games, crafts, and the life-changing message of Jesus! We are partnering with the ESL program at the same time to help families with gifts for their children. Help will also be needed for this part of the outreach. Please contact Kelly or Mary Rodriguez with questions. Sign up to help on Realm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Please join us for our annual Northlake Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 pm on Tues, Dec 24.



Dear Northlake Family,

Paul said, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15) This month, we will be celebrating the gift of Jesus Christ! The birth, life, death, resurrection, and salvation of Jesus are all amazing!

December 1-8 is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. We will be receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have set a goal of \$8,000. I encourage you to pray about what the Lord would have you to give to support missions. Our gifts will help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

Each Sunday this month, we will include the Advent Candle in our worship. On December 8, our choir will present a service of Christmas music in our Sunday morning service.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 pm. We will read the Christmas story, sing Christmas carols, hear a brief gospel message, and end with a candlelight service. Please invite family members and friends to join us. The service will be approximately 45 minutes. Christmas Eve services are much like Easter Sunday. It is a great opportunity to reach out to others. I hope you will come.

Our regular schedule will be adjusted during the Christmas holidays. Our worship services will be at the regular time (10:45 am) each Sunday. We will not have Sunday School on December 22 and 29. We will not have Wednesday night services on December 25 and January 1. Our regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 5.

On January 5, Ellen and I will be starting a new Sunday School class for young couples. Please pray with us for God to bless this class. Also, help us as we are preparing a list of prospects. If you have relatives, neighbors, or friends who might be a prospect for the class, please let us know. We are planning a fellowship for potential members of the class on Sunday morning, December 22.

Ellen and I wish you a Merry Christmas! We appreciate all of you.

Bro. Bob and Ellen Dean

RECENT GIVING

Nov 3—\$15,529.10
Nov 10—\$12,993.34
Nov 17—\$10,090.66
Nov 24—\$19,659.38

Weekly Need:
\$14,992.00

RECENT BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE

Nov 3—132
Nov 10—129
Nov 17—125
Nov 24—128

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you, Northlake Family, for the outpouring of love before, during, and after Mark's surgery! Your prayer support, all 28 prayer gram signatures (Mark counted!), text messages, phone calls, cards, packages, and visits have been a beautiful demonstration of Jesus' steadfast love to our whole family! Thank you for being a vessel of Jesus' love. May He return the blessing back to you tenfold!

All the Gonzalez's (Rob, Karen, Melanie & Mark)

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CALENDAR



Sun, Dec 1—Sun, Dec 8—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

Wed, Dec 4—Deacons Meeting

Thurs, Dec 5—Clothes Closet/Food Pantry (1:00 pm)

Sat, Dec 7—Choir Rehearsal (9:00 am)

Sun, Dec 8—Adult Directors' Meeting (9:00 am)

Choir Presentation (10:45 am)

Wed, Dec 11—Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Fri, Dec 13—Parents' Night Out/Christmas Shop (5:30 pm)

Fri, Dec 20—Christmas Lights Outing and Dinner (3:30pm)

Sun, Dec 22—No Sunday School

Tues, Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service (5:00 pm)

Wed, Dec 25—Merry Christmas! (No activities at the church)

Fri, Dec 27—Undeck the Gathering Hall (6:00 pm)

Sun, Dec 29—No Sunday School

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wed, 12/4—Deacons Meeting (6:00 pm)

Sun, 12/8—Adult Director's Meeting (9:00 am)

Wed, 12/11—Finance Committee (6:00 pm)

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Beginning Dec 1, you can sign up on the church office doors to provide altar flowers for the Sunday of your choice in honor or in memory of a loved one. Arrangements are \$40 each (payable in advance).

"UNDECK" THE GATHERING HALL

Volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations at church. If you are able to help, please meet at the church on Thurs, Dec 27 at 6 pm.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Fri, Dec 24, 5 pm—
Christmas Eve Service

No Sunday School on Dec 22 or 29
(10:45 am service only)

No Wed night activities
on Dec 25 or Jan 1

Church office closed Dec 24-27
& Dec 30-Jan 1

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTING

Fri, Dec 20, 3:30–10 pm

You are invited to join us! We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm to ride in the church bus (and carpool if needed) to eat dinner at Huck's Catfish Restaurant in Denison, then drive through the holiday lights at Loy Park in Denison. If you plan to attend, please let Diana Carter know.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please continue praying for our committee: David Clark, Tammy Disch, Craig Donham, Kevin Dunham, Karen Gonzalez, Jason Jones, Dan McKenzie, & Caleb Miller.

